SEPTEMBER 2021 Utility Bill Insert ALMIRA TOWN HALL 639-2601

WE STILL NEED 13 MORE COPIES OF THE ALMIRA HISTORY BOOK REQUESTED BEFORE WE CAN PLACE THE ORDER. THIS IS A REPRINT OF THE 1989 HISTORY BOOK. THEY WILL BE \$65 EACH.

The moratorium on charging late fees and shutting water off WAS lifted September 30th, 2021. Water off notices have been sent! Payment plans are available.

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING:

NUISANCE REPORT: Levi reported that the motor home in the alley off of 2^{nd} street has been relocated to private property in town. The garbage has been cleaned up.

<u>UPDATES BY STAFF</u>: Due to people not returning the key to the dump we have changed the lock. All but one key has been returned.

We read meters with our new meter reader and it was a big time saver.

The State Auditor prices are going up to \$116/hr. Fraud investigation is \$210/hr. We are scheduled for an audit this year.

Brent and Dave have started putting in some of the new meters. Steve Clark with Neptune will be here at the end of the month for training with the new system.

We received a Quadco Grant for \$55,744 for a Transportation Plan. This will set us up to be eligible for more funding. We are advertising for engineers for the project.

The Sewer System Plan is almost completed; Century West Engineers are doing the work.

We have had complaints of a lot of traffic coming in to town at the approach on Division Street. This is not a legal approach and it has been requested to have it closed. Council approved officially closing this approach and Brent will put concrete posts at that entrance.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>: The Lincoln County Sheriff Contract was reviewed and the contract was approved.

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THE YARD WASTE DUMP IS FOR YARDWASTE, SCRAP WOOD AND BRICKS AND CONCRETE ONLY. <u>NO</u> PLASTIC BAGS – DUMP YARD WASTE OUT OF THE BAG AND BRING THE BAG BACK TO YOUR TRASH CAN.<u>NO</u> TRASH OF ANY KIND, NO PLASTIC BOTTLES, NO WALLPAPER, NO TRASH. <u>NO TIRES EVER!!</u> 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, THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND SIDEWALKS. NO ONE LIKES TO CLEAN UP AFTER OTHER DOGS.

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</u> <u>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 October 12th, 2021 at 7 pm Please attend and have an input in our community.

ADJUSTED HOURS: October 1st - Closed 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</u>, 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 in October, weather permitting.

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