

July 2020

# City of Van Meter

## VAN METER NEWS

### UTILITY RATE CHANGES

On June 16, 2016 the City Council enacted Ordinance 253 which established water and sewer capital improvement fees to construct a water treatment plant. Due to the delay in the construction of the water treatment plant, the finance committee recommended to council that the rate be decreased.

**Effective July 1, 2020** the capital improvement fee for each gallon of water will decrease from six tenths of one cent to two tenths of one cent. The capital improvement fee for sewer will remain five hundredths of a cent per gallon for capital improvements. The sewer fee does not escalate until the Code of Ordinances is amended again in the future.

With the expiration of the Mayor's Covid-19 Proclamation of Emergency, we will again be assessing penalties in July and disconnecting water services due to non-payment.

Annual rate increases passed by the City Council in 2014 still apply. Your city utility bill will reflect a 5% increase for in-town rates and a 10% increase for out-of-town rates.

	IN TOWN		WATER	OUT OF TOWN	
	First 2,000 Gal	Over 2,000		First 2,000 Gal	Over 2,000
Current	\$21.23	\$4.84	Current	\$56.14	\$12.81
7/1/2020	\$22.29	\$5.08	7/1/2020	\$61.75	\$14.09

	IN TOWN		SEWER	OUT OF TOWN	
	First 2,000 Gal	Over 2,000		First 2,000 Gal	Over 2,000
Current	\$20.99	\$6.16	Current	\$52.95	\$15.56
7/1/2020	\$22.04	\$6.47	7/1/2020	\$58.25	\$17.11

#### Elected Officials:

-Allan Adams, Mayor

#### **Council Members—**

-Lyndon 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

David Herman-  
Public Works

Pat Alexander-  
Public Works

Bill Daggett-  
Police Chief

Mike Brown-  
Police Officer

Chris Power-  
Fire Chief  
515-996-9253

Dispatch:  
515-993-4567  
Emergency—911

Kathleen Nubel-  
Library Director  
515-996-2435

Waste Connections  
515-265-7374



**City offices will be closed Friday, July 3 for Independence Day**

The City of Van Meter follows the Iowa State law regarding the times, dates and locations fireworks can be discharged. We require that anyone under 18 year of age be supervised by an adult.

The general rules are as follows:

- Dates and hours: 9A to 10P from June 1 to July 8; and from December 10 to January 3.
- Special July 4th hours: 9A to 11P and the preceding and post Saturday and Sunday.
- Special NYE hours: 9A to 12:30A on NYE and 9A to 11P on the Saturdays and Sundays preceding and following NYE

Private Property: You are only authorized to shoot fireworks on your property or on the property of someone who has given you permission to shoot on their land.

Please contact the dispatch center at 515-993-4567 if you have an issue.

Please keep in mind that if the fireworks are being properly used between the dates and times listed, the police department cannot take action.

## IA CODE RE: PUBLIC NOTICES

Van Meter Code of Ordinances 18.05 PUBLICATION Section 2

2. Manner of Publication. The three public places where public notices, ordinances, notices of elections and other matters permitted to be posted are to be displayed are:

Van Meter Public Library

Post Office

City Hall

The Clerk is hereby directed to post promptly such ordinances, notices or other proceedings and to leave them so posted for not less than ten (10) days after the first date of posting. Unauthorized removal of the posted matter prior to the completion of the ten days shall not affect the validity of said ordinance, notice or other proceedings. The Clerk shall note the first date of such posting on the official copy of such notice, proceedings or the ordinance and in the official ordinance book immediately following the ordinance. (Code of Iowa, Sec. 362.3[2])

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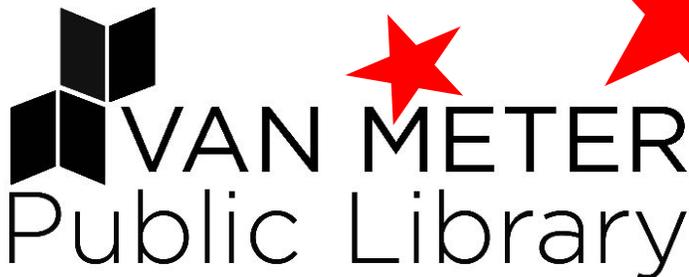
Iowa Code

