

# ALEXANDER GAZETTE

Aimee J Frohling – Clerk

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## LIBRARY NEWS

The door at the library is always open for reading, learning, and relaxation! Stop in and browse our large collection of books, periodicals, and movies! Interested in volunteering and/or being a part of the library? Stop in, or contact a Library Board Member!

Coffee and Conversation  
Saturday Mornings!



Garbage bags can be purchased at the Library and various locations in the surrounding area. If you are interested in a rolling cart, you may call T&S Sanitation at (515) 293-1643



## Ordinance Spotlight!

**4-1-3 AT LARGE PROHIBITED.** No owner or person having custody of an animal shall permit such animal to run at large.

**4-1-4 ANIMAL NUISANCES.** It shall be unlawful for any person to permit an animal under such person's control or within such person's custody to commit a nuisance. An animal shall be considered a nuisance if it:

1. Damages, soils, defiles, or defecates on private property other than the owner's or on public walks and recreation areas unless such waste is immediately removed and properly disposed of by the owner.
2. Causes unsanitary, dangerous, or offensive conditions.
3. Causes a disturbance by excessive barking or other noisemaking or chases vehicles, or molests, attacks, or interferes with persons or other domestic animals on public property.

Please be kind and respectful to your neighbors, pick up after your furry friends!



**"AS WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE, WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT THE HIGHEST APPRECIATION IS NOT TO UTTER WORDS BUT TO LIVE BY THEM"**

-JOHN F. KENNEDY



## SEPTIC

Don't forget, all septic systems need to be updated by: **December 31, 2024!** Call Dan Tilkes: O:(641) 456 – 4090 C: (641) 640-8733 E: [dttilkes@co.franklin.ia.us](mailto:dttilkes@co.franklin.ia.us). Dan can connect you with financing sources, contractors, and will issue your permit, as well as inspect and approve your system.

### November 5, 2024

#### Meeting Minutes

Mayor Schear opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Council Persons Present: Christian Larsen, Roy Arends, Courtney Noelting, Brad Peterson, and Kim Larsen.

Approval of Agenda – Motion by K Larsen to approve, 2nd by Noelting. Approved unanimously.

Minutes of October meeting – Motion by Arends to approve, 2nd by Peterson. Approved unanimously.

Motion by K Larsen to approve vouchers and pay bills, 2nd by Noelting. Approved unanimously.

November Expenditures – Clear Lake Sanitary (water testing) \$44.00; Hawkins, Inc (additives) \$497.68; IPERS (pensions) \$283.89; Koenen Lawn Care (spraying) \$226.25; Router12 (phone/internet) \$80.00; S&H Environmental (Water Super) \$850.00; Treas St IA (WET) \$152.01; True Value (concrete)



### First Reformed Church

Services 9:30 AM

Fellowship 10:45 AM

All are Welcome!

Sunday School – 9:30 AM

\$33.96; Aimee Frohling (clerk salary/mileage) \$874.85; Christian Larsen (Maint/Wat Ass./Roads) \$665.49; Thomas Schear (Mayor) \$46.12. September Receipts – Property Taxes \$21,384.70; LOST \$1,776.94; Interest \$10.20; Road Use Taxes \$925.13; Utility Accounts \$3,159.10.

Public Input – C Larsen would like to have the electricity shut off at the old park shelter house with rates going up and it's not really used anymore, wonders if we should sell that lot? Council agrees to have electric shut off, could have Christmas lights put up at the same time. Will get insurance opinion on other equipment at the park and decide what to sell or keep including lots.

Library Report – None. Reformed Church Easement – tabled to next meeting.

Resolution 2024-04 Directing clerk to post notice of hearing for Ordinance 2025-01 – Recodification of Code of Ordinances of the City of Alexander, Iowa. Motion by Arends to hold the public hearing on December 10th at 6:00 PM and also

## Have a junk car?

Call Virgil Larsen for pricing (641) 751-2512

He will pay you for it and haul it away too!



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hold the regular council meeting on that date due to expected lack of quorum for the regular meeting date. 2nd by Noelting. Approved unanimously.

Water Meters – At this time would like to continue to save funds to make improvements to water quality, suggested that a change in the structure of water billing might reduce tampering with meters, currently customers are charged for all usage, would like to build some usage into the base rate and make the minimum total bill (including landfill, mosquito spraying, taxes) \$50 and then keep the

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annual \$1.50 increases going forward. Electric rate for pumping of water is increasing 15% and funds will need to be spent to comply with DNR regulations. Will also look at increasing the reconnect fee to \$200.

Backwash water – C Larsen will have the tank pumped out and start working on it.

Nuisances – A junk car has been sitting at a residence on Brown Street that will get a letter, another is sitting on top of a curb stop and in the way for snow removal, will contact Sheriff about that one.

Having a problem with dog poop on a private property as well as the new park, would like to put some cameras up facing the Park, City Hall, and Fire Dept.

Water System Updates – 2 curb stops will be looked at, fixed if needed.

Park relocation – Will get the teeter totter installed, C Larsen will move a couple picnic tables up there.

Septic – Clerk will follow up with County Sanitarian about Library septic.

Building permits – none.

Adjourned.

## Like it or not, Winter is coming!

Have you trimmed trees above streets and alleys to allow for the snow plow to get through?

Remember parking rules during snow removal.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**City Council Meetings**  
**December 10, 2024 6:00 PM**

**Water bills due  
20<sup>th</sup> each month**

**Recycling 1st and 3rd Friday**



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Full Code of Ordinances now available online!

## **DONATE! BRANDI PALS MEMORIAL FUND**

Monetary Donations can be Made at Clear Lake Bank & Trust (Brandi Pals Memorial Fund)

For more information or to make donations you may contact:

**Thomas Pals: (641) 640-8754**

**Monica Pals: (641) 373-0468**

### **Owners of Baseball Field:**

Carmelo and Christine Garcia  
(641) 373-8058

Feel free to call with any questions or concerns regarding the Baseball Field!

## **NEED FIREWOOD?**

Contact the City Clerk for details.

## **Building Permits**

Don't forget that you need a permit if you are planning a home addition, construction of a building, placing a fence or concrete, building a deck, or making any other alteration to your property.

Permit applications are free and can be picked up from City Hall during regular business hours along with a copy of the City Building Code.

## Water Service Line Inventory

Please fill out your water service line inventory survey as soon as possible!  
(If you have not already done so)

For your convenience, it can be completed online by using the QR Code below.

Thank you for your help!



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[www.cityofalexander-iowa.com](http://www.cityofalexander-iowa.com)

If you would rather read this newsletter electronically on the website, please drop me an email or a note with your water bill. Fewer printed copies will help save on time, paper and ink.



### NEW PHONE NUMBER!

City Hall now has its own number!



(641) 609 - 6933

### City Hall Office Hours:

Wednesday's  
9:00 AM - Noon

2nd/4th Saturday's  
9:00 AM - Noon

### PAY ONLINE!



You can pay your water bill online!

Go to:  
<https://otc.cdc.nicusa.com/p/iowa/City%20of%20Alexander/>

Save it in your favorites for easy reference every month!

