



# Winter Issue

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## RECYCLING UPDATES

Effective December 31, Horizon's Unlimited from Emmetsburg will no longer take the City's recycling. However, at the Monday, Dec. 14th City Council meeting, Brad Beyenhof with Town & Country had some other options for the City to decide on. After some discussion, council decided to stay with Town & Country to haul our recycling containers to Schaaps in Worthington, MN.

Schaaps does not require the recycling to be separated. Therefore, the Council decided to remove the 5 compartment recycling container by the City shed that is in need of repair, and keep one container for cardboard only and co-mingle all other recyclable items in the other container. **All acceptable recycled items must be clean and include:**

Flattened corrugated cardboard & brown paper bags, newspapers, inserts, magazines, brochures, catalogs, phone books, office paper & junk mail, milk & juice cartons, paperboard, clean aluminum trays, aluminum & steel cans; plastic bottles, tubs, jugs and containers, bagged shredded paper, glass bottles & jars.

**Items not excepted include:** to-go food containers, Styrofoam, light bulbs, electronics, toys, wood, windows, window blinds, scrap metal, tissues, napkins & paper towels.



## Welcome Wahpeton's New Mayor

It's not a new face to the Council but a new position. As of October 12th, Phillip Johnson has taken on the role as mayor for the City of Wahpeton after the lost of our previous mayor, Frank Joenks.

Phil served on the City Council from 1994 to 2004 and again from 2009 to present. His experience and knowledge is a great asset to the City of Wahpeton.

He moved to Wahpeton from Newport Beach, CA in 1990. He was the proprietor of Miller's Bay Restaurant from 1991 to 2002. From 2002 to present, he is the Food Manager at Barefoot Bar and also owns and operates Critical Information Services which is a private investigative agency.

Phil looks forward to this position as Mayor, and is available to discuss any issues or concerns you may have.

**At the Monday, January 11, 2016 City Council meeting, council will hear an update on the progress of our Water Tower Project.**

**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.**

## The City of Wahpeton

was awarded a \$107,500 low-interest State Revolving Loan for the planning and design phase of the City's new water tower. The City will be requesting more funds as the project progresses.

The Iowa Finance Authority and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources jointly administer the State Revolving Funds in Iowa.



## Councilman Jack Jones

Jack Jones was elected as a Councilman at the Nov. 3rd City elections.

Jack and his wife, Sherryl have 2 children and 5 grandchildren they enjoy spending time with.

They have owned the property at 1301 Waska Drive for 25 years and have lived there full time for the last 11 years. Jack is a retired Science teacher and past president of the Conservation Foundation of Dickinson County.

When asked why he wanted to be on the Council, he stated he has been a part of the community for a long time and wanted to put in his time to help keep Wahpeton the great village it is to live in.

### 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](http://www.wahpetonia.govoffice.com)

#### October 12, 2015:

- Council approved Resolution 15-12: Appointing Phillip Johnson as mayor.
- Council approved Resolution 15-13: Approving the 2014 Annual Financial Report.

#### November 9, 2015:

- Oath of office was administered to Mayor Johnson and newly elected councilman Jack Jones.
- Tom Rierson was appointed mayor pro-tem.

#### December 14, 2015:

- Council agreed to give \$5,000 toward Okoboji Bluewater Festival with the stipulation that all other cities in the IA Great Lakes area give the same amount, excluding Lake Park, Superior, and Terrill.
- Council agreed to continue support to Discovery House in the amount of \$3,500.
- Council will support Pearson Lakes Art Center with a \$5,000 donation for FY16/17.
- Reappointed Mark Foss for another 5 years on the Planning & Zoning Commission.
- Approved Resolution 15-14: Appointing Tom Rierson as a member of the DC Trails Board replacing Brad Jones.
- Appointed Dick Gauck to fill the vacancy on the Board of Adjustment for a remaining 5 year term.

#### 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: Phillip Johnson

Councilmen: Brad Jones, Tom Rierson, Harold Prior, Steve Feld & Jack Jones

#### Board of Adjustment:

3rd Thurs. of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman: Wanda Nelson

Members: Colin Jensen, Jerry Edwards, Doug Westerman & Dick Gauck

#### 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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## WAHPETON ZEBRA MUSSEL CONTROL PROJECT:

The Wahpeton Water Supply utilizes a copper ion generator, manufactured by O.N.G Fouling Control Specialists. The unit uses water and an electric current to produce a small amount of copper that is injected into a water line that has been run to the intake screen. The new intake screen replaces the original stainless steel screen that was installed in the early 1970's. The Wahpeton Water Supply draws water from West Lake Okoboji.

Wahpeton operates its own water treatment plant on Manhattan Blvd

A 6" plastic duct used to run chemical feed lines to the intake screen was installed in January

The Copper Ion Generator was installed in the existing chemical feed room at the water plant

Grundman and Hicks was the general contractor

HDR was the Engineering Firm

### Because of the Zebra Mussel infestation -

it is anticipated that residents will want to tap into the city's water system to irrigate their yards. Wahpeton is requiring a sprinkler system installation permit process. We are still working on what will be required but do know there will be an inspection process. And, with the increased demand on the water system the City may need to institute some rules to ensure there is enough water during peak summer days.

The permit process will include a completed permit form, the purchase of a second water meter to meter the sprinkler systems usage, and an inspection of the backflow device and the connection to the domestic water supply.



#### City Hall Holiday Hours

Dec. 24th-25th

Closed

Jan. 1st—Closed

Happy Holidays &

Best Wishes for 2016

from everyone

at City Hall

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.