

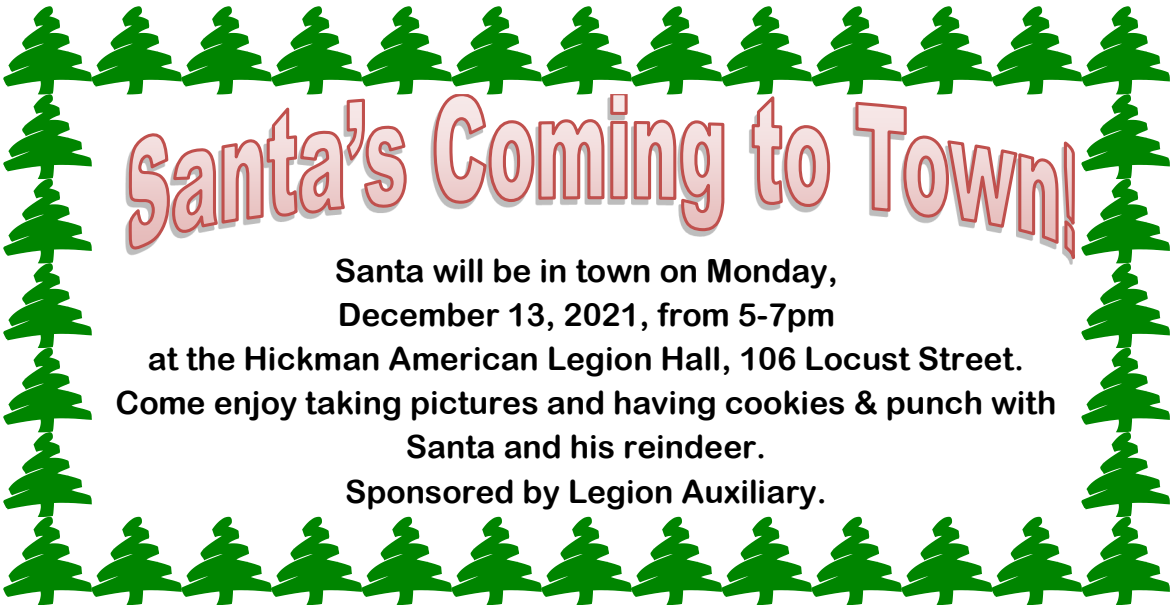


City Newsletter: December 2021



Happy Holidays!

The Mayor, City Council and employees of the City of Hickman join together to extend a Merry Christmas, Holiday Greetings and Best Wishes to the citizens of Hickman and the surrounding area!



Santa will be in town on Monday,
December 13, 2021, from 5-7pm
at the Hickman American Legion Hall, 106 Locust Street.
Come enjoy taking pictures and having cookies & punch with
Santa and his reindeer.
Sponsored by Legion Auxiliary.

Doug Hanson
Mayor

City Council Members
Phil Goering
Walt Nelson
Steve Noren
Chad Parker
Doug Wagner
Justina Ziemann

Kelly Oelke
City Administrator/Clerk

Jaala Johnson
Deputy City Clerk

Bob Lovorn
Public Works & Facilities
Director

Trent Georgiana
Parks & Recreation Director

Heidi Hoglund
Zoning & Codes Director

Rachel Henn
Utility Clerk

Brian Reese
Activities/Community
Center Coordinator

Luke Mattson
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Jeff Merchant
Public Works Maintenance I

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Public Works Maintenance I

Isaak Wagner
Public Works Maintenance I

Jason Brownell
Lancaster County Deputy
Sheriff

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Police & Fire Dispatch
Center - 402.441.6000

**WATER-SEWER-
ELECTRICAL
EMERGENCY AFTER
HOURS:**
402.792.2212

City Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
24 Hour Drop Box

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115 Locust Street
P.O. Box 127
Hickman, NE 68372
402.792.2212
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HOLIDAY HOURS

Hickman City Hall will be closed
for Christmas
Friday, December 24, 2021
& New Years
Friday, December 31, 2021



Be on the look out!
Baseball Registration
opens
January 1, 2022.



CITY OF HICKMAN MUNICIPAL UTILITY RATES

The City of Hickman has completed a Cost of Service Study for utility services of the electric, water and sewer departments. The City contracts with Nebraska Municipal Power Pool (NMPP Energy) to study the utility departments' debt and operation expenses so appropriate rates are being charged to the customers for utility services. The results of the study led to a recommendation of an increase to utility rates and infrastructure fees by NMPP Energy. NMPP Energy presented the results of the Cost of Service Study at the October 26, 2021 public city meeting.

Mayor Hanson and City Council Members discussed and debated the recommendation of rate increases in depth at their public meetings in October and November. Municipal utility rates were last increased in 2013 and 2014 and their recent discussions resulted in the passing of several ordinances to increase and modify utility rate settings for the electric, water and sewer departments.

Increases will be reflected on the City's utility customers monthly bills mailed December 31, 2021 and infrastructure fees for new developments and building permits issued after December 8, 2021.

Copies of municipal ordinances in their entirety are available at City Hall upon request. To emphasize, it has been over eight years since the City adjusted utility rates.

Summary of Changes to Residential Customers:

Electric Rate Customer Charge increase from \$12.00 to \$15.00

Water Rate Customer Charge increase from \$19.00 to \$23.10

Sewer Rate Customer Charge increase from

\$36.75 plus \$2.98 per metered water use during base period to

\$40.60 plus \$3.50 per metered water use during base period

When a customer's first or final bill is less than 30 days in length, the applicable monthly minimum charge above, on that customer's first or final bill, shall be prorated based on the number of days service is provided divided by 30 days.

Snow Removal and Fire Hydrant Accessibility

Residential sidewalk maintenance is the responsibility of the property owner. Snow is to be removed within 24 hours after the cessation of a snow storm. Please be courteous to your neighbors by not blowing or throwing snow onto other citizen's property, sidewalks, driveways or in the city streets. You can assist the Hickman Volunteer Fire Department by removing the snow around Fire Hydrants in your neighborhood. By locating and exposing Fire Hydrants, the Fire Department can save valuable time in an emergency situation.

The City Public Works Department will plow city streets and trails when there is an accumulation of three or more inches of snow. Please move your vehicles off of the city streets within 48 hours of any winter storm to assist the Public Works crews with continuous snow removal. Plowing schedule in order of Priority: Chestnut Street (68th Street), Hickman Road (7th Street), Commercial Business Districts, Residential Streets, Residential Alleys, City Owned Trails.