21.4 Public notice Section 2.

2. a. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph “c”, notice conforming with all of the requirements of subsection 1 shall be given at least twenty-four hours prior to the commencement of any meeting of a governmental body unless for good cause such notice is impossible or impractical, in which case as much notice as is reasonably possible shall be given.

b. When it is necessary to hold a meeting on less than twenty-four hours’ notice, or at a place that is not reasonably accessible to the public, or at a time that is not reasonably convenient to the public, the nature of the good cause justifying that departure from the normal requirements shall be stated in the minutes.

c. If a governmental body is prevented from convening an otherwise properly noticed meeting under the requirements of subsection 1, the governmental body may convene the meeting if the governmental body posts an otherwise properly noticed meeting under the requirements of subsection 1, the governmental body may convene the meeting if the governmental body posts an amended notice of the meeting conforming with all of the requirements of subsection 1.



**505 Grant St;**

**PH: (515) 996-2435;**

**EMAIL: [library@vanmeteria.gov](mailto:library@vanmeteria.gov)**

## Imagine Your Story

It's not too late to participate in the 2020 Summer Library Program: Imagine Your Story! To sign up or turn in reading logs, go to <https://vanmeteria.gov/SummerLibraryProgram.aspx>. Each person who registers will get a free book (yes, adults too!) and the first 50 youth participants (grade 12 or younger in the fall) to turn in three or more reading logs will get coupons for free frozen treats at Casey's! In addition, every reading log turned in earns you an entry to the prize drawing of your choice. To get help registering or get paper reading logs, call the library at 515-996-2435 or email [library@vanmeteria.gov](mailto:library@vanmeteria.gov).



## YOUTH SOCCER & FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for both youth soccer and flag football is now available. Fees (\$55+ for soccer, \$45 for flag football) for both programs won't be charged until we have a specific timeline in place for the season. See details below:

**Youth Soccer** - This includes students who are 4 to 17 years old as of 1/1/2021. Teams will be split up in July with the season hopefully starting in late August. Registration deadline is July 17th.

<https://bit.ly/vmsoccer>

If you are registering a new player for U8 and above, please use the link below to order a uniform

set (Blue and white jersey, shorts, socks). The same link can be used to order a replacement uniform if you need it.

<https://bit.ly/vmsocceruniform>

**Flag Football** - Available for all students going into Kindergarten through 6th grade. Teams will be split up in August with a practice and game schedule hopefully set for September. Registration deadline is July 17th.

<http://bit.ly/vmrec2020>

Please contact Jay Olson, [jolson@vanmeteria.gov](mailto:jolson@vanmeteria.gov) with any questions.

## PLASTIC BAG DRIVE

Van Meter Schools want all the plastic grocery bags that you have been saving! We are holding a plastic bag drive from July 1 to July 17 and will have a drop-off point outside the secondary school entrance marked with excellent signs. The plastic bags will be taken to Plastic Recycle of Iowa Falls that make a number of different products from recycled bags including benches. As Van Meter Schools continue to increase their environmental awareness efforts, we will use the drive as a way to procure benches for the upcoming outdoor classroom and pond restoration area. It can take over 500 years to have one plastic bag decompose, so let us recycle them instead! Please help and spread the word and drop off all those plastic bags that everyone has been saving for years!



515-265-7374

### Recycling Schedule

**JULY 2020**

April 6

April 20



## Respond your way to the 2020 Census.

By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have three options for responding. All of them are easy!



Online



By Phone



By Mail

The 2020 Census marks the first time you will be invited to respond online—even on your mobile device. The online form is available in many different languages. Visit [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020CENSUS.GOV) for more information about responding online.

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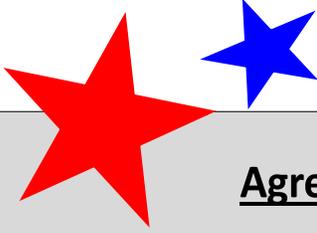
## Census data impacts funding for things like:

- > Education programs and grants
- > Public transportation
- > Medicare and Medicaid
- > Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- > Libraries
- > Community centers
- > School meal programs
- > Parks, playgrounds, and recreational facilities

For more information, visit:  
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# 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.

I (we) hereby authorize the CITY OF VAN METER to provide billing statements electronically via email.

**PREFERRED EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME(s) (print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*You will receive your water bill on or near the first of the month. If you choose autopay, the amount due will be deducted from the above assigned account on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.\*\*\***