

**June Utility Bill Insert**  
**ALMIRA TOWN HALL 639-2601**

**The Boy Scouts thank you for donating aluminum cans to them. They do ask that you make sure they are in bags and well tied. Please make sure there is not any trash or bricks in the bag, aluminum cans only please!**

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The Utilities and Transportation Commission will serve as the single point of contact within state government for customers seeking bill assistance information. Utilities and Transportation Commission Consumer Hotline: 1-888-333-9882 or [consumer@utc.wa.gov](mailto:consumer@utc.wa.gov)

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**JULY COUNCIL MEETING:**

**NUISANCE REPORT:** More letters were sent giving 30 days to clean the property or fines would be given.

**UPDATES BY STAFF:** Brent reported that he had completed the Annual Dam Inspection Report.

We have two trees in the City Park that are dead and one that needs dead branches removed. Brent got a bid from Basin Tree Service (\$2000) and Wheatland Tree Service (\$1300). Council approved going with Wheatland Tree Service

It has been discovered that a few outlets in the gazebo in the City Park were not working. Brent has an electrician that has volunteered his time to help trace and repair the problem. He is anticipating it will cost about \$100.

Jeanette has been spending a lot of time on Covid related items.

Jeanette continues to gather information and documents for the Sewer Plan grant through USDA.

The Lincoln County Health Department gave the town 200 cloth masks for low income citizens. So far about 75 have been handed out.

There was an issue with John Deere and a \$4300 bill they said was outstanding from when we purchased the Backhoe three years ago. Jeanette and Brent provided the documentation to prove we had indeed called in for a payoff and they had failed to close the loan out.

Someone from Commerce has once again contacted us to assist us with our Critical Area Ordinance. This needs updated in order to receive grant funds.

**Randy from the Grand Coulee Transfer Station had called and requested that we let the citizens of Almira know that we are not allowed to bring garbage there. We live out of county so must go to Davenport.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** The engineering contract with Century West Engineering was approved and signed.

**Planning Commission:** Only one individual has volunteered for the Planning Commission so far. Final decision will be made in September

**Fordair Wireless:** Progress is being made with Fordair Wireless coming to town. They are working on placement of towers. Currently there are 14 people signed up to get this new service.

**September Meet and Greet:** There was more discussion on the September meeting. Currently it will be planned to be in the Community Center. If you do not already know our new council members this will give you a chance to meet them and to also ask questions regarding the town and business. The Planning Commission and Fordair Wireless will be big topics.

**NEW BUSINESS: COVID-19 Funding:** The Department of Commerce has CARES money (\$25,000) available to the town to help with COVID expenses and preparedness. Laptops have been purchased for the office and will be set up so employees will be able to work from home in the event we have another lockdown. A gate has been installed at the end of the counter in Town hall to keep customers the proper distance from the employees.

Grant money is available to assist businesses in town that were shut down during the pandemic. We will also be purchasing some additional supplies and equipment for the Fire Department. The Lincoln County Economic Development Center is assisting in the management of the funds. Council decided that we needed to get everything we need for the town and the fire department and then we would determine grant amounts for businesses at the next meeting.

The mayor of Coulee City requested a letter of support for a grant for improvements to the Rodeo Grounds. Council was happy to offer support and signed the letter.

Council sent a letter to the Coulee Dam Federal Credit Union asking them to reconsider closing the Almira Branch.

**Dump:** There have been issues recently with garbage being left out there, even with loads being checked. If we continue to have issues we will be forced to close the dump.

**State of Liberty:** The Town was presented with information on forming the State of Liberty. They approved signing a Resolution in favor of the State of Libert.

**Resolution 2020-124 – Ratifying policies previously implemented due to COVID-19:** Resolution 2020-124 ratifies policies previously implemented relating to the COVID-19 Virus. Once the declaration of emergency is rescinded individuals will have to apply for a COVID Payment Plan. At this time late fees and water disconnection due to lack of payment will resume unless you have applied and been approved for the Payment Plan. Levi made the motion to approve and Jimmy made the second, the resolution was approved.

**Application for COVID-19 Payment Plan:** Reviewed and Approved.

**BUILDING PERMITS:** Four fence building permits were approved.

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**ADJUSTED HOURS:**  
**August 3rd – 5<sup>th</sup> - CLOSED**  
**August 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> – Closing at Noon**  
**August 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – Closed**

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**PLEASE KEEP YOUR METER BOX CLEAR FOR US – THERE IS A \$25 FINE FOR NOT HAVING ACCESS TO THE BOX TO READ THE METER. YOU ALSO ARE TO CALL TOWN HALL TO HAVE YOUR WATER TURNED ON OR OFF, THERE IS A \$50 FINE FOR DOING IT WITHOUT PERMISSION.**

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**EVERYONE NEEDS TO COMPLETE THE CENSUS, WE NEED COUNTED. GO TO [www.2020census.gov/](http://www.2020census.gov/) . THANKS!**

*The Wilbur Food Pantry is open the third Wednesday of every month from 11 a.m. - 1 pm and 5 - 6 p.m. It is located at the Wilbur Community Church: Presbyterian Campus. The entrance is on the east side of the church, along Knox Street. The Food Pantry is for Almira, Wilbur and Creston. If you need more information or want to donate call Lori Rettkowski at 647-5402.*

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**TRASH SHOULD BE BAGGED BEFORE PUTTING IN YOUR TRASH CONTAINER; THIS WILL PREVENT TRASH FROM BLOWING AROUND WHEN BEING DUMPED. ALSO, PLEASE KEEP TRASH, BUILDING MATERIALS AND BOXES PICKED UP IN YOUR YARD SO YOUR NEIGHBORS DON'T HAVE TO BE THE ONES TO PICK IT UP!!**

**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**

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