

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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dog tags for 2023 are \$6 if purchased by February 28th. They will be \$16 after that date.

NUISANCE REPORT: Levi had nothing new to report. Two previous nuisance issues have been resolved.

UPDATES BY STAFF: Jeanette has filed the USDA Annual Report. She also attended the IACC Conference in Wenatchee.

Brent and Dave have been working on winterizing everything.

We were informed that we needed to replace some signage for the railroad crossings. \$2400 worth of signs was ordered.

Brent and Dave redug the ditch out on the west end of town for better drainage.

Brent has taken a couple of water/sewer related classes recently.

The sewer main at the top of 5th plugged. Short Septic cleared the line.

OLD BUSINESS: **SURVEYING:** Brian Belsby, Horrocks Engineering, contacted Brent to let him know that they would be flying a drone over town this week for the surveying they are doing for us.

USDA TOOL GRANT: The mini splits are in at Town hall and tools are being purchased.

DEPT. OF ECOLOGY KICK OFF MEETING: We reviewed the plans for the lift station and the time frame. It should be done by the end of next year. Bids have been running high and Ecology wanted us to know that we could borrow more money if needed. We are putting money in from our Sewer Reserve Fund and using the CARES money we received towards the project also to cut down on the amount we need to borrow.

GENERATOR GRANT: We have an ad that ran for public comment on the Generator Grant we have applied for through FEMA.

NEW BUSINESS: **NEUTERING CATS:** We had a request to neuter stray cats in town. Council didn't feel that was a good use of our funds.

ORDINANCE 577 – PROPERTY TAX INCREASE: The ordinance was presented and reviewed and approved.

BUDGET AMMENDMENT FOR 2022: Resolution 2022-140 was reviewed and approved.

BUDGET: Payroll was discussed and the preliminary budget presented for review.

BUILDING PERMITS: One building permit for a window and one for a privacy fence were presented and approved.

STATUS OF UTILITY ACCOUNTS: 14 water off notices were sent. One accounts was shut off and had to pay in full to get the water back on. All others made payments.

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The next Council Meeting is December 13th, 2022 at 7 pm
Please attend and have an input in our community.
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ADJUSTED HOURS:
CLOSED ALL FRIDAYS
SPORADIC HOURS THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF DECEMBER

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. NO PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY KIND.

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.