



# Spring Issue

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### Check Your Toilets For Leaks

8 out of 10 complaints the City receives about high water bills can be traced to a leaking toilet in their home. Enclosed with this newsletter are 2 dye strips to check your toilets. More strips are available at City Hall free of charge.

#### Instructions:

1. Remove the cover of the toilet tank.
2. With clean clear water in both the toilet and tank, place the dye strip in the tank.
3. Wait 30 minutes and make sure nobody uses the toilet. In 30 minutes if any of the dyed water is in the toilet bowl you will know you have a leak.

### Are you looking for firewood?

The DNR is allowing residents to go into the DNR property located across from the tennis courts and cut some of the fallen trees. However, you do need to get a permit first. Applications can be picked up at the DNR office in Gull Point State Park or at City Hall.

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.

	Budget FY 2020 (a)	Re-estimated FY 2019 (b)	Actual FY 2018 (c)
<b>Revenues &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>			
Taxes Levied on Property	1	747,168	658,758
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0
<b>Net Current Property Taxes</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>747,168</b>	<b>658,758</b>
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	0	0
Other City Taxes	6	80,453	106,810
Licenses & Permits	7	20,900	19,298
Use of Money and Property	8	35,900	31,890
Intergovernmental	9	43,590	45,241
Charges for Fees & Service	10	662,310	648,103
Special Assessments	11	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	800	2,555
Other Financing Sources	13	0	931,860
Transfers In	14	983,000	702,597
<b>Total Revenues and Other Sources</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2,574,121</b>	<b>3,147,112</b>
<b>Expenditures &amp; Other Financing Uses</b>			
Public Safety	16	95,024	94,911
Public Works	17	331,000	217,467
Health and Social Services	18	26,730	22,730
Culture and Recreation	19	18,470	12,327
Community and Economic Development	20	36,480	28,520
General Government	21	114,225	89,493
Debt Service	22	33,730	10,910
Capital Projects	23	835,000	185,590
<b>Total Government Activities Expenditures</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1,490,659</b>	<b>661,948</b>
Business Type / Enterprises	25	558,010	670,108
<b>Total ALL Expenditures</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2,048,669</b>	<b>1,332,056</b>
Transfers Out	27	983,000	702,597
<b>Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3,031,669</b>	<b>2,034,653</b>
<b>Excess Revenues &amp; Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>-457,548</b>	<b>1,112,459</b>
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	3,512,176	2,084,573
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>3,054,628</b>	<b>3,197,032</b>

## Council finalizes 2019/20 City Budget

The Wahpeton City Council approved the 2019/20 city budget at their March 11, 2019 meeting. They continue to strive to keep the tax levy to one of the lowest in the state of Iowa. This year's levy is 3.23%. It was a slight increase because of the debt service expenditure which pays the SRF loan for the new water tower. Most cities in Iowa are at the \$8.10/\$1,000 taxable value or higher because of other levies available. Wahpeton is fortunate their infrastructure is in good condition. However, a 5-year capital improvement plan is in place to replace many of the old water mains and repair or replace city streets that are in need of repair.



**Siren Drill** - According to Dickinson County Emergency Management a Statewide tornado drill will be Wednesday March 27th at 10 am. Dickinson County will participate in the drill and will sound the siren for the full 3-5 minutes as in a real situation. Tests will continue each week on Wednesdays at noon.



## Canal Bank Restoration

Residents that recently spent time and money to restore the canal bank erosion would like to remind others to be respectful of your neighbors and use slower speeds when boating through the canal.

### 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)

#### Jan 14, 2019—Regular Session:

- Council approved Resolution 19-2 A Resolution Adopting the 2018 Dickinson County, Iowa Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Council approved Resolution 19-1 A Resolution Approving and Adopting an Investment Policy for the City of Wahpeton.
- Council approved the 2018 Annual Audit done by Winther, Stave & Co.
- Colin Jensen was re-appointed for another 5 yr. term on the Board of Adjustment.
- Ann Meyer was re-appointed for another 5 yr. term on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

#### February 20, 2019 - Regular Session:

- Council decided to proceed with an SRF loan for the Harpen St/Water Main Project.
- Council approved Resolution 19-3 A Street Lighting Resolution that will add 2 street lights in town. One by city hall and the other by the tennis courts.

#### March 11, 2019— Regular Session:

- Brad Beck with Beck Engineering met with Council about setting up a Storm Water Utility.
- Council approved the 2019/20 Annual City Budget.
- Council approved Resolution 19-7 Approving an Employee Handbook and Policies Manual.
- Council approved Resolution 19-6— Agreeing to become a Member of the Northwest Area Safety and Support Alliance.
- Council approved the purchase of a new water meter reader.

**REMINDER TO CHECK INTO BUILDING PERMITS AND ZONING ORDINANCES BEFORE YOU BEGIN A PROJECT.**

### City Hall Information

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### REMINDERS:

- **Knox-Box Rapid Entry System** is a **secure** emergency access program developed for property owners and first responders. For fires & emergencies, it allows immediate entry into buildings & property (for EMS & Fire personnel) without forced entry, damage or delays.
- **Contact City Hall** to report street lights blinking or completely out. Please provide nearest address, cross street and/or pole number.
- **If you have a concern** that needs to come to the Council's attention please contact Bonnie at City Hall to get on the agenda by noon on the Thursday before the Council meeting. Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of every month.
- **Visit us online** at [www.wahpetonia.govoffice.com](http://www.wahpetonia.govoffice.com) for agendas, minutes, public hearing notices, or zoning ordinance and other up-to-date information. You can sign up to receive email reminders of meetings or when minutes have been posted to the website.
- Golf Carts & ATV's are allowed on most of Wahpeton's city streets with certain guidelines. All drivers of ATV's & Golf Carts need to be licensed drivers with proof of insurance and an orange safety flag. Golf carts also need a slow moving vehicle sign.
- Utility bills can be paid by automatic withdrawal. Call or stop by city hall to get set up. You will still receive a bill but payment will automatically be deducted on the due date.
- The city clerk will be out of the office April 10th -12th attending meetings in Des Moines. Please leave a message on the answering machine or contact Doug or Jess. Sorry for the inconvenience.
- Let's have a safe and happy spring!!!

#### JUST A REMINDER TO WATCH YOUR SPEED ON CITY STREETS



PLEASE HELP YOUR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

Please be sure your house, storage sheds, boat condos and docks all display visible and easy to read 911 addresses. It is recommended that you use numbers at least 4" to 6" in height for buildings. It is not necessary that they are reflective in nature, however, they should be a contrasting color from the background to aid emergency responders.

#### City of Wahpeton Office Hours:

Mon – Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 City Clerk/Admin: Bonnie Tielbur  
 Supt. of Public Works: Doug Hanna  
 Zoning & Maintenance: Jess Radcliffe  
**City Council:** 2nd Mon. of the month at 5:00 p.m.  
 Mayor: Phillip Johnson Council: Brad Jones, Tom Rierson, Harold Prior, Jack Jones and LeAnn Blau  
**Board of Adjustment:**  
 3rd Tues. of the month at 5:00 p.m.  
 Chairman: Colin Jensen Members: Jerry Edwards, Dick Gauck, Doug Westerman & Larry Den Herder.  
**Planning & Zoning Commission:**  
 2nd Tues. of the month at 6:00 p.m.  
 Chairman: Donna Harris Members: Fran Parrish, Mark Foss, Ann Meyer and Darren Dotson