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**NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES**

**APRIL, 2016**

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DATE:**



**MEMORIAL DAY** Monday May 30, 2016

Remember, NO trash will be picked up on the day City Hall will be closed. For those whose normal trash day is Monday - there will be a **CURBSIDE ONLY** pickup on Wednesday, June 1, 2016.

**ANNUAL THREE MONTH AVERAGE WATER USAGE AND HOW IT AFFECTS YOUR NEXT MONTH'S SEWER BILL (MAY 2016)**



It's that time of year again!!! Your sewer rates will be re-calculated using a report of water usage we receive from the Oklahoma City Water Department. Every year the Oklahoma City Water Department forwards to the City of Warr Acres a three (3) month average

consumption of water usage for each residential property for the winter months of December, January and February. These three months are used because they are the months with the least amount of water being used during the year. The City of Warr Acres then takes this three (3) month winter average and figures the next year's sewer rates. This means that your sewer bill from May 2016 to April 2017 could have an increase, decrease, or your rate could remain the same depending on how much water consumption you had during December 2015, January and February 2016. These new rates will be reflected on your May 2016 bill, which will be sent out around the 20th of May.

If your May 2016 bill reflects a substantial increase, it may be because you had a water leak, a toilet or faucet that continually ran during those three (3) winter months. If you had a plumber repair one of these problems during these months, then you can bring in the plumbing repair bill to Warr Acres City Hall. Our utility billing clerk can recalculate your average water usage for a lower sewer rate. But you **MUST** have a plumbing repair invoice indicating the problem occurred during the months stated above in order for your sewer rate to be recalculated.

*Thank you!*

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR MIKE TURMAN AND HIS CREW**

Mike Turman and his crew did an outstanding job with the tree debris removal from the Thanksgiving 2015 winter storm. They worked many long hours in the very cold weather. As a result, Warr Acres was the first in the metro area to finish with the removal of the massive tree debris. The removal was completed within 45 days.

**Helpful Phone Numbers**

City Hall	789-2892
Fax	787-5432
Police Department	789-3329
Fire Department	789-5912
Animal Control	789-9025
Municipal Court	495-3032
Inspections & Permits	789-2892
Sanitation Department	491-6474
Streets & Parks	787-1404
Sewer Department	491-6478
Community Center	789-9892
Putnam City Schools	495-5200

**City Council Members**

**Mayor**

Patrick Woolley 409-4944

**Ward 1**

Bo Broadwater  
517-0289

**Ward 3**

Jimmy Bullen  
412-2318

James Mickley  
760-0401

John Knipp  
789-4690

**Ward 2**

Stephen Fuhrman  
537-5415

**Ward 4**

Glen Lipinski  
789-8640

Blayne Allsup  
202-1584

Donnie Ryan  
831-6483

**Storm Safety**

**HAVE A SAFETY PLAN:**

- Have a safety plan for wherever you might be when a tornado strikes – School, work, church, home, shopping, etc.
- Think through your plan in advance, since there may not be much time to act.
- Practice your plan and be sure all family members know what to do.
- City offices are **LOCKED** during a **tornado** warning.

**Recycling**

Recycling dumpsters are available at Dorothy Cavener Park, in the area of NW 52nd and Hammond Avenue on the first Saturday(9-3) and Sunday (1-3) of each month. Recycling includes plastic, glass, aluminum and tin cans. Closed during inclement weather. Warr Acres Recycle Committee 720-2949.

Dear Warr Acres Citizens: At a June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Special Election, the City is asking for your consideration on 4 (four) proposed Charter Changes. Last year the Legislature passed new laws regarding how and when City elections are held. Our Charter now conflicts with State Law. The proposed changes would bring the Charter in line with the new laws. If the changes are not adopted, the City will not be able to utilize the County Election Board to hold our elections. The City would be forced to hold our own elections at a higher cost – additional personnel to man the polling places, the cost of printing special ballots just for Warr Acres, and the time and expense of processing the results. The following is a condensed version. Some wording has been marked through intentionally to denote changes. To view a full version, visit [www.warracres-ok.gov](http://www.warracres-ok.gov) or request a copy from City Hall.

## **EXHIBIT NO. 1**

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WARR ACRES, OKLAHOMA. ARTICLE 7. ELECTIONS**

#### **Mayor And Councilmen Elected For Two-Year Terms; When Terms Begin:**

Section 7-1. At the elections in every odd-numbered year, a mayor shall be elected at large, and a councilman shall be elected from and by each ward of the city. At the elections in every even-numbered year, a councilman shall be elected from and by each ward of the city. The mayor and all councilmen shall serve for terms of two years.

The terms of office of the mayor and councilmen to begin at ~~7:00~~ 6:00 o'clock p.m. on the first Tuesday following certification of their election. If the mayor-elect or a councilman-elect fails to qualify within one month thereafter, his office shall become vacant; and the council shall fill the vacancy.

#### **Primary Election; Filing:**

Section 7-3. Any qualified person may have his name placed on the ballot for the primary election as a candidate for mayor or councilman from the ward in which he resides by filing, ~~not more than one month and at least two weeks prior to the primary election with the city clerk, a sworn statement of his candidacy.~~ with the County Election Board, during a three (3) day candidate filing period beginning not more than twenty (20) days from the date the resolution calling the election is required by law to be filed with the County Election Board. The filing dates shall be established by the Council and set forth in the resolution calling for the election. A sworn statement of his candidacy shall also be filed with the city clerk.

#### **Primary Election; Time, Etc.:**

Section 7-4. Unless otherwise provided by ordinance, a primary election shall be held on the ~~first Tuesday in March~~ second Tuesday in February of every odd-numbered year to nominate candidates for mayor and councilmen to succeed those whose terms are expiring. A primary election shall be held on the ~~first Tuesday in March~~ second Tuesday in February of every even-numbered year to nominate candidates for councilmen to succeed those whose terms are expiring. If only one person is a candidate for an office to be filled, he shall be not only nominated, but also elected ipso facto; and his name shall not appear on the primary or general election ballot. Every qualified elector of the city shall be entitled to vote for one candidate for mayor, and every qualified elector of a ward shall be entitled to vote for one candidate for councilman from his ward.

### **ARTICLE 2. MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

#### **Mayor And Council; Vacancies:**

Section 2-9. The council, by vote of a majority of all its members, shall fill a vacancy in the office of mayor and other vacancies in its own membership for the unexpired terms or until successors are elected and take office as provided in this section. If a vacancy occurs before the beginning of a regular filing period for candidates for councilmen, ~~and the unexpired term extends beyond 7:30 o'clock P.M. on the next first Monday in May,~~ then a mayor or councilman for that place shall be elected at the elections of that year to serve the rest of the unexpired term. ~~beginning at 7:30 p.m. on said first Monday in May.~~