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To All Residents:

The City of Griswold will be sending out a Newsletter at least twice a year. We want to keep the public informed of things we are working on. We realize some residents don't receive the paper and some aren't on social media. The newsletters will have ordinance reminders, projects we are working on and other pertinent information.

REMINDERS:

- With the weather changing rapidly, we would like to remind residents not to put their leaves in the street, it clogs our storm sewers and also no burning of leaves, you can take them to the compost area at the lagoons.
- With winter approaching quickly, we would also like to remind all residents of our ordinance regarding snow/ice on sidewalks. The City of Griswold would like to ask for your cooperation in following our City Ordinance regarding snow removal on public sidewalks. Ordinance 6-7-3 Cleaning Snow, Ice and Accumulations regulates that it shall be the duty of the property owner to keep sidewalks abutting the owner's property clear of natural accumulations of snow or ice within twenty-four (24) hours after the deposit of accumulation. Please be advised if a sidewalk has not been cleared within the designated time frame, the City has the right to remove it and certify the costs to the County Treasurer for collection against property taxes, as provided in Section 364.12 of the Code of Iowa.
- **PARKING DURING SNOW EMERGENCY:** No person shall park, abandon, or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned off-street parking area during any snow emergency proclaimed by the mayor unless the snow has been removed or plowed from said street, alley or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall. A snow emergency parking ban shall continue from its proclamation through the duration of the snow or ice storm and the forty-eight-hour period after cessation of the storm except as above provided upon streets which have been fully opened.
- If you have any junk vehicles, you would like to get rid of please call city hall and we can provide you with phone numbers for help.

NUISANCES:

We have been quite busy over the last 11 months. We have addressed 34 nuisance properties, 5 Junk Vehicle issues, 2 letters for barking dogs and 2 mowing letters. We sent out 42 tree trimming letters with all but 8 being taken care of. The 8 received a second letter. We would encourage residents to take care of their properties and to be mindful of their neighbors.

PROJECTS:

We have a couple projects on the horizon. The infrastructure for the new housing development has been bid out and some of it may start this fall with the majority beginning in the spring. The Storm Sewer Project for the city will go out for bid late November of this year with a Spring start. We will have more updates as they are available.

Other projects in the future are a splash pad and updating the Cocklin Fish Farm. There will be more information on these as we move along. Also, future projects won't begin until all funds are in place. The City feels that by adding the housing development, the Lakin Foundation Child Development Center of Griswold, splash pad, storm sewer project and updating the Fish Farm that this will help bring families to our community, which will help us not just build our community but our school system as well. We would also like to work on our water infrastructure as well and our downtown area. Bringing in new businesses is a goal. This is a hard goal to obtain, but one we can achieve if we all put our heads together. If at any time anyone has ideas about new businesses, please share them.

ORDINANCES:

We are in the process of looking over the Tree Ordinance and rewriting parts of it. We do not want to make it hard for people to plant trees, we want to make sure that they are planted out of the way of critical infrastructure.

No Parking signs are being installed. Once they are in place the ordinance will be enforced.

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT):

This coming spring IDOT will be in town replacing existing sidewalks on HWY 92 & 48. They are hoping to have this project complete by the end of August 2024.

Griswold is going to be going through several changes in the next year. We ask that you be patient with all construction and mindful of work zones. Everything takes time. When there is construction that means progress is happening!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call city hall.

Have a great day!

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