

April 2020 UTILITY BILL INSERT

ALMIRA TOWN HALL 639-2601

DUE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR PAYMENTS IN THE DEPOSIT BOX BY THE DOOR. IF YOU LEAVE CASH I WILL MAIL YOU A RECEIPT.

**FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PLEASE CALL TOWN HALL – 509-639-2601
OR EMAIL – ALMIRATOWNHALL@GMAIL.COM**

A REMINDER THAT BY THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNOR all Washington State parks and playgrounds, including Almira's, are closed in an effort to keep people from spreading the coronavirus.

ALMIRA COMMUNITY YARD SALES HAVE BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL WE CAN HAVE MORE THAN TEN PEOPLE AT OUR YARDSALES. KEEP CLEANING HOUSE AND MAKING YARD SALE PILES. REMEMBER IF YOU DON'T WANT TO HAVE YOUR OWN SALE YOU CAN DONATE TO THE ALMIRA LION'S CLUB/4-H CLUB YARD SALE AT THE CENTER. CONTACT JEANETTE.

POSTPONED: LION'S CLUB CLEAN UP : MAY 1ST

EVERY RESIDENT IS ALLOWED TO HAVE ONE CUBIC YARD OF GARBAGE PICKED UP FOR FREE. EACH ADDITIONAL YARD WILL COST \$15.NO APPLIANCES. NO YARD WASTE. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN IT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED, GO AHEAD AND SIGN UP THOUGH.

DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC COUNCIL MET VIA ZOOM. THE MEETING WAS POSTED WITH THE LINK TO THE MEETING. JEANETTE WAS AT TOWN HALL IN CASE ANYONE SHOWED UP AT TOWN HALL FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING.

APRIL 14TH COUNCIL MEETING:

PUBLIC HEARING – USDA GRANT APPLICATION: Steve Nelson, Century West Engineering, was in Zoom attendance. Steve explained that we have applied for funding with USDA for our Sewer Plan document. We must have this document to move forward with any sewer projects. If it is considered a public safety issue we could end up with 75% grant and 25% loan. We have previous received a 50/50 grant/loan from Department of Ecology. Total cost of the document it \$50,000.

There were no questions or comments and the hearing was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

NUISANCE REPORT: CP sent had previously sent out two letters for ongoing problem properties. Due to the Stay at Home Order they would be given another month to do clean up. At this time both properties have made very little progress. CP would send out another letter with the new deadline.

UPDATES BY STAFF: Jeanette spoke with Mark at Automated Accounts regarding the two accounts turned over to collections. One is denying any such bill and the other is a regular in their system. Bottom line, no money has been collected.

Jeanette has been attending Annual Report Classes on line and working on the report.

A gate has been installed at the end of the counter. Customers will be confined to the counter area, when we come out of lockdown we will still be practicing social distancing.

With the stay at home order the state is only getting about 50% of the normal gas tax. We will notice this in our street revenue as well.

We have had three customers use the credit card payment this month. It is nice to see it being used even though it costs us nothing, the customer pays the 2.5% fee, about \$4.

The annual survey for RMSA for insurance rates has been completed.

Jeanette thanked Lyndsey Mitchell for setting up the Zoom meeting for council!!

Brent reported they have installed a couple of water meters and a valve going up to Ag Link Fertilizer plant.

Work has started at the cemetery.

TruGreen Chemical and Lawn Care have contacted the town about spraying and fertilizing our parks, cemetery and lagoons. They would charge \$250 a visit with approximately 8 visits through the season. Council asked Brent some questions and decided to table the discussion until the next meeting.

A burn permit has been obtained but the Department of Ecology has never allowed more than a four hour window for the burning. If we don't get it done soon it will have to wait until fall.

OLD BUSINESS: The Lion's Club Garbage Pickup has been postponed; rescheduling will be determined by the stay at home order.

NEW BUSINESS: Statements of Qualifications have been received: TD&H, Century West, Varella & Associates, James Sewell & Associates and Budinger & Associates. Council will review the packets and discuss interviews at the next meeting.

BUILDING PERMITS: Two fence permits and one modular home permit was submitted. All were approved.

STATUS OF UTILITY ACCOUNTS: Eleven water off notices were sent, two paid in full and the others made payments

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Please remind your kids to be courteous to others when they are playing in the park. Do not throw rocks, do not climb on the fence or the pop machine, watch for cars and use the public restrooms, no peeing in the park!!
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Reminder: Dogs are not allowed in the park, which means all dogs EVERY DAY!!!!

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IF YOU SEE OR HEAR ANY ALARMS AT THE SEWER PLANT, RESERVOIR OR WELLS PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS TO REPORT IT!
977-1218 – Brent Robertson
1-509-770-5604 – Mayor Jason Evers
1-509-977-1217 – Darrell Francis

**May 12th, 7 PM – COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 25TH – CLOSED – MEMORIAL DAY
METERS WILL BE READ AROUND THE 26TH OF MAY.**