

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

CHICKENS: MAKE SURE AND GET YOUR \$10 PERMIT
AND THE RULES TO HAVING CHICKENS IF YOU ARE
GOING TO RAISE THEM. THANKS!

OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING:

GUESTS: Scott Hutsell, County Commissioner

Scott brought up the draft agreement for the town for the upcoming Fiber Optic project. Scott explained the installation plan and all the grants they have been awarded for this project. He is extremely optimistic that Almira will have Fiber Optic by the end of 2023. The agreement will be sent to the Town attorney for review.

NUISANCE REPORT: Levi made a couple of face to face visits about nuisance issues.

UPDATES BY STAFF: Jeanette has been working on the budget.

Meters have been read for the last time this year.

Brent is looking for grants to fix the roads around the school when the project is completed. He is meeting with the project manager on Thursday to see what exactly the school is paying for so we can work on the rest of the funding needed.

Copenhaver is supposed to be sweeping 5th street with their big sweeper since our sweeper isn't big enough to do any good.

OLD BUSINESS: Chickens: Only one person has been in to purchase a permit for having chickens. We had about \$160 in legal fees getting the ordinance amended.

Belsby Engineering has been notified to move forward with surveying the town. They weren't sure when they would be able to get it done.

Lincoln County Sheriff was called regarding a dog nuisance and the officer emailed Jeanette to get a hold of District court for service so we can make city ordinances citable. Jeanette has contacted them to get this project started.

We are one signature away from our USDA tool grant being funded. The USDA grant is for \$10,500 worth of tools after we spend \$8,654. We will be purchasing mini splits for town hall with our portion we pay. This should make a big difference on the electric bill since there is currently just three wall heaters.

NEW BUSINESS: The Department of Ecology kick off meeting for the Lift Station project is scheduled for October 31st, council was invited to sit in on the zoom meeting. Jeanette discussed some financials regarding

the project with those in attendance. It was decided to wait until everyone could be present to make a decision. A special meeting has been planned for October 17th at 5:30 pm.

BUDGET: Jeanette has been working on the budget and is optimistic that we can leave utility rates alone, especially since we had to increase sewer and garbage this year already. Wages were briefly discussed and tabled.

BUILDING PERMITS: One building permit for a window.

STATUS OF UTILITY ACCOUNTS: 23 water off notices were sent. Five accounts were shut off and had to pay in full to get the water back on. One account is still off and all others made payments.

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The next Council Meeting is November 8th, 2022 at 7 pm
Please attend and have an input in our community.
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ADJUSTED HOURS:
CLOSED ALL FRIDAYS

November 1st – Open at 10 am
November 10th – Closed
November 23rd & 24th – Closed for Thanksgiving
Other closures will be posted

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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.
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The Wilbur Food Pantry is open the third Wednesday of every month from 11 a.m. - 12:30 pm and 5 - 6 p.m. It is located at the Wilbur Community 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.

**RECYCLING: CORRUGATED BOXES ONLY, NO CEREAL BOXES!!
BOXES MUST BE BROKE DOWN.
PLASTIC MUST BE CLEAN – NO CONTAINERS WITH OIL OR OTHER
PRODUCT.**

**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

METERS WILL BE READ again in April 2023.

Air Medical Services / Medivac Helicopter

We will call for Air Medical Services when our patient's clinical condition indicates the need for advanced life support capabilities.

The intent of calling air support is to deliver our patient to the hospital as rapidly as possible.

Our county is now supported by two Medivac Helicopter services.

Airlift Northwest,

<https://www.uwmedicine.org/airliftnw/membership>

Life Flight,

<https://member.lifeflight.org/>

Having these Air Medical Insurances can save you thousands of dollars if you ever need their services.

We encourage you to purchase both insurances.

Having insurance with one does not cover you for both

Annual membership costs are low and can provide peace of mind in a medical emergency.

Pamphlets for both companies are available at Almira Town Hall.

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