

VAN METER NEWS



March 2020

City of Van Meter

FISCAL YEAR 2021



During the February 10, 2020 regular business meeting of the Van Meter City Council, the public hearing for the proposed maximum property tax dollars for Fiscal Year 2021 was held. As a result of this hearing, the Van Meter City Council approved the maximum property tax dollars of \$552,216 for the affected general property tax levies. The next step in the Fiscal Year 2021 budget process is to hold the public hearing on the proposed budget. This hearing will occur on March 9, 2020 during the regular business meeting of the Van Meter City Council. The proposed budget includes a consolidated City tax rate of \$14.65 per thousand dollars of valuation. This constitutes a reduction in our local levy rate of 10 cents. As was seen in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget, this reduction was accomplished by leveraging Local Option Sales Tax revenues to reduce our debt service levy rate. Upon completion of the March 9th public hearing, the City Council will move to adopt and certify the budget, allowing staff to finish the necessary steps to file and certify the budget with the County and State.

City Staff created the Fiscal Year 2021 in a conservative fashion, reducing overall budgeted expenditures. The only significant budgeted expenditure increases result from increased costs associated with employee benefits and health insurance. The City intends to revisit the budget later this year to review potential projects for Fiscal Year 2021. This review will be paired with the completion of the Vision Van Meter 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Capital Improvement Plan.

Elected Officials:

-Allan Adams, Mayor

Council Members—

-Lyn Lyon

Mayor Pro Tem

-Travis Brott

-Adam Coyle

-Joe Herman

-Steve Meyer



City Staff:

Kyle Michel-

City Administrator

Liz Thompson-

City Clerk

David Herman-

Public Works

Pat Alexander-

Public Works

Kathleen Nubel-

Librarian

515-996-2435

Bill Daggett-Police Chief

Michael Brown-Police

Dispatch: 515-993-4567

Chris Power-Fire Chief

515-996-9253

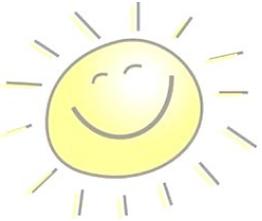


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SPRING INTO THE LIBRARY



Stop by the library on **Saturday, March 14**, to decorate a pot and plant a seed! There will be a variety of flower seeds available to choose from. All ages welcome, no registration necessary.

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 6:30PM
 - ⇒ There will be stories, rhymes, and songs. We will end with a craft!
- **Tween/Teen Time** on Wednesdays at 3:30PM
 - ⇒ 1st week of the month: Craft
 - ⇒ 2nd week of the month: Dallas County 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 6:30PM
 - ⇒ 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 10:30AM
 - ⇒ Just for babies and toddlers with play time, stories, and songs.
- **Movie Matinee** on Fridays at 1:45PM
 - ⇒ Join us for a family-friendly (G or PG rated) movie every Friday.

505 Grant St, Van Meter IA/515-996-2435

City of Van Meter

310 MILL STREET

PO BOX 160

VAN METER IA

50261

Phone: 515-996-2644



"LIKE" City of Van Meter on Facebook!

SPRING FORWARD!!



Sunday, March 8

Daylight Savings

Time Begins—

Set your clocks one

hour ahead!

WASTE CONNECTIONS

515-265-7374

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Recycling Schedule

Monday, March 2

Monday, March 16

Monday, March 30

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).

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

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

**SUMMER FUN AHEAD!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

SAVE
the
DATE

**Van Meter
Raccoon River Days**

**June 5-7, 2020
Details to Follow**



Friday Fish Fry in March

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

5:30—7:30

Veterans Reception Center

910 Main St, VAN METER

Sponsored by:

Sons of the American Legion

FREE WILL DONATIONS





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 15th of each month.*****



Annual Plant Sale



The Park Board is taking orders for vegetables and flowers with proceeds to be used for park board-sponsored activities and projects. All plants are greenhouse quality.

