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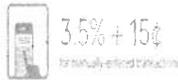
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The City of Wahpeton is now accepting all major credit card payments for utility bills, deposits, and miscellaneous items.

Fees are applied in addition to your transaction which include 2.75% for swiped transactions or 3.5% plus 15 cents for manually entered transactions.



Water Tower Study

At the Sept. 8th City Council meeting, the council voted to approve a preliminary engineering study for our water tower. This study will evaluate the existing Wahpeton water tower for possible rehabilitation or determine if the need exists for a new larger tower. It will determine project options and alternatives and provide cost estimates for each option. The analysis will evaluate the City's existing debt service and identify funding sources for any potential improvements needed. The report will also estimate the annual debt service payments applicable for each project option identified and provide recommendations for water rate adjustments to repay the debt. The report is required to qualify for funding that would be needed.

ORDINANCE #153

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF STORAGE AND USE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

(This is not the complete ordinance but contains all the pertinent information)

Many residents and property owners in the City of Wahpeton possess and use, or have guests and visitors that possess and use, recreational vehicles so upon consideration the Wahpeton City Council has determined that ordinance provisions should be adopted to regulate the storage and use of recreational vehicles in the City.

Chapter 82-Recreational Vehicles

82.01 DEFINITION. For purposes of this chapter, the term "Recreational Vehicle" includes: travel trailers, camping trailers, motor homes, converted trucks and buses, boats and boat trailers, snowmobile and motorcycle trailers and general purposes trailers (open or closed). The term "Recreational Vehicle" does not include a self-propelled motor vehicle regularly used for family or commercial transportation purposes.

82.02 PARKING FOR SEASONAL USE. Recreational Vehicles may be parked during a season of use on a driveway, provided that the vehicle does not block or obstruct the view of vehicles entering and leaving the property or vehicles approaching a nearby intersection. Recreational Vehicles shall not be parked on the public right-of-way between 9:00 pm and 7:00 am.

82.03 STORAGE PARKING. Recreational Vehicles which are not being regularly used or are being stored during the off season, may be stored in a side, rear yard, or in an inconspicuous location. Recreational Vehicles shall not be stored nearer than two (2) feet to any lot line.

83.04 REGISTRATION AND LICENSING. All Recreational Vehicles which are registered with and licensed by the State of Iowa shall be kept in good repair and working condition with current license plates and registration stickers affixed. Non-operating or non-registered Recreational Vehicles stored for more than thirty (30) days shall be considered a nuisance.

83.05 NO BUSINESS USE. Recreational Vehicles shall not be used for business purposes in any zoning district.

83.06 OCCUPIED RECREATIONAL VEHICLES. Occupied Recreational Vehicles may be parked and occupied on private property no longer than seven (7) consecutive days at a time and no more than fourteen (14) days in the calendar year. Only one (1) occupied Recreational Vehicle and one (1) tent shall be allowed at one time on a residential lot. When Recreational Vehicles are occupied, the property owner shall notify the City Clerk or Zoning Officer of the period of occupancy. If complaints are received by the City arising from the occupancy of a Recreational Vehicle or tent, the City reserves the right to restrict occupancy of Recreational Vehicles or tents.

83.07 EXEMPTION. Recreational Vehicles that are stored in an enclosed structure are exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

NOTE FROM THE MAYOR

- I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all my friends and neighbors from Wahpeton for their cards, concerns, thoughts and prayers during my recent hospitalization and surgery. It was a lengthy and difficult surgery, but successful thanks to your efforts. As expected, I will be going through a series of chemotherapy and radiation. Knowing I will continue to count on your concerns and prayers, I am confident that the process will be equally successful. Thank you again. It is a pleasure to be able to serve in a community (Village) like Wahpeton where everyone is a neighbor and friend.

