

FEBRUARY 2022 Utility Bill Insert
ALMIRA TOWN HALL 639-2601

NEW TOWN HALL HOURS:
OPEN MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
8-4. CLOSED ON FRIDAYS!!!!

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Bills are due on the 10th of the month and late after the 25th. They are due the 25th even if I am not in the office. You can pay by debit or credit card online through the website; OR drop a check or money order off in the payment box. Please do not use my absence as a reason not to pay your bill.

New Utility rates start this month.

PRESENT: Mayor ProTem Levi Mitchell, Council Members Jimmy Braun, Hannah Hand and Tim Jennings; Brent Robertson, Public Works Director; and Jeanette Coppersmith, Clerk/Treasurer.

The regular council meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Jimmy made the motion to approve the January minutes, Hannah made the second and the minutes were approved.

GUESTS: Mark Mace and Red Croasmun Jr.

We are still waiting to find out who owns the property that the A street access is on. They are the ones that will decide if the road stays open or closed as the road runs across private property.

NUISANCE REPORT: Waiting until spring to move forward.

UPDATES BY STAFF: We applied and were approved for scholarships to pay half of the Evergreen Rural Enhanced membership and the Evergreen Rural conference. Total expected is \$300.

We shared some previous SEPA reports with an engineer working for the school.

OLD BUSINESS: They are wrapping up the audit report for the town.

NEW BUSINESS: We have been approved for funding from the Department of Ecology for a new Lift Station. They are offering a low interest loan with some forgiveness. We are working with CenturyWest Engineering to explore other avenues of funding. Possible more grant than loan.

We have received word that we have been awarded a \$55,000 grant for a Street Plan.

Wilbert Precast has increased their rates digging graves, therefore the Town will have to follow suit.

Lincoln County Sheriff has suggested that we get our ordinances codified so that they can write citations to individuals. Jeanette will get the ordinances sent to the lawyer and then Lincoln County Sheriff.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The Budget Position, Cash Flow Position, Treasurer's Report, Monthly Utility Bills and Payroll Accrual Reports were presented and signed off on.

BUILDING PERMITS: none

STATUS OF UTILITY ACCOUNTS: 19 water off notices were sent out the end of January. 1 water off for lack of payment and two will be paid by Rural Resources.

RECYCLING: IF THE CARDBOARD BIN IS FULL DON'T THROW YOUR CARDBOARD ON THE GROUND OR TRY TO STUFF IT IN AND LEAVE IT HANGING OUT. REMEMBER YOU CAN ONLY RECYCLE PLASTIC CONTAINERS AND NOT PLASTIC BAGS, TABLECLOTHS AND TRASH. RATES WILL NEED TO BE INCREASED TO COVER THE COST OF CLEANING UP AROUND THE BINS IF THIS CONTINUES TO HAPPEN.

The next council meeting is March 8th, 2022 at 7 pm
Please attend and have an input in our community.

ADJUSTED HOURS:

CLOSED ALL FRIDAYS

March 2nd, 7th, 10th, 14th & 16th – Closing at 3:55 pm

Other closures will be posted

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 Lutheran Church Campus The Food Pantry is for Almira, Wilbur and Creston. If you need more information or want to donate call Lori Rettkowski at 647-5402.

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

IF YOU HAVEN'T PURCHASED YOUR DOG TAGS ADD A \$10 LATE FEE TO THE COST.