

Van Meter

CITY OF VAN METER

News

February 2020

NEW SERVICE!



Announcing an Exciting New Service!

The City of Van Meter has added the ability to automatically email you your utility bill each month.

You can now choose how you want to receive your Utility Bill (mail or email).

E-Bills (receiving your bill by email) offers the following advantages:

- The opportunity to go paperless* (Go Green and save more trees)!
- A convenient way to receive and save your bills
- Receive your bills sooner
- Eliminates bills getting lost or damaged in the mail
- Newsletters, announcements and other items can also be automatically attached to the emails
- Saves the City money by reducing postage, material and equipment costs
- Reduces the time it takes your City staff to process billing which gives them more time to serve you in other ways

*To further "Go Green" make sure you are also signed up for automatic payments. The payment will automatically be made from your bank account each month.

Sign up for E-bills and/or Automatic Payments by completing the form on the page 2 and returning it to city hall or by emailing it to info@vanmeteria.gov.

And as a reminder, you can visit our website at www.vanmeteria.gov to view your account and pay online.

Elected Officials:

Mayor-

Allan Adams



Council

-Lyn Lyon

Mayor Pro Tem

-Travis Brott

-Adam Coyle

-Joe Herman

-Steve Meyer

City Staff:

City Hall-

515-996-2644

Kyle Michel-

City Administrator

Liz Thompson-Clerk

Dave Herman-

Public Works

Pat Alexander-

Public Works

Bill Daggett-

Police Chief

Michael Brown-

Police Officer

Chris Power- Fire Chief

Kathleen Nubel-

Library Director

515-996-2435





Agreement For Preauthorized Payments

To sign up for AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL, please complete the form below and mail or bring to City Hall along with a VOIDED CHECK from your financial institution.

I (we) hereby authorize the CITY OF VAN METER to initiate debit entries to my (our) checking account indicated below and the depository named below, hereinafter called DEPOSITORY, to debit the same to such account.

DEPOSITORY NAME _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TRANSIT ABA NO. _____ ACCOUNT NO. _____

(Transit ABA Number is the first 9 numbers from left on the bottom of your check)

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until the City of Van Meter and Depository have received written notification from me (either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford the City of Van Meter and Depository a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

NAME(s) (*print*) _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

Check this box to receive your monthly billing statement vi email.

Preferred email address: _____

****You will receive your water bill on or near the first of the month as usual. The amount due will be deducted from the above assigned account on the 15th of each month.****

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

This notice, and an explanation of how to read and understand it, can be found on our website www.vanmeteria.gov and on our Facebook page - City of Van Meter.

CITY NAME Van Meter		NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021		CITY CODE 25-239
The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:				
Meeting Date: 2/10/2020	Meeting Time: 7:00 PM	Meeting Location: 910 Main Street, Van Meter, Iowa		
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After adoption of the proposed tax levy, the Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.				
City Web Site (if available): www.vanmeteria.gov		City Telephone Number: 515-996-2644		
Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2019/2020	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2020/2021**	Budget Year Proposed Maximum Property Tax 2020/2021	Annual % CHG
Regular Taxable Valuation	1 36,637,183	45,246,801	45,246,801	
Tax Levies:				
Regular General	2 \$296,761	\$296,761	\$366,499	
Contract for Use of Bridge	3 \$0	\$0	\$0	
Opr & Maint Publicly Owned Transit	4 \$0	\$0	\$0	
Rent, Ins. Maint. Of Non-Owned Civ. Ctr.	5 \$0	\$0	\$0	
Opr & Maint of City-Owned Civic Center	6 \$0	\$0	\$0	
Planning a Sanitary Disposal Project	7 \$0	\$0	\$0	
Liability, Property & Self-Insurance Costs	8 \$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	
Support of Local Emer. Mgmt. Commission	9 \$0	\$0	\$0	
Emergency	10 \$9,892	\$9,892	\$12,217	
Police & Fire Retirement	11 \$0	\$0	\$0	
FICA & IPERS	12 \$33,500	\$33,500	\$33,500	
Other Employee Benefits	13 \$80,100	\$80,100	\$85,000	
*Total 384.15A Maximum Tax Levy	14 \$475,253	\$475,253	\$552,216	16.19%
Calculated 384.15A Maximum Tax Rate	15 \$12.97188	\$10.50357	\$12.20453	

Explanation of significant increases in the budget:

TIF Increment was released to the City's Regular Taxable Valuation resulting in increased tax revenue when compared to previous fiscal year. This growth, in conjunction with naturally occurring growth due to more houses being built, resulted in increased general property tax revenues when compared to previous fiscal year.