To order, return this form and your payment to either City Hall or to any Park Board member by **Wednesday, April 8.**

A huge selection of extra plants and baskets will be available on sale day.
Plants can be picked up at the City Maintenance Building (just west of Casey's) on

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone # _____ Amount Enclosed _____
 Check _____ Cash _____

Order Form

Items	Unit Price	x	Quantity Ordered	Item Total
Vegetable Bedding Plants - 4 Plants/Pak-- 12 Paks/Flat				
Tomatoes	Beef Master	\$2.00	x	
	Better Boy	\$2.00	x	
	Early Girl	\$2.00	x	
	Celebrity	\$2.00	x	
	Cherry	\$2.00	x	
Peppers	Green Bell	\$2.00	x	
	Sweet Banana	\$2.00	x	
	Habenaro	\$2.00	x	
	Hot Jalapeno	\$2.00	x	
Floral Bedding Plants - 4 Plants/Pak -- 12 Paks/Flat				
Ageratum	Blue	\$2.00	x	
Alyssum	White	\$2.00	x	
	Purple	\$2.00	x	
Begonia	Red	\$2.00	x	
	White	\$2.00	x	
	Pink	\$2.00	x	
	Mixed	\$2.00	x	
Dwarf Marigolds	Yellow	\$2.00	x	
	Orange	\$2.00	x	
	Tu-Tone	\$2.00	x	
Dusty Miller	White	\$2.00	x	
Impatiens	Red	\$2.00	x	
	White	\$2.00	x	
	Pink	\$2.00	x	
	Mixed	\$2.00	x	
Pansy	Mixed	\$2.00	x	
Petunias	Red	\$2.00	x	
	White	\$2.00	x	
	Blue	\$2.00	x	
	Pink	\$2.00	x	
Vinca	Grape	\$2.00	x	
	Mixed	\$2.00	x	
	Rose	\$2.00	x	
	Red	\$2.00	x	
Snap Dragons	Mixed	\$2.00	x	
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Items		Unit Price	x	Quantity Ordered	Item Total
Potted Plants					
Geraniums 4 1/2" Pots	Red	\$3.25	x		
	White	\$3.25	x		
	Pink	\$3.25	x		
	Salmon	\$3.25	x		
	Violet	\$3.25	x		
Hybrid Impatiens 4 1/2" Pots	Pink	\$3.25	x		
	Red	\$3.25	x		
	White	\$3.25	x		
	Orchid	\$3.25	x		
	Orange	\$3.25	x		
Hostas, 6" Pot	Assorted Varieties	\$5.75	x		
Grass	Purple Plume	\$5.75	x		
Garden Mums	Assorted Colors	\$2.50	x		
Accent Plants	Vinca Vine	\$1.75	x		
	Spike	\$1.75	x		
	Bacopa - 4 1/2" Pot	\$3.50	x		
Sweet Potato Vine	Green - 4 1/2" Pot	\$3.50	x		
	Purple - 4 1/2" Pot	\$3.50	x		
	Hanging Baskets				
Fuchsia		\$20.00	x		
Boston Fern		\$20.00	x		
Asparagus Sprengeri Fern		\$20.00	x		
Ivy Geraniums	Red	\$20.00	x		
	White	\$20.00	x		
	Pink	\$20.00	x		
	Purple	\$20.00	x		
Spring Combo Basket	Assorted Colors	\$20.00	x		
Hybrid Impatiens	Orchid	\$20.00	x		
	Red	\$20.00	x		
	White	\$20.00	x		
	Pink	\$20.00	x		
Strawflower	Yellow	\$20.00	x		
Mini Petunia	Pink	\$20.00	x		
	Red	\$20.00	x		
	White	\$20.00	x		
	Dark blue	\$20.00	x		
	Mixed - Purple & Pink	\$20.00	x		
	Mixed - Red & Yellow	\$20.00	x		
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				ORDER TOTAL	\$

Pre-Orders due April 8.
Make checks payable to the

Thank You!!
Van Meter Park and Recreation Board
 Board Members: Cari Rose, Lacy Jennings, Monica Reicks,
 Lisa Benton, Janice Miller, Christine O'Hern
 Recreation Director: Jay Olson
 2020



T-SHIRT CONTEST

A cool town deserves a cool t-shirt. One that says: WOW.. Where did you get that shirt? I want one. Or, where is this place? I want to go there. Or, I wish I lived there...

The Van Meter Community Betterment Committee and City of Van Meter are looking for a one-of-a-kind t-shirt for our city.

Winning Design will receive \$100.

The contest is open to all citizens living within the Van Meter city limits and all families residing within or attending the Van Meter School District. All Ages are welcome! And you are welcome to submit more than one idea. Judging criteria includes the following:

- Use of City of Van Meter logo, Positive traits that portray our city (bridge into town , river, river recreational activities, friendly people, good schools, small town).



Deadline: April 7
Entry Form Link.