Council Clips:

Minutes are published in the Dickinson County News, posted at City Hall & Kazarelli's Restaurant. Complete copies are available from City Hall or on our Website at: www.wahpetonia.govoffice.com

July 14, 2014:

- Some residents voiced concerns about a proposed bike trail. They felt the new trail would interfere with wild life and encourage bikes back through town.
- ISG & Beck Engineering discussed our water tower issues and suggested a preliminary engineering study.
- Steve Hallgren with NWIP&D reviewed the new 2014 Zoning regulations with council, BOA and P & Z.
- Council approved the 1st reading of Ordinance #153 Providing regulation of storage and use of recreational vehicles.

August 11, 2014:

- Council approved the 2nd reading of Ordinance #153.

September 8, 2014:

- Council approved Resolution 14-8-Setting a public hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the zebra mussel control project.
- Council approved the 3rd reading of Ordinance #153.
- Council approved Ordinance #154—Changing customer deposits and late payment penalty rates.
- Council approve the State Street Report and Annual Financial Report.
- Council approved salary & wage increases for employees.
- Council approved a preliminary engineering study for the water tower by I&S Group.

September 29, 2014-Special Mtg:

- Public hearing concerning the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and costs. Opened bids and awarded the contract.

OUT OF THE OFFICE

The City Clerk/Administrator will be out of the office attending meetings Oct. 14-17th. Please leave a message on the answering machine at 337-3522 and Doug, Dennis or Bonnie will return your call as soon as possible. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

City Hall Information

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Reminder to Homeowners closing homes for the Winter

Residents that close their home for the winter are encouraged to shut off your water meter at the curb and not just in the house. If you leave water on, have a neighbor check it or leave a phone number with City Hall where you can be reached this winter incase of an emergency.

As you begin to gather up all those leaves in your yard and prepare to burn, please consider taking them to the Dickinson County yard waste area as a safe alternative.

A reminder: An unlimited number of garbage bags may be placed inside your garbage cart as long as the lid closes completely. Your garbage will not be picked up if the garbage cart lid does not close completely because of damage it can cause to the garbage trucks. Yard waste is not allowed in your garbage containers.

Remember to vote in the general election on November 4th. Wahpeton City Hall will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. for residents to vote.

If voting absentee, by mail or in-person voting should be done through the county auditors office.

Please Note: City Hall has received recent reports of gun shots fired at animals within the city limits. Ordinance #45.15 states it is unlawful for a person to discharge rifles, shot-guns, revolvers, pistols, guns or other firearms of any kind within the City limits except by written consent of the council.

As a reminder per Chapter 165.02.64 of the Wahpeton Code of Ordinances, residential homes in Wahpeton cannot be rented or leased for any period less than one month. To do so is a municipal violation punishable by a \$500 fine per occurrence.

Late Penalty Increase

The City provides and bills for water, garbage and recycling services. Residential water meters are read quarterly and are due 30 days after billing. Commercial meters are read monthly and are due by the 21st of the following month. Ordinance #154 was recently passed by the City Council which increased the late payment penalty for past due utility bills to ten percent (10%) per annum. To avoid this penalty please pay by the due date or sign up for automatic withdrawal for paying your bill. More and more customers are discovering this convenience. You will still receive a bill but the payment will be automatically deducted on the due date indicated on the bill. If interested, call or stop by City Hall to get signed up.

Garbage Pickup Beginning October 1st garbage pickup is on Tuesdays only now through April.

Office Hours: Mon – Fri 8:00 - 4:00 p.m.

City Clerk/Administrator: Bonnie Roberts
Supt. of Public Works: Doug Hanna
Streets & Zoning: Dennis Clark
Council Meeting: 2nd Mon. of the month at 5:00 p.m.
Mayor: Frank Joenks
Councilmen: Brad Jones, Tom Rieron, Phil Johnson, Harold Prior & Steve Feld
Board of Adjustment: 3rd Thurs. of the month at 6:00 p.m.
Chairman: Wanda Nelson
Members: Colin Jensen, Tom Malmgren, Jerry Edwards & Jack Jones
Planning & Zoning Commission: 2nd Tues. of the month at 6:00 p.m.
Chairman: Donna Harris
Members: Tom Hart, Fran Parrish, Mark Foss & LeAnn Blau.