

April 2022 Utility Bill Insert
ALMIRA TOWN HALL 639-2601
OPEN MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
8-4. CLOSED ON FRIDAYS!!!!

ALMIRA COMMUNITY YARD SALES ARE APRIL 30TH

CALL TOWN HALL BY THURSDAY, MAY 5TH
TO SIGN UP FOR THE LION'S CLUB CLEAN UP

EACH HOUSEHOLD IS ALLOWED ONE CUBIC YARD OF GARBAGE TO
BE PICKED UP FOR FREE.

**THEY WILL BE COLLECTING HAZAARDOUS WASTE BY
THE RECYCLING BINS FROM 9 – 11 A.M.
PAINT – CHEMICALS – BATTERIES – MOTOR OIL**

**THERE IS A SIGN IN EACH PARK STATING NO DOGS ALLOWED. PLEASE DO
NOT TAKE YOU DOG TO THE PARK. FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT CONTINUE
TO DO SO PLEASE PICKUP YOUR DOG POOP. NO ONE WANTS THERE KID
COMING HOME COVERED IN IT BECAUSE OF YOU.**

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**THE RECYCLING BINS ARE NOT A PLACE TO LEAVE YOUR TRASH: NO STYROFOAM
OF ANY KIND, NO ICE PACKS, NO PLASTIC BAGS, NO CAR PARTS, NO LICENSE
PLATES, NO PLASTIC GARBAGE CANS AND NO DARTS. RECYCLIBLES ONLY PLEASE.**

NUISANCE REPORT: Levi will be reaching out to people needing to clean up and reminding them about the
upcoming Lion's Club Clean up.

UPDATES BY STAFF: The transfer station will have someone here Friday, May 6th from 9 – 11 a.m. for
toxic waste pickup; they will be located by the recycling bins.

We had our exit conference with the auditor.

Brent had received one bid for surveying the town. The firm would fly a drone over town and make a high
resolution map showing boundaries. The bid was \$10,000 and would include the software to look at it. He has
also contacted another firm for a price. We haven't found any grants as of yet to help pay for it.

The cemetery had a leak and they have been repairing it, still waiting on parts.

When we had a funeral a week ago Wilbert Precast drove through the cemetery with their truck and trailer
causing substantial damage. Brent contacted them and they will be coming out to repair all the damage.

OLD BUSINESS: Brent and Jeanette met with John Quinn, Century West and Department of Health. We were
working on a General Sewer Plan and then it was suggested that we just do an Engineer Report. Brent

suggested we move forward with the full report as it makes us eligible for more grants. Council agreed that was the best way to go.

Council also discussed moving forward with the project to replace the lift station. We continue to have small problems and parts are getting harder to find because of the age of the system. We need to be proactive in replacing it instead of waiting for something to happen and having a huge expensive problem. The cost of the lift station project is over \$500,000. We have been approved for a loan from Department of Health with \$30,000 in forgivable funds. We will also have \$80,000 in CARES funds and money from reserves to put toward the project. Rates will have to go up to make the loan payments. Brent is also exploring some other funding options.

Jason gave an update on the IFiber visit. They were looking at different spots to put the equipment in town. They will likely put in a small building in the fenced area at the new water tower.

NEW BUSINESS: The school is in need of a conditional use permit because the height of the new school will be higher than the building ordinance allows.

Ordinance 572 closing the streets and alleys on Barton's property south of Highway 2 was discussed and approved.

STATUS OF UTILITY ACCOUNTS: 13 water off notices were sent out the end of March. Two had their water turned off for lack of payment.

The next Council Meeting is May 10th, 2022 at 7 pm
Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit for School
Please attend and have an input in our community.

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ADJUSTED HOURS:
CLOSED ALL FRIDAYS
May 30th - HOLIDAY
Other closures will be posted

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.

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

