



City Newsletter: December 2022

Happy Holidays!

The Mayor, City Council and City Staff of the City of Hickman join together to extend a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the citizens of Hickman and the surrounding area!



Please join us to congratulate City of Hickman re-elected Council Members **Doug Wagner and **Chad Parker**, newly elected Council Member **Travis Borchardt** and Mayor **Phil Goering**!**

We will be honoring the retirement of former Mayor Doug Hanson (20+ years) & Public Works Director Bobby Lovorn (40+ years) for their outstanding dedication and service to our City!

All elected officials will be taking their Oath of Office and retirees will be recognized at the City Council Meeting beginning at 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at City Hall. There will be a reception following the adjournment of the meeting.

CITY PROJECT UPDATES!

as our city grows, so does the need to improve the infrastructure of municipal services

ROUNDAABOUT & PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS: We're all hoping to "open" an early Christmas gift soon! Traffic safety items that must be completed before opening the intersection include backfilling, retaining wall handrail, street striping, and traffic signage. Please take care when traveling through the new roundabout. Road salt cannot be used on the new concrete during winter weather in the first year. Roundabout safety tips will be posted at the City's website and Facebook page close to the opening of the intersection.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT: The city is currently negotiating equipment pricing for the installation of a new vessel at the water treatment plant. The addition of a vessel is a less expensive alternative to a new water tower. The new vessel will double the current storage capacity of treated water that is distributed into Hickman. The city has a plentiful source of water; the plant is being expanded to keep up with the demand.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: Did you notice that odor last month while driving on Hickman Road west of the railroad tracks? The city drained the oxidation ditch to perform maintenance on the bubble air diffusers and removed approximately TEN TONS of debris to help the plant operate more efficiently. It took about three days to refill it with your wastewater—525,000 gallons! The population of Hickman triggers regulations to increase the capacity and treatment process of the plant. New headworks equipment, building, additional final clarifier and electrical equipment for the operation will also be added in the coming months.

WHAT IS IN THE DEBRIS? THINGS YOU SHOULDN'T BE FLUSHING DOWN THE TOILET!

Even things that are labeled "flushable" can cause problems in the sewer system.

Please put them in the trash instead!

<i>paper towels</i>	<i>feminine hygiene products</i>	<i>facial tissues</i>	<i>latex gloves</i>
<i>wipes (even "flushable" ones)</i>	<i>diapers</i>	<i>dental floss</i>	<i>hypodermic needles</i>
<i>cloth or paper rags</i>	<i>kitty litter</i>	<i>grease</i>	<i>sewage from septic tanks</i>
<i>plastic items</i>	<i>cigarette Butts</i>	<i>gas/oil/solvents</i>	<i>pesticides/herbicides</i>
<i>condoms</i>	<i>toys</i>	<i>anti-freeze</i>	<i>paints</i>

Mayor Doug Hanson

City Council Members

Phil Goering
Steve Noren
Chad Parker
Doug Wagner
Justina Ziemann
John Meese Jr.

Kelly Oelke

City Administrator

Jaala Johnson

City Clerk

Cyndee Golden

Finance Director/Treasurer

Wade Luther

Public Works & Facilities
Director

Trent Georgiana

Parks & Recreation Director

Heidi Hoglund

Zoning & Codes Director

Rachel Henn

Utility Billing Clerk

Brian Reese

Activities/Community
Center Coordinator

Karissa Draper

Office, Boards &
Commissions Assistant

Luke Mattson

Public Works Maint. II

Chris Wallman

Public Works Maint. II

Jeff Merchant

Public Works Maint. I

Brad Nelson

Public Works Maint. I

Deputy Blake Pair

Lancaster County
Sheriff's Office

EMERGENCIES - 911

Police & Fire Dispatch
Center - 402.441.6000

City Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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402.792.2212

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**UTILITY RATE CHANGES EFFECTIVE WITH
DECEMBER 31, 2022 BILLING STATEMENT**

On November 8, 2022, City Council approved utility rate changes for all utility customers of the City of Hickman. In general, minimum charges* per month were increased but not the usage rates. Below is a summary of changes; full ordinances of passage are available at City Hall.
*minimum charges are prorated on the number of days of service

Electric Customer Service Charge per Month:	
Residential	\$16.75
Commercial	\$18.50
Industrial	\$45.00
Water Minimum Charge per Month:	
Residential	\$27.60
Commercial	\$37.20
Tank Truck	\$48.00
Multi-Family (based on meter size)	
2 inch or less	\$27.60
3 inch	\$54.50
4 inch	\$79.50
6 inch	\$254.50
Sewer Base Rate per Month:	
Residential	\$47.90
Commercial	\$66.90
Multi-Family (based on meter size)	
<2 inch	\$47.90
3 inch	\$72.30
4 inch	\$92.30
6 inch	\$267.30
Lift Station/Pumping Rates (Metered Discharge)	
\$4.25 per 1,000 gallons	

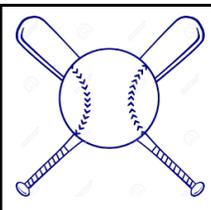


Santa's Coming to Town!

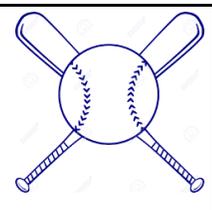
Santa will be in town on Monday, December 12th from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Hickman American Legion Hall, 106 Locust Street. Come enjoy taking pictures and having cookies & punch with Santa.



HOLIDAY HOURS
Hickman City Hall will be closed for Christmas Monday, December 26, 2022 and for New Years Day Monday, January 2, 2023



**2023 Registration for
Hickman Baseball & Softball**



Baseball and Softball registration will be **online only**.
Registration opens January 1, 2023.

Online registration is available at www.hickman.ne.gov under the Parks & Recreation tab. A uniform fitting day will be determined for late February at the Hickman Community Center.

For more information contact the Activities Coordinator, Brian Reese, at 402-792-2212 or email activities@hickman.ne.gov



OPEN GYM HOLIDAY HOURS AT CITY HALL

THE GYMNASIUM WILL BE OPEN TO AREA YOUTH DURING NORRIS SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAK



(Individuals over the age of 16, or supervised by an adult.) Please call to check for availability.

City Council Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7PM at City Hall. These meetings are open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend. Agendas are posted the Friday prior to the meeting at City Hall, Hickman Post Office, U-Stop and City Website.