



Summer Issue

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Have a home repair project coming up? Don't forget to get a building permit before you start! Call City Hall if you have any questions.



Leash Law in Wahpeton

There have been a couple dog complaints brought to the attention of the City Administrator this month. **Dogs** - both large and small are being allowed to run without a leash. City Ordinance 55.06 states "It is unlawful for any owner to allow an animal to run at large within the corporate limits of the City". This also includes the water, whether lake or canal — please do not throw sticks or objects in the water for dogs to retrieve without a leash. There are residents that fear large dogs. Please be responsible and respectful to your neighbors and their friends and family.

Also remember, you are responsible for your pet's feces.

The City of Wahpeton will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.



UPDATE ON WATER ISSUES

The Wahpeton water system is limited in the amount of water it can produce and store. The plant is capable of producing 380,000 gallons of water per day. Normally, we have no problems except during holidays. Last year on the 4th of July we provided 480,000 gallon of water per day to residents of Wahpeton. The additional water is provided from Milford Municipal Utilities through a contract allowing us to open a water main for the additional water needed. However, the Council is concerned with some recent changes Milford Municipal Utilities has decided to impose on the city. They are charging a seriously expensive end-user fee to the City that went from \$15 per month to \$8,250 per month. MMU calculated the end-user fee by imposing a \$15/month per meter charge to every meter in the City of Wahpeton even though they are fed and maintained by our own city water system.

Members of the city council have talked with the Milford Utilities board and so far no agreement has been made. So, the Council is asking for your help to assist with conserving water during the 4th of July weekend. We are asking residents to not water their lawns during the 4th of July weekend.

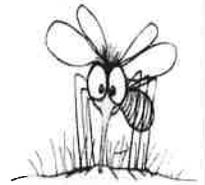
Also, during the summer months we would like to see residents with odd-numbered house numbers water on odd-numbered days and residents with even-numbered house

numbers water on even-numbered days to help the city water supply keep up with the demands for water the summer months bring.

Progress is continuing on the water tower however, there were some issues with a burial site and butterflies that have delayed bidding the project, but they have recently been resolved.

The 200,000 gallon tower will help with the demands the summer months bring. Plans to fund the tower include some current general funds along with a SRF loan that will be funded through a general obligation bond from property taxes.

A very 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.



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, & 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:

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

April 11, 2016:

- Council discussed funding for the water tower project and approved a general obligation bond from property taxes.

May 16, 2016:

- A public hearing was held concerning the Environmental Information Document for the water tower. The mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute the document.
- A public hearing was held on the proposed Budget Amendment. It was approved by council.
- Council approved Resolution 16-3, A Resolution Establishing a Permit Fee for Private Irrigation Systems.
- Council voted to fill a vacancy on the City Council for a remaining term of 12/31/17.
- Council discussed a water rate increase and the water committee will meet to determine a rate structure.

June 13, 2016:

- Randy Kempf voiced concerns about a privately owned pedestrian bridge that allows access to the Crescent Beach Resort island.
- Council discussed the vacancy on the City Council.
- Council approved reconstruction of a sidewalk in front of City Hall.
- There was discussion of several nuisances within the city.

Recycling Issues

We are having lots of issues with garbage items still being put in the recycling bins. Last month we had carpet put in the commingle container taking up a lot of space. Other common items that cannot be recycled include: lawn chairs (metal & plastic), pieces of scrap metal, nails and screws, Styrofoam, PVC pipe, garden hose, beach bottles, antifreeze or oil containers, plastic grocery sacks (remember you can take them back to the store you got them from) window glass, ceramics and lastly light bulbs. Light bulbs contain mercury that contaminates everything in the recycling bins so please, as a safety precaution don't put any of these items in the bins. If you are unsure it is probably not recyclable.

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Don't forget to register campers/tents with the City

Occupied recreational vehicles may be parked and occupied on private property no longer than 7 consecutive days at a time and no more than 14 days in the calendar year. Only one occupied recreational vehicle and one tent shall be allowed at one time on a residential lot. When recreational vehicles are occupied, the property owner shall notify the city 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 and tents. Also, if not registered they may be asked to leave.

A reminder to walkers and bikers:

Pedestrians remember when walking or running along the street to do so on the left side of the street so you can see oncoming traffic. When crossing the street pedestrians should yield the right of way.



Bikers should ride and are subject to all rules and regulations (this includes stop signs) as if a driver of a vehicle. They should keep to the right-hand edge of the roadway. Let's have a safe year!!



Some photos of storm damage in June 2016.



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.