

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 1st, 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



ORDINANCE SPOTLIGHT

Lets make our town look more welcoming this Spring! As you are probably aware, junk, junk cars, and nuisances have been a priority for the City Council over the past couple of years. While the town has much improved over that time, there is still work to do. Here are a couple of Ordinances that address these issues, the full text can be found on our website, or you can review the official code book in the Alexander City Hall.

Title III Community Protection

Chapter 2 Nuisances

“The term “nuisance” means whatever is injurious to health, indecent, or unreasonably offensive to the senses or an obstacle to the free use of property, so as essentially to unreasonably interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property”

This chapter covers numerous items including trees, weeds/grass, junk/garbage, noise/smells, etc.

Title III Community Protection

Chapter 8 Junk and Abandoned Vehicles

“The purpose of this chapter is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and safety of property of this City by providing for removal of abandoned motor vehicles and the elimination of the open storage of abandoned and junk motor vehicles and machinery except in authorized places”

“Spring work is going on with joyful enthusiasm.”

-JOHN MUIR



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!

March 4, 2025
Meeting Minutes
 Mayor Schear opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.
 Council Persons Present: Roy Arends, Courtney Noelting, Brad Peterson, Christian Larsen, and Kim Larsen.
 Approval of Agenda – Motion by Noelting to approve, 2nd by C Larsen. Approved unanimously.
 Minutes of February meeting – Motion by Arends to approve, 2nd by K Larsen. Approved unanimously.
 Motion by Noelting to approve vouchers and pay bills, 2nd by Peterson. Approved unanimously.
 March Expenditures – Clear Lake Sanitary (water testing) \$44.00; IPERS (pensions) \$324.37; Router12 (phone/internet) \$80.00; S&H Environmental (Water Super/supplies) \$850.00; Treas St IA (WET) \$145.27; True Value (supplies) \$17.45; Aimee Frohling (clerk salary/mileage) \$877.56;



First Reformed Church

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

Christian Larsen (Maint/Wat Ass./Roads) \$865.76;
 Thomas Schear (Mayor/mileage) \$70.78.
 February Receipts – Property Tax \$328.81; LOST \$1,172.64; Interest \$479.71; Road Use Taxes \$1,075.15; Utility Accounts \$2,869.26.
 Public Input – none.
 Library Report – St Patrick's Day Party March 15th with food and fun. Prize for person wearing the most green.
 Open Bids for City Park – 1. Tom Pals - \$5.00 2. Angel Nicholson - \$3,000.00
 Bidders in attendance to increase bids – Pals raises bid to \$3,100.00, Nicholson not present.
 Council resolution to accept/reject bids – Motion by Peterson to accept the bid from Pals for \$3,100.00, 2nd by Noelting. Approved unanimously.
 Water deposits – Owner with multiple properties. Much discussion regarding whether owner would have to pay multiple deposits.
 Clerk will type up an Ordinance Amendment to clarify the rules for the next meeting. In the meantime, will allow customer to switch the account into their name without a deposit, pending

Have a junk car?

Call Virgil Larsen for pricing
 (641) 751-2512

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



March Minutes (cont'd)
 decision. Motion to that effect made by Peterson, 2nd by Arends. Approved.
 Backwash water – no update
 Nuisances – Several residents will receive letters about cars and garbage.
 Park relocation – Fence will be installed by Memorial Day, Gazebo's will be finished by July 4th.
 Septic – none.
 Building permits – none.
 Arends stated he temporarily fixed a leak inside the water department, need to look at replacing some piping.
 Adjourned.

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

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!



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tax Levy Public Hearing
March 20, 2025 6:00 PM**

**Special Meeting
March 20, 2025 6:30 PM**

**City Council Meeting
April 1, 2025 6:00 PM**

**Water bills due
20th 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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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

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.

PICK UP YOUR DOG WASTE! IT'S THE LAW!

Title IV Chapter 1 Section 4-1-4 of the Alexander Code of Ordinances: 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.

The Consequence? 4-1-5.... "Any dog found at large in violation of Sections 4-1-3 and 4-1-4 of this chapter shall be seized and impounded, or, at the discretion of the Mayor, the owner may be served a summons to appear before a proper court to answer charges made thereunder"

Full Code can be found on the City website or viewed at the City Hall.

**"For each petal on the shamrock,
this brings a wish your way: Good
health, good luck, and happiness for
today and every day."**

-IRISH BLESSING