If applicable, the above notice also available online at:

www.vanmeteria.gov

*Total city tax rate will also include voted general fund levy, debt service levy, and capital improvement reserve levy

**Budget year effective property tax rate is the rate that would be assessed for these levies if the dollars requested is not changed in the coming budget year

The City Council will hold a public hearing on February 10th, 2020 at the Veterans Reception Center, 910 Main Street, to hear comments regarding the proposed maximum tax rate for Fiscal Year 2021.

This public hearing process is a new requirement established by our State Legislature to provide additional transparency to our taxpayers. The information required to be published in this public hearing notice is incomplete and somewhat confusing. An explanation of this information is on the website and Facebook. As always, you are welcome to stop by City Hall or reach out with further questions.

The public hearing form presents financial information regarding the current fiscal cycle (July 2019 – June 2020) as well as proposed financial information for the next fiscal cycle (July 2020 – June 2021).

VAN METER PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety and Public Works thanks you to remove your vehicles and snow promptly.

Removal of Snow, Ice and Accumulations. It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice or accumulations within 48-hours after such accumulations, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

SNOW REMOVAL. No person shall park or allow a vehicle to remain parked on a public street in the City

from the time it begins to snow until such time as the streets have been cleared of accumulated snow from curb to curb (or from all of the traveled portion of the roadway for those streets which do not have curbs) or 48 hours, whichever time is shorter. Vehicles shall be removed immediately once it begins to snow. The Director of Public Works and Utilities is also empowered to end the prohibition on parking prior to the expiration of the 48-hour period if the Director determines that the streets have been cleared. The Director of Public Works and Utilities shall notify the Police Chief when the parking prohibition has ended.

HELP US HELP YOU

Non-emergencies—

515-993-4567



It is awesome that as the Police Chief I am so connected to the community and that you feel comfortable reporting needs for police service via cellphone or social media to me, but I need your help. The police department has grown and there are times in which I am off duty and unable to answer calls, texts or social media contacts in a timely manner. I feel bad when all you want is help and you have to wait. Please use these two numbers to request police services. It will help us help you. Dispatch knows who is available to respond immediately.

JOIN OUR TEAM

- Interested in being an Emergency Medical Technician?
- Interested in being a Firefighter
- Interested in just being part of the team and helping the community?
- Please consider serving the City of Van Meter as a firefighter or a medic or as a non-certified emergency services specialist.

WE PAY FOR TRAINING

Apply at www.vanmeteria.gov



LIBRARY NEWS

Stop by the library from 10-3 on Saturday, February 8th, to make Valentine's Day cards! We'll have a variety of supplies available, so bring your creativity to this all-ages event.

Weekly Programing

Tech Tuesdays

- ◇ Drop by with your questions about technology or make an appointment for a more involved issue.

Story Time on Tuesdays at 6:30P.

- ◇ There will be stories, rhymes, and songs. We will end with a craft!

Tween/Teen Time on Wednesdays at 3:30P.

- ◇ 1st week of the month: Craft
- ◇ 2nd week of the month: Dallas Co Conservationist

(Nov.-Mar.)

- ◇ 3rd week of the month: Tabletop Game
- ◇ 4th week of the month: Activity
- ◇ 5th week of the month: Surprise!

Inside the Lines, Outside the Box on Thursdays at 6:30P.

- ◇ Indoor recess for adults at the library! Bring a project you are working on or join us for coloring and conversation Thursday night.

Toddler Time on Friday mornings at 10:30A.

- ◇ Just for babies and toddlers with play time, stories, and songs.

Movie Matinee on Fridays at 1:45P.

- ◇ Join us for a family-friendly (G or PG rated) movie every Friday.



A local family generously pledged \$7,500 to the Van Meter Public Library Foundation and challenged our community to match this amount in December! We did it with YOUR support! Thank you!

It's our great privilege to serve the Van Meter community!

We wish you and yours a prosperous 2020!



Van Meter Public Library Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, Federal Tax ID#81-3421088.

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WASTE CONNECTIONS INC

515-265-7374

February 2020

Recycling Schedule

Monday, February 3

Monday, February 17

When one of Waste Connections recognized holidays falls on a weekday, the collection will be delayed one day the remainder of that week. For example, when the holiday falls on a Monday, collection will be on Tuesday, and so forth.

Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Day

RACCOON RIVER DAYS



SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 5-7, 2020

Raccoon River Days

Little League Registration

P Be on the look out for Little League Baseball and Softball Registration. It will be opening soon. A link will be made available on the city website, city Facebook and an email will be sent out through the school emails.

<https://bit.ly/vmrec2019>

a Registration is available for students 4 - 12 years old as of: August 31st for baseball and January 1st for softball. A jersey and a hat are included in the registration fees.

r Registration will be open until **February 3rd**.

k Coaches do a good job of working around schedules. If your child wants to play both soccer and baseball/softball.

s Please let me know if you have any questions by email at jolson@vanmeteria.gov.

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