

# ALEXANDER GAZETTE

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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!

**NOTICE!** Starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, the cost to rent the Library will be \$100, plus a deposit of \$100 that will be returned upon inspection of the library.

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



## SNOW ORDINANCE IN EFFECT

### ORDINANCE TITLE III

#### 3-3-30 PARKING DURING SNOW EMERGENCY

No person shall park, abandon, or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned off-street parking area during any snow emergency proclaimed by the Mayor unless the snow has been removed or plowed from said street, alley or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall. A snow emergency parking ban shall continue from its proclamation through the duration of the snow or ice storm and the forty-eight-hour period after cessation of the storm except as above provided upon streets which have been fully opened.

#### Mayor Proclamation for the 2025 Winter Season:

Snow/Ice in excess of 2" is forecasted, is occurring, or has occurred, any/all vehicles must not be parked in streets, alleys, or any city owned parking area until streets have been cleared and/or for 48 hours after cessation of the snow event, whichever is later.

The City is not responsible for blocked driveways due to clearing snow from streets. It is the resident's responsibility to clear their own driveways/sidewalks without returning any snow to City Streets and Alleys.

**“Kindness is like snow.  
It beautifies everything  
it covers.”**

-KAHLIL GIBRAN



## SEPTIC

If you have not updated your septic system, you are now in violation of the City of Alexander Code of Ordinances and DNR regulations!

**January 7, 2025**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
 Mayor Shear 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 Noelting to approve, 2nd by K Larsen. Approved unanimously.  
 Minutes of December 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.  
 January Expenditures – Alliant Energy (nat gas/electric) \$1,378.82; Clear Lake Sanitary (water testing) \$44.00; Hawkins, Inc. (additives) \$455.62; IPERS (pensions) \$324.37; Router12 (phone/internet) \$80.00; S&H Environmental (Water Super /supplies) \$850.00; Treas St IA (WET) \$146.84 (WH) \$30.00; US Treasury (payroll taxes) \$1,006.28; Wright County Landfill (Q3FY25)



### **First Reformed Church**

Services 9:30 AM  
 Fellowship 10:45 AM  
 All are Welcome!  
 Sunday School – 9:30 AM

\$1,093.75; Aimee Frohling (clerk salary/mileage)  
 \$877.56; Christian Larsen (Maint/Wat Ass./Roads)  
 \$865.76; Thomas Shear (Mayor/ mileage) \$70.78.  
 December Receipts – Property Taxes \$2,378.93; LOST \$1,310.00; Road Use Taxes \$1,418.32; Utility Accounts \$3,121.53.  
 Public Input – none.  
 Library Report – Director is doing online workshops for CE credits. Working on fundraiser project for Spring, as well as Easter and Annual Breakfast. Thinking of having a chili cookoff.  
 Mayor Shear opened the public hearing for Ordinances 25-01 & 25-02 for Codification and Water Rates. No Public Input, Mayor Shear closes the public hearing and opens the regular meeting of the Council.  
 Ordinance 25-01 Codification – Motion by Arends to approve, 2nd by C Larsen. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote. Motion by K Larsen to waive the 3rd reading, 2nd by Noelting. Approved.  
 Ordinance 25-02 Water rates and Reconnect Fees – Motion by C Larsen to approve, 2nd by Noelting. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote.

## Have a junk car?

Call Virgil Larsen for pricing  
 (641) 751-2512  
 He will pay you for it and haul it away too!



### **January Minutes (cont'd)**

roll call vote. Motion by Arends to waive the 3rd reading, 2nd by C Larsen. Approved.  
 Resolution 25-01 Mileage Rate – Motion by Arends to approve, motion dies for lack of a 2nd. Mileage rate to stay at 67 cents per mile.  
 Resolution 25-02 Depositories – Motion by K Larsen to approve, 2nd by Noelting. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote.  
 Resolution 25-03 Payroll – Motion by Arends to approve, 2nd by Noelting. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote.

**January Minutes (Cont'd)**

Backwash water – no update  
 Nuisances – Car was towed last month, letters have not been sent yet from last meeting, those vehicles still in place, will send out this month to add overflowing dumpster at the apartments. Discussed what to do about a resident who has broken water pipes and non-working meter, access to the basement is unsafe with a wall to the entrance caved in. Will instruct Water Superintendent to shut the water off as an emergency to protect the water system and notify the home owner that water will not be turned on until safe entrance can be made to install a water meter at the customers expense.

Water System Updates – none, can remove from the agenda for now. Park relocation – Several inquiries from interested parties to buy the old park. Will put it out for sealed bids with an allowance to come to the bid opening and raise their bid, with the City holding the right to reject any and all bids. Motion by Arends to hold the bid opening at the March meeting, 2nd by Noelting. Approved.

Septic – Dan Tilkes suggested to a council member that there may be enough room for the Library and Post Office to share a septic tank. Building permits – none.

Adjourned.

Find the link to pay your bill online by visiting our Facebook Page or Website!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**City Council Meeting**  
**February 4, 2025 6:00 PM**

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

**Recycling 1st and 3rd  
 Friday**

**City Hall Office Hours:**

Wednesday's  
 9:00 AM – Noon

2nd/4th Saturday's  
 9:00 AM – Noon

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**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!

**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.

**Website**

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

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