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October —
December 2024

Dates & Reminders


OCTOBER

- 4 Agenda Items Due by 10 AM
- 7 City Council Meeting—6:30 PM
- 8 Water Shut-Off Date
- 10 DNB Auto Draw
- 14 Columbus Day—OFFICE CLOSED
- 20 Utility Bills Due
- 21 Utility Bill Late Notices Sent Out
- 24 Variance & Conditional Use Permit Info Due
- 30 Water Meters Read 
- 31 Utility Bills Mailed Out

NOVEMBER

- 8 Agenda Items Due by 10 AM
- 11 Veterans Day Observed —OFFICE CLOSED
- 12 City Council Meeting—6:30 PM
- 12 DNB Auto Draw
- 13 Water Shut-Off Date
- 20 Utility Bills Due
- 21 Utility Bill Late Notices Sent Out
- 21 Variance & Conditional Use Permit Info Due
- 26 Water Meters Read
- 27 Utility Bills Mailed Out 
- 28 Thanksgiving—OFFICE CLOSED
- 29 Day after Thanksgiving—OFFICE CLOSED

DECEMBER

- 6 Agenda Items Due by 10 AM
- 9 City Council Meeting—6:30 PM
- 10 DNB Auto Draw
- 10 Water Shut-Off Date
- 19 Variance & Conditional Use Permits Info Due
- 20 Utility Bills Due
- 23 Utility Bill Late Notices Sent Out
- 25 Christmas —OFFICE CLOSED 
- 30 Year End Council Meeting
- 30 Water Meters Read
- 31 Utility Bills Mailed Out

JAN 1: New Year's Day — OFFICE CLOSED

City Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 8:00 AM—5:00 PM

Rubble Site Hours:

OCT 27—APR 30: BY APPT. ONLY

May 1—Oct. 26, 2024:

Wed. 4:30 PM—6:30 PM Sat. 9:00 AM—1:00 PM



**CLEAR LAKE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
125 THIRD AVE S**

DID YOU KNOW?

THERE IS A NEW NSF CHECK POLICY IN PLACE FOR THE CITY OF CLEAR LAKE

FIRST OFFENSE – No checks, ACH payments or debit card payments will be accepted until all fees are collected. Payment must be made in cash, cashier's check, money order or credit card. **SECOND OFFENSE** – No checks, ACH payments or debit card payments will be accepted for a period of one year. Payment must be made in cash, cashier's check, money order or credit card. **THIRD OFFENSE** – No checks, ACH payments or debit card payments will be accepted PERMANENTLY. Payment must be made in cash, cashier's check, money order or credit card.
Effective Immediately.

ZONING HAPPENINGS

Check out our website at clearlakesd.com under our Zoning Tab for updates in the upcoming months!

BUILDING PERMITS



Are required for any project that is altering, erecting, or repairing any building, black-top, patio or sidewalk which has a *cost or value* exceeding the sum of \$100. It is also required to provide an estimated project cost on the permit!

SUMP PUMP POLICY

It shall be permissible to allow ground water or precipitation runoff into the city sewer system from November 1st each year through March 31st.

SURCHARGES ON SEWER AND WATER

The City of Clear Lake has recently engaged in loans with the State for major projects for both Sewer and Water that will eventually affect every resident. Surcharges added to the monthly bills are a requirement for securing the loans. The Council has reviewed this very carefully over the last several months. A Sewer surcharge of \$29.65 will be added to the April 2025 billing and a Water surcharge of \$30.60 will be added to the October 2025 billing. THIS DOES NOT MEAN YOUR BILL WILL INCREASE BY THOSE AMOUNTS. The City is reviewing rates and is intending on a DECREASE of base and usage rates to make your monthly bill more affordable. The overall bill will have an increase and this will be decided within the next couple of months. Please watch your next newsletter for detailed information and as always, call our office with questions.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

MAYOR – LISA LUNDBERG

WARD I – AMY BJERKE & ROD PAULI

WARD II – JAMIE HINTZ & JONAS REPPE

WARD III – MONA DRAKE & HARRY MEWHERTER

FRIENDLY NOTICES:

SNOWBIRDS:

For anyone heading south for the winter; please make sure to contact the city office BEFORE leaving to ensure we have the correct mailing address, get the water off, etc.

UTILITY BILLS:

Bills are due the 20th of every month. **FREE auto draw is available for any bank**, or you can pay online with credit card or e-check at: clearlakesd.com/make-a-payment

ANNUAL PET LICENSES:

2025 tags will be available in December and are required for all cats and dogs in the City

ONE WAY ALLEYS/STREETS:

There are three one-ways in the City:

- The Alley Going East on the East side of Deuel School to 3rd Ave.
- The Alley Going North behind the Community Center and Dental Office to 2nd Street
- Fifth Ave. Going North between 6th St and 5th St West of Deuel School



PLEASE NOTICE

The City's 2024 "Complaint" file is pretty thick. The number one complaint received this year is junk yards/weeds/garbage/etc. with dog barking or loose dogs running a close second. The City has numerous ordinances regarding your pets and nuisances (or nuisance properties). This is no different than in any other small town. Everyone wants small town amenities and that neighborly feel. But with that comes the responsibility that requires respect and concern for your neighborhood by maintaining your own property. I believe the majority of the residents of Clear Lake take pride in their values, work ethics, and generosity. This all comes down to simple manners and neighborly etiquette. We all know not everyone's standards are the same. And we all get busy. But please take a look at your property, take a look around your neighborhood. Perhaps your neighbor just needs a helping hand before you rush to the complaint department. That's not to say complaints that violate city ordinances aren't valid. And the City Council is prepared to take action to the next level. Code enforcement may come back to the City—or legal action for violators that simply choose to ignore warnings. If the City has to step in to do the clean up, it can be assessed to property taxes. If the City feels an animal is causing a problem because perhaps it's not being cared for properly, the Watertown Humane Society can get involved. The Council will be reviewing ordinances and violations and will be choosing which direction to take to get our town looking its best; and fill us each with pride for living in Clear Lake—with that wonderful, neighborly feel.



After hours – if you need to contact City Personnel after normal working hours please call the City Office at 605.874.2121. The message will have the name & cell phone number of the person who is on call for the week.

SNOW REMOVAL

STREETS: During snow removal efforts, it is important to park vehicles, trailers, etc. off the streets and alleys until plowing operations are completed. The City will not be responsible for vehicles parked in the streets and alleys that are isolated by snow accumulation due to plowing operations. Vehicles parked in the streets or alleys during a snow event are subject to ticketing and towing per City Ordinance 7-1-4.

No motor vehicles may be parked overnight at ANY time on 3rd Avenue (Main Street).

SIDEWALKS: It shall be the duty of every occupant or owner of the premises to remove all ice and snow from the sidewalk abutting said premises as soon after same has accumulated as can reasonably be removed. It is against City Ordinance to throw snow onto a street, alley or adjoining property when clearing driveways and sidewalks in residential areas.



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