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REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATE IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

Because of the zebra mussel issue that will affect many residential sprinkler systems, the City Council voted to make some changes in the Wahpeton City Code to address connecting sprinkler systems to city water supply.

With recommendations from Water Superintendent Doug Hanna, Ordinance #159 is intended to protect the public water supply. These are the requirements that will now be part of Section 90.20.

1. Private irrigation systems may be connected to the Wahpeton Public Water System only in accordance with the requirements of this section.
2. A private irrigation system which is connected to the public water system shall have no other water source such as a well or a lake water pump. Private irrigation systems for which the water source is a well or lake pump shall not be connected to the public water supply.
3. Permit. A property owner who

desires to connect a private irrigation system to the Wahpeton public water supply shall submit to the City Clerk an application for the connection on a form provided by the city and shall obtain a permit for the connection. The city may impose a fee for an irrigation system connection permit as determined by the Council by resolution from time to time.

4. Separate Water Meter. The property owner shall purchase an approved water meter from the City of Wahpeton. The meter shall be installed by a licensed plumber after the primary domestic water supply meter, to facilitate use as a "deduction" meter. The meter installation shall be subject to inspection by an employee of the Wahpeton Water Department. The usage through the irrigation system may be deducted from quantities subject to the Iowa Great Lakes Sanitary Sewer District charge.

5. Backflow Prevention Device. Any connection of a private irrigation system to the public water supply shall include a testable backflow prevention device approved by the Water Superintendent which shall provide positive separation of the irrigation system from the building piping and from the public water supply. Each installed backflow protection device shall be visually inspected by an employee of the Wahpeton Water Department prior to use.

6. Rain Sensor. Each private irrigation system connected to the public water supply shall include a rain sensor device to prevent the irrigation system from operating during rainfall. No irrigation system shall be permitted to operate during rainfall.

7. Timer. Each private irrigation system connected to the Wahpeton public supply shall include a timer control to prevent excessive, unnecessary water use and to permit any rationing of water that may be ordered by the city.

8. No irrigation system shall operate in a manner to produce water runoff, over-spraying, low head drainage, or any other condition which results in water flowing onto a private or public property not served by the irrigation system.

9. Water Emergency. When a water emergency exists which limits the Wahpeton Water Department's ability to supply water, the Water Department Director is authorized to order and implement restrictions of water use for irrigation.

10. July 4th. No residential irrigation systems shall be operated on July 4th of any year.

11. Even/Odd Operation. Properties with even-numbered addresses may irrigate only on even-numbered days. Properties with odd-numbered addresses may irrigate only on odd-numbered days."

The City Council would like to ask all residents that have existing connections to city water to also help with the summer water demands and follow these regulations, especially 6 thru 11. Your efforts can help keep cost and demand down during our busy season.

City of Wahpeton Office Hours:

Mon – Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

City Clerk/Admin.: 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.

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.

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

January 11, 2016:

- Update with the water tower progress.
- Council approved the findings on the agreed-upon accounting procedures done by Winther Stave & Co. for the 2015FY.

February 11, 2016:

- Eric Stoll with Milford Municipal Utilities updated the council on water rates. They plan to impose an "end user fee" of \$15/month per water customer to Wahpeton. After further discussion, council directed City Attorney Hemphill to explain the City's position on the charge.

- Council reviewed the proposed 2016/17 budget and set public hearing for March 14.

March 14, 2016:

- Russ Beckendorf with MHR Ins. reviewed the City's General/Property Insurance & Bond Information.
- Council approved a donation of \$1,000 for start up fees to the Lakes Area Dog Park project.
- Council approved a donation of \$5,000 to the Okoboji Blue Water Festival that will be held in August 2016.
- Final plans for the Water Tower were discussed.
- Public Hearing and approval of the FY 2016/17 City Budget. The proposed budget expenses will be \$2,878,388 and the tax levy will remain at 3%.
- Council approved passage of Ordinance #159—An Ordinance amending Chapter 90 of the Wahpeton City Code concerning the Water Service System and Private Irrigation Systems.
- 3D Builders got the bid to repair City Hall after a hit & run..

A COUPLE REMINDERS:

- Beginning May 1st through Sept. 30th, garbage pickup will be on Tuesdays and Saturdays.
- If you notice any road signs or street lights in the City Limits that need to be replaced please contact City Hall.
- Also, remember to flatten corrugated cardboard boxes and plastic containers when you put them in the recycling bins. It saves space and saves the City tax dollars.
- Tornado Sirens will sound each Wednesday at noon.

City Hall Information

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Building Permits Are Required

Spring is here and everyone wants to spruce up and update their property, deck, garage, yard, etc., however residents are reminded that most projects do require a permit from the city. Whether it be a building permit, landscaping, fence or driveway, you are responsible for checking to see whether or not you or your contractor needs one. Failure to do the proper paperwork before you begin can cause delays and even the removal of what you have already completed! Please take the time to review the City's Zoning Ordinances at www.wahpeton.govoffice.com to see if your project requires a permit or call City Hall at 337-3522.

Parking Prohibited

Did you know Ordinance #69.07 in the Wahpeton Code of Ordinances states: "No one shall stop, stand or park a vehicle within twenty (20) feet on either side of a mailbox which is so placed and so equipped as to permit the depositing of mail from vehicles on the roadway.

We are getting an increasing number of vehicles parking in the street making it difficult for our mailman to deliver mail. If you have friends or family visit, please make an effort to have them park correctly.

City of Wahpeton Lead and Copper Testing

The City of Wahpeton tests to ensure that the lead and copper levels in the water supplied to the customers is at safe levels. The water department followed the guidelines that the Iowa Department of Natural Resources provide and wrote a testing program that ensures a representative look of the water system. The City of Wahpeton was broken down into different zones and at least one sample from each zone was taken.

Wahpeton is fortunate that there are no lead service lines connecting city water mains to the properties. Copper is the predominate material for the service lines, but there are also some old, thin wall plastic service lines. In efforts to reduce the amounts of lead leaching into the drinking water, the Environmental Protection Agency has, in the past, cut the use of lead in the solder used in joining the copper fittings in the homes. More recently, the EPA has reduced the amounts of lead in the brass fittings and even the brass in the actual water meters.

The City of Wahpeton's latest tests for lead and copper were taken in September of 2015. The individual test results are under the Result column. The Action Level is the amount of Analyte present that demands an action. The further away the Result is from the Action Level the better.

	<u>Analyte</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Quant. Limit</u>	<u>Action Level</u>
Property 1)	Lead	<0.001	0.001	0.015
	Copper	0.12	0.01	1.3
Property 2)	Lead	<0.001	0.001	0.015
	Copper	0.07	0.01	1.3
Property 3)	Lead	<0.001	0.001	0.015
	Copper	0.07	0.01	1.3
Property 4)	Lead	0.003	0.001	0.015
	Copper	0.08	0.01	1.3
Property 5)	Lead	<0.001	0.001	0.015
	Copper	0.02	0.01	1.3

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.