Welcome To JEFFERS

City of Jeffers
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CITY HALL HOURS

Tuesdays & Thursdays
10 a.m to 3 p.m.

2nd & 4th Mondays
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

- September 28
- October 12
- October 26
- November 9
- November 23
- December 14

LEAF BURNING

October 1st
through
December 1st

NO BURNING IF BURNING BAN IN PLACE FOR COUNTY

WATER RATES INCREASE

The Jeffers City Council has set the new rate for water at $17.00 per 2,000 gallons. The base rate for sewer will remain the same at $34.50 per month. The garbage drive by fee remains the same at $4.55 per month.

TREE BRANCHES OVERHANGING THE STREETS

Any tree branches that overhang the street need to be trimmed to 19 feet above the street. This will prevent windows and lights on the grader and snowplow from breaking. Please check the trees on your property. If you are unable to trim the branches by yourself, please contact the city and it will be done for you at the owners expense.

ORDINANCE 65A

SECTION 4 – ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCES.

The following is hereby declared as the process to be used in the abatement of nuisances. As used throughout this Ordinance 65A, "Nuisance" shall be defined as public nuisances affecