

July 2021 Utility Bill Insert
ALMIRA TOWN HALL 639-2601

WE HAVE TWO COUNCIL POSITIONS THAT NO ONE IS CURRENTLY RUNNING FOR THIS FALL. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR COUNCIL PLEASE STOP BY TOWN HALL AND PICK UP A DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FORM. THE FIRST DAY TO FILE BY MAIL IS AUGUST 9TH AND IN PERSON FILING IS AUGUST 10TH – 12TH. THANK YOU!!

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The moratorium on charging late fees and shutting water off is to be lifted September 30th, 2021. If you are behind on your bill you may want to get it paid off. Water shut off notices will go out the end of September with a turn off date of October 8th. Late fees will be applied to the September bill.

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THE SPEED LIMIT IN TOWN IS 25 MPH: THIS IS FOR ALL STREETS!!!!!! – PLEASE WATCH FOR KIDS ON BIKES AS THEY DON'T ALWAYS WATCH OUT FOR YOU AND REMEMBER.....25 MPH. STOP AT STOP SIGNS – EVERYTIME!!

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YARD WASTE DUMP:

THE YARD WASTE DUMP IS FOR YARDWASTE, SCRAP WOOD AND BRICKS AND CONCRETE ONLY. **NO** PLASTIC BAGS – DUMP YARD WASTE OUT OF THE BAG AND BRING THE BAG BACK TO YOUR TRASH CAN. **NO** TRASH OF ANY KIND, NO PLASTIC BOTTLES, NO WALLPAPER, NO TRASH. **NO TIRES EVER!!** PEOPLE MUST BE TIRED OF THE CONVENIENCE OF HAVING THE YARDWASTE DUMP AVAILABLE AND ARE WILLING TO RISK LOSING IT.

Keys need to be returned promptly after use, others want to use the dump also. If you are hauling multiple loads you must LOCK THE GATE in between loads.

JULY COUNCIL MEETING:

PUBLIC HEARING FOR USDA TOOL/EQUIPMENT GRANT

The Town has applied for grant for tools and equipment needed for the shop and town hall.

NUISANCE REPORT: The Nuisance Officer explained that we have been working with law enforcement to rectify the situation. (The individual living in the one trailer is willing to move to Wilbur but her motor home won't run) At the very least the garbage mess will be cleaned up in the next few weeks.

UPDATES BY STAFF: Jeanette has spent a substantial amount of time trash changes and chasing down dump keys that people seem to forget to return.

We have emailed more financial information to Rick Rose for the USDA grant.

We received grant/loan money from the Department of Ecology and were able to get the Century West Engineering bills paid for the Sewer Plan.

Jeanette attended the virtual Association of Washington Cities conference.

Brent is working with Century West Engineering on a grant for streets through Quadco.

Back Flow testing was completed last week.

He is also working on the LOSS permit. (Large On Site Sewer)

The county will be chip sealing 4th & Maple Streets next week and completing our TIB grant.

Jason reported that he had heard several compliments on how nice the cemetery is looking.

OLD BUSINESS: We currently have orders for about 69 reprints of the Almira History Book, we need 100 to order.

We have received \$39,900 in Corona Virus Relief Funds. The money can be spent to improve water or sewer infrastructure. We have four years to spend it so we are waiting to see if how some grants turn out before we decide what to do.

NEW BUSINESS: Resolution 2021-134 – Records Retention Policy: Approved.

Resolution 2021-135 Surplus Property: Approved.

The garbage contract with Sunrise was reviewed and approved.

The utility moratorium is to be lifted the end of September. Jeanette will send out a letter soon to those that are behind on their utility bills to let them know that water off letters will be sent out shortly thereafter.

STATUS OF UTILITY ACCOUNTS: We are currently carrying 23 past due accounts for a total of \$14,100.

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RECYCLING: Please remember to break down your cardboard so we can get as much in the bin as possible. No Styrofoam or trash in the bin and cardboard must be corrugated cardboard only, no cereal boxes. It costs \$194 each time we dump the bins so we want to fill them as full as possible. You can put plastic in both sides of the 10-bin. If one side is full go to the other side, please don't leave it barely hanging there and smash your plastic if possible.

If you live in town you pay \$1.25 a month for the privilege to use the recycling bins, we ask that anyone not from in town please pay the same cheap fee. (Fees just increase to help pay for the heavy use of the recycling bins.

The next council meeting is August 10th, 2021 at 7 pm

Please attend and have an input in our community.

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ADJUSTED HOURS:

August 9th & 10th – Closed

August 11th – Open at noonish

August 16th – 20th – Closed

Messages and payment box will be checked daily.

August 20th – Open at 10 a.m.

Other changes will be posted on the door.

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.

WE STILL HAVE MASKS AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL

Meters will be read again around the 26th of August.

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

1-509-237-5320 – Dave Phillips