January 2023 Utility Bill Insert ALMIRA TOWN HALL 639-2601 OPEN MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 8-4. CLOSED ON FRIDAYS!!!!

Dog tags for 2023 are \$6 if purchased by February 28th. They will be \$16 after that date. Chicken permits are due by February 28th also. They are \$10, \$20 if paid late.

THE ALMIRA COMMUNITY YARD SALES WILL BE APRIL 22ND. \$10 TO HAVE YOUR ADDRESS LISTED. THE ALMIRA LION'S CLUB/4-H SALE WILL TAKE DONATIONS IF YOU DON'T WANT TO HAVE YOUR <u>OWN SALE.</u>

<u>UPDATES BY STAFF</u>: Jeanette has been wrapping up 2022 and getting the files ready for 2023.

Brent reported that they had lift station issues the last couple of weeks. The electrician came this week and they finally got it all figured out. They replaced the float and all switches and relays in the panel. Over the weekend they had to work around the clock because the lift station wouldn't shut off properly.

<u>OLD BUSINESS:</u> <u>SURVEYING:</u> We finally got the survey back on the town and it is very nice.

We are transferring money from North Cascade National Bank to the Local Government Investment pool in order to make more interest.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>: Ordinance 578: Franchise agreement with Lincoln County – was approved

Ordinance 579 – Cemetery Rates for 2023 - Wilbert Precast is increasing their rates for digging a grave, therefore we need to increase on our end.

Resolution 2023-143 – Salaries for 2023 – Minimum wage is increasing \$1.25, Council decided to give our employees the same pay increase.

<u>FINANCIAL REPORTS</u>: 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: 18 water off notices were sent. One account was shut off and all others have paid or made arrangements.

The next Council Meeting is February 14th, 2023 at 7 pm

Please attend and have an input in our community.

ADJUSTED HOURS: CLOSED ALL FRIDAYS

February 9th – Closed February 20th - 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 <u>Wilbur Food Pantry</u> 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 <u>The Food Pantry is for Almira, Wilbur</u> <u>and Creston.</u> 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! 1-509-977-1218 – Brent Robertson 1-509-770-5604 – Mayor Jason Evers 1-509-237-5320 – Dave Phillips

METERS WILL BE READ again in April 2023.