AUGUST 2021 Utility Bill Insert ALMIRA TOWN HALL 639-2601

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.

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.

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF OTHER PEOPLES PROPERTY. DON'T LET YOU DOG LEAVE A DEPOSIT IN ANY YARD OTHER THAN YOUR OWN. THIS INCLUDES THE LION'S CLUB AND CITY PARKS AND THE COMMUNITY CENTER. NO ONE LIKES TO CLEAN UP AFTER OTHER DOGS.

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AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING:

NUISANCE REPORT: The Nuisance Officer is still working on the removal of the motorhome in the alley off of 2^{nd} street

We had a written complaint to have trees trimmed back from the road for safety at an intersection; Levi will follow up with a letter. Also written complaints of dogs being out, they will also receive a letter from the nuisance officer.

<u>UPDATES BY STAFF:</u> We have received the new meter reading equipment and have been working on all the information that is needed for the program in order to get the new system running.

Both recycling bins were switched out this month.

Jeanette has taken a couple of online classes from MRSC this month.

Brent reported that the chip sealing on Maple and 4th streets were completed. The County will also stripe the road. They are currently unable to purchase paint at this time.

We had our utility trailer stolen. A police report has been filed and the claim has been turned into insurance.

OLD BUSINESS:

<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u> Ordinance 565 – Comprehensive Management Policy: The credit card portion was updated and improved upon.

A TIB grant application has been drawn up to chip seal Elm Street and North 6th Street. Council approved of the application and the Mayor signed.

BUILDING PERMITS: Moveable shed

STATUS OF UTILITY ACCOUNTS: We had 34 accounts past due this month, some have paid but we are currently carrying \$16,000 in unpaid utility bills.

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 <u>cardboard must be corrugated cardboard only</u>, 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 September 14th, 2021 at 7 pm

Please attend and have an input in our community.

ADJUSTED HOURS:

September 6^{th} – Closed - Holiday Other changes will be posted on the door.

The <u>Wilbur Food Pantry</u> 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: Campus <u>The Food Pantry is for Almira, Wilbur and Creston.</u> 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 24th of September.

<u>IF YOU SEE OR HEAR ANY ALARMS AT THE SEWER PLANT</u>, <u>RESERVOIR OR WELLS PLEASE CALL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS TO REPORT IT!</u>

977-1218 – Brent Robertson 1-509-770-5604 – Mayor Jason Evers 1-509-237-5320 – Dave Phillips