



# Spring Issue

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### National Flood Insurance Program

Wahpeton currently does not participate in FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program so residents are still unable to purchase flood insurance backed by the Federal government.

According to FEMA, preliminary maps will be finalized on Sept. 22, 2021, and go into effect on March 22, 2022. These are just estimates, so the dates could change. Once the maps are finalized, the council plans to join.

When the city is officially enrolled, flood insurance through the NFIP can be purchased. Flood insurance premiums are dependent upon many factors, one being location. Higher rates will reflect higher risks of flooding. Premiums also consider the principal balance of the loan/mortgage; replacement value; and maximum coverage available under the NFIP of \$250,000.

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For agendas, minutes, public hearing notices, or zoning ordinances and other up-to-date news items.

As a reminder per Chapter 165.02.98 of the Wahpeton Code of Ordinances, residential homes in Wahpeton cannot be rented or leased for any period less than one month. To do so is a municipal infraction punishable by civil penalties, per Chapter 165.16.

**DickinsonAlert** is an Emergency Notification System that serves Dickinson County, Iowa. It will allow citizens to sign up for the types of alerts they would like to receive. Messages can be issued via landline or cell phone, text messaging and e-mail. Types of alerts you can sign up for include:

- Emergency Alerts from Public Safety Agencies in Dickinson County
- Optional Alerts
  - Weather Alerts (Watches & Warnings)
  - Community Alerts from all 10 cities in Dickinson County (select the city or cities you want—these messages are typically non-emergency messages such as notices for snow emergencies, changes in garbage pickup, road closures, water leaks, and so forth)
  - Special needs information
  - Alerts from the School Districts
  - Dickinson County Trails (text DCTRAILS to 69310)

**IMPORTANT:** Save the following items in your contact list as "DickinsonAlert" so you will know when we're calling, texting, or e-mailing you:

- 712-555-5555 for phone calls
- 69310 for text messages
- [noreply@dcem.us](mailto:noreply@dcem.us) for e-mail messages



### A New Face in the Village

On March 8th, the Wahpeton City Council met to officially hire James Mammen as the new Water Operator/Public Works Superintendent for the City of Wahpeton. James, his wife, Carshena and their 2 boys, Keagen (12), and Bennett (5) live in Spencer. James was born in the Mallard, Iowa area and enjoys biking, fishing, gardening and spending time with his family.

James has his Grade III water treatment license and Grade II distribution license and will be the operator in charge of the water plant. I hope you take a minute to introduce yourself and get to know James. He will be busy working around the city and is anxious to meet residents and answer any water questions or issues you may experience.

### Council Clips:

*Minutes are published in the Dickinson County News, Posted at City Hall and Kazarelli's Restaurant. Complete copies are available from City Hall or on our website at:*

[www.wahpetonia.govoffice.com](http://www.wahpetonia.govoffice.com)

**Jan. 11, 2021—Regular Session:**

- ISG will do a water plant study to determine what can be done to update or renovate the current plant to increase system capacity.
- Council continued discussion on the dock ordinance.
- Council approved Resolution 21-4 Allocating \$10,000 of Hotel/Motel Tax receipts for Park Improvements.

**Jan. 21, 2021—Special Session:**

- Council approved Resolution 21-9—changing the date to take bids for the 2021 Edgewood/Lakeside Project.

**Feb. 8, 2021—Regular Session:**

- Council continued discussion on the dock ordinance.
- Approved Resolution 20-21 setting dock fees to \$100 and hoist fees to \$300.
- Council approved an agreement for Milford Municipal Utilities to help with water operations if needed.
- Held a public hearing and approved the Proposed Plans, Specification, form of Contract and Estimate of Cost for the Lakeside/Edgewood Project.
- Public Hearing to amend the FY20-21 Budget.
- Public Hearing to consider the maximum tax dollars from certain levies for proposed FY21-22 Budget.

**March 8, 2021—Regular Session:**

- Public Hearing to approve the Budget for FY 21-22.
- Council reviewed and approved the City's General/Property Policy.
- Council approved the Personnel committee's decision to hire James Mammen to fill the Supt. of Public Works position.
- Approved 3 yr. contracts for garbage and recycling with Town & Country
- Council awarded the contract for the Lakeside/Edgewood Dr. project to Hulstein Excavating.

