



City of Lawton

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Water meter readings are generally taken around the 20th day of each month.
Invoices for water, sewer, garbage and landfill are sent on the 1st of each month.
These invoices are delinquent if not paid by the 20th of that same month.
A 10% Late Fee will be assessed on all delinquent accounts.

READINGS ARE ACTUAL THIS MONTH

New Electronic Sign

As most of you have seen, we have a new electronic sign located in the Veterans' Memorial Park in downtown Lawton.

Councilman Don Grigg has donated the new sign to the City. It replaces the sign that stood for several years at the same location, but had to be changed manually. This new electronic sign can be changed easily from inside City Hall regardless of the weather outside. Previously high winds, rain, snow and icy conditions sometimes had an effect on how often the sign was changed. We were also limited to only one or two messages at a time on the old sign. This new sign allows many messages to run at the same time.

We greatly appreciate Don's efforts in keeping the City current with the times. His fondness of the City of Lawton has been demonstrated many times over during the past years with generous donations.

As the sign says,

"THANK YOU, DON GRIGG!"



Messages on Sign

If you have a special birthday or anniversary message you would like to see on the new sign, contact City Hall with details. Cost is \$10.00 for up to three days. Other messages may also be run at the same cost.

Announcements pertaining to school activities will be posted according to the school calendar. Additional announcements will only be accepted if City Hall is notified by Superintendent Thelander. If you feel a school activity should be listed on the sign, contact Mr. Thelander.

Our churches and businesses are encouraged to notify City Hall of open houses or other public activities. However, commercial "advertising" will not be posted. Let's keep the sign fun and informational. Contact City Hall with any questions you may have.

It is a funny thing about life: If you refuse to accept anything but the best you very often get it.

- Somerset Maugham

For Sale:

With the purchase of new Christmas decorations for our light poles along Cedar Street, and with the purchase of the new informational sign, the City will most likely be disposing of the old Christmas decorations and the old sign. Details will be discussed at the January City Council meeting. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in either the decorations or the sign, please let someone at the City know. Information on bidding will be posted on the sign and in the Menville Record.

Winter Mail Delivery

During December, it was brought to the attention of the City that a reminder needed to be sent out regarding clearing snow and other debris from the approaches in front of mail boxes.

As the City crews are clearing snow, their purpose is to open major streets first, then secondary streets, and finally alleys, *if time allows*. Making sure snow is removed from in front of your mailbox is actually your personal responsibility. The guys will get as close as they can to the mailboxes within the city limits, but will not take a chance on hitting them. If you want mail delivered, please keep your approaches clear of snow, garbage cans, recycle tubs, vehicles and other items.



Street Parking

If you have a driveway, **PLEASE USE IT!** Leaving your vehicle on the street causes an unnecessary burden on you, your neighbors and the street-cleaning crew.

Not only do you block the snow plows from cleaning against the curb where your vehicle is parked, but also for several feet in front of, and behind, your vehicle. Depending on where you park your vehicle, you could not only be blocking your own curb, but also that in front of your

neighbor. Be courteous...keep your vehicles off the street...especially when there is snow in the forecast.

In the past, the City has not towed vehicles left on the streets, however our ordinances do allow for this to happen. If a potentially dangerous condition exists because of a vehicle on the street, it WILL be towed.

The Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, CSADV, provides support, advocacy and a safe environment to empower adults and children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault or homicide. CSADV provides services in Woodbury, Plymouth and Monona Counties in Iowa; Union County, South Dakota; and Dakota County, Nebraska. If you want or need help, please call our 24 hour crisis line at 712-258-7233 or 1-800-982-7233.