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Mayor Position Vacant Due to Loss



Mayor Frank Joenks passed away on Aug. 22nd after a lengthy battle with cancer. He served as Mayor for 7 years and will be missed by all who knew him.

Because of the vacancy, the City Council passed a resolution at the September 14th council meeting to publish their intent to appoint a new mayor.

REMINDER TO HOME OWNERS CLOSING HOMES FOR THE WINTER

Residents that close their homes for the winter are reminded when shutting off your water to be sure to shut off 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 (712-337-3522) where you can be reached this winter. The City has contacted several home owners in the last few years to let them know they had water usage due to broken or frozen water lines.

As a reminder per Chapter 165.02.98 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 infraction punishable by civil penalties, per Chapter 165.16.

Time to Burn Leaves??

Although there is currently not a burning ban in place in Dickinson County or Wahpeton, please think about the following before you begin:

-Be Courteous to your neighbors

Avoid burning leaves all day long. If you know your neighbor may have a respiratory problem move your burn pile away from their home! In addition, burn only on your own property, not your neighbors' driveway or yard simply because they are gone.

-Abide by the Law If Dickinson County or the City Council invokes a burning ban you may not burn. Additionally, Wahpeton Municipal Code 105.05 states, "fires shall be constantly attended by a competent person until such fire is extinguished. This person shall have a garden hose connected to the water supply or other fire extinguishing equipment readily available for use."

-Water Quality Did you know that when leaves are burned they produce phosphorus (that nasty thing that produces excess algae in our lakes!) This residue is washed into the lakes during rains or in the spring when the snow melts as run off if the leaf burn is not properly disposed of.

-Safety. Above all think safety—safety of yourself, your home, your neighbors' homes and the rest of the residents of Wahpeton. Dryness and wind speeds should always be considered before you begin burning. **IF IN DOUBT DON'T BURN!**

-Use the Countywide Yard Waste Area

As a safe and environmentally friendly alternative to dispose of your leaves, please take them to the Countywide Yard Waste Area located 1/2 mile east of the intersection of 13th St & Highway 71 (light at the Catholic Church) in Milford, on County Road A-34. It is open 9 am-4 pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday and 11 am—7 pm Tuesday & Thursday.

Special "Thank You" to Steve Grubb for funding the Mosquito control Program thru the summer months so we could all enjoy the outdoors again this year.



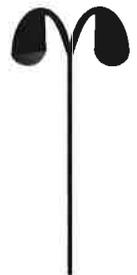
The Newsletter is published 4 times a year in March, June, September and December and mailed with the water statements. Extra copies are available at City Hall or on our website. The newsletters are made available to all citizens of Wahpeton in an effort to establish rapport, increase knowledge and encourage participation in City affairs. If you have a topic that you feel should be included, or other suggestions, please contact Bonnie at City Hall.

The City Clerk will be out of the office on October 20th-23rd attending the Iowa Municipal Financial Officers Association Conference.

I am sorry for the inconvenience but it is a great way to stay current with statewide information and events. If you need assistance while I am gone, please leave a message on the answering machine and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

Street Lights Out?

Contact City Hall at 337-3522 to report burned out street lights. Please provide the nearest address or cross street when making a report, and include any other visible damage to the light or pole.



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 13, 2015:

- Council reviewed proposed changes to the Wahpeton Code of Ordinances.
- Approved to retain Michael Maloney with DA Davidson & Co. for professional financial consulting services for the Water Tower project.
- Hanna reported water usage during the 4th of July holiday. The city plant was pumping 260 gal/minute and he had to open Milford lines for an additional 40 gal/min to keep up with usage.

August 10, 2015:

- Approved Dorsey & Whitney LLP to provide bond counsel services for the Water Tower Project.

September 14, 2015:

- Approved a memorial bench on Papoose Beach in honor of Beverly Zahrt Jeppeson.
- Granted Black Hills Energy a Gas Franchise
- Approved the updated City Code of Ordinances.
- Approved a Water Revenue Loan for \$107,500 for the design and planning portion of the project.
- Approved the 2014/15 State Street Report.
- Approved a salary & wage increase for employees.

City of Wahpeton Office Hours:

Mon – Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

City Clerk/Administrator: Bonnie Roberts
Supt. of Public Works: Doug Hanna
Zoning: Jess Radcliffe

Council Meeting:

2nd Mon. of the month at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor:

Councilmen: Brad Jones, Tom Rierson, 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, Jerry Edwards, Jack Jones and Doug Westerman

Planning & Zoning Commission:

2nd Tues. of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman: Donna Harris

Members: Tom Hart, Fran Parrish, Mark Foss and LeAnn Blau.

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TURKEY AND DEER

Wild turkeys in an urban setting can become pests as they scratch and forage in flowers and vegetable gardens, leave droppings on sidewalks, patios and decks, and roost on cars or roof tops. Don't let them become accustomed to your property.



Also deer can become accustomed to human activity, especially if they are fed, and can be a nuisance as they browse on trees, shrubs, gardens, and can create a hazard for motorists.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED DEER AND WILD TURKEYS. Unfortunately, some homeowners can't resist feeding them—that is when trouble begins. A few stray visitors may soon become a flock or herd of permanent residents that have lost their natural fear of humans.



Please ask your neighbors not to feed the deer and wild turkeys. While they may be well intentioned, they are actually doing the wildlife a disservice by congregating them and increasing the chance for disease transmission as well as roadway collisions.

2015 City Elections

On Tuesday, November 3rd, Wahpeton residents will be asked to vote for a mayor and two council positions.

In order to vote you must be a registered voter in Dickinson County and a full time resident of Wahpeton. Once again the polling place will be at Wahpeton City Hall, 1201 Dakota Drive and the polls will be open from noon to 8 p.m.

Please exercise your privilege to vote and encourage your neighbors to do the same. Absentee ballots are available at the DC Auditor's office or on line at www.co.dickinson.ia.us.

REMINDER!

The City plastic recycling bin can only accept #1- #7 household plastic. (No Styrofoam, garden hose, tree planters or pots). Please remember to flatten all corrugated cardboard boxes, tin cans and plastic



containers when you put them in the recycling bins. It saves space and saves the City tax dollars.

REMINDER TO CHECK INTO BUILDING PERMITS & ZONING ORDINANCES

BEFORE YOU BEGIN A PROJECT. THE WAHPETON ZONING ORDINANCES AND ALL APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT:

www.wahpetonia.govoffice.com



Garbage Pickup:

Beginning October 1st garbage pickup is on Tuesdays only.

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.