Council approved purchase of a 2021 JD 5075E Utility Tractor and Loader.

### Edgewood Drive—Lakeside Ave. Project

Spring construction season is upon us! Hulstein Excavating Inc. of Edgerton, Minnesota has been awarded the construction contract for the Wahpeton Edgewood Drive/Lakeside Ave. Water Main Replacement Project.

Due to age and deterioration of the existing 6 inch water main along Edgewood Drive and Lakeside Avenue, this water main will be replaced with new 10 inch water main. On Edgewood Drive the construction will extend from Hwy 86 to the intersection of Burr Oak Road and Harpen St. where it will connect to the 10 inch main put in last year on Harpen St. Road. totaling approximately 3,378 ft. of water main and street. Dickinson County Trails will also be constructing trails along the north side of Edgewood Drive.

Once Edgewood Drive is completed, the Lakeside Ave. construction will begin most likely by mid July. There, approximately 3,331 ft. of 10" water main will be installed from Hwy 86 to Harpen St. and new sewer lines and street will be replaced from West Street to Harpen St. The increase in size of the water main will aid in water pressure, quality and ensure adequate capacity for future growth.

Along with the new water mains, water service lines to each residence will be constructed from the main to the property line.

A preconstruction meeting will be held soon with contractors, utility providers, Beck Engineering staff and city representatives in attendance. At the meeting the overall construction schedule will be discussed.

During construction, efforts will be made to keep traffic open, however there will be times when it is necessary to temporarily close the road. Also, during construction there will be temporary water service disruptions while the contractor switches service from the old main to the new. Notices will be given to affected residents prior to these disruptions and the contractor will work diligently to get service back in place as quickly as possible.

There will be minor driveway removals within city right-of-way necessary to complete construction. The contractor will provide access to homes virtually at all times to ensure disruptions are kept to a minimum, and all disturbed driveways will be replaced as found and according to current standards. Also as

part of the project, all earthen areas disturbed by construction will be back-filled and reseeded by the contractor.

The City Council would like to thank the community for your patience and cooperation throughout the duration of this project and look forward to the improvements this project will bring the City!

**Council Finalizes 21/22 City Budget**

The Wahpeton City Council approved the 2021/22 city budget at their March 8th meeting. They continue to strive to keep the tax levy to one of the lowest in the state of Iowa. The general tax levy will be 3.22% and the debt service levy will be 1.47% for a total tax levy of 4.69%. It was a slight increase because of the debt service expenditures which pay the loans for the new water tower, the water mains and street replacements on Harpen St., Lakeside Ave. and Edgewood Drive.

### Reminders:

**Beginning May 1st** garbage pickup will be on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

**With Spring here**—a reminder to check with city hall and get a building permit. Whether it be for a building, deck, landscaping, fence, driveway or whatever. Failure to do the proper paperwork before you begin can cause delays and even the removal of what you have already completed! Please take the time to review the city's zoning ordinances at [www.wahpetonia.govoffice.com](http://www.wahpetonia.govoffice.com) to see if your project requires a permit or call city hall at 712-337-3522.

### City of Wahpeton

Mon – Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
City Clerk/Administrator: Bonnie Tielbur  
Supt. of Public Works: James Mammen  
Zoning & Maintenance: Jess Radcliffe  
Council: 2nd Mon. of the month at 5:00 p.m.  
Mayor: Phillip Johnson  
Council: Brad Jones, Tom Rierson, Harold Prior, LeAnn Blau and Holly Mead  
Board of Adjustment:  
3rd Tues. of the month at 5:00 p.m.  
Chairman: Dick Gauck Members: Roger Mauw, Doug Westerman, Bob Koerselman & Larry Den Herder.  
Planning & Zoning Commission:  
2nd Tues. of the month at 6:00 p.m.  
Chairman: Donna Harris Members: Fran Parrish, Mark Foss, Ann Meyer and Jack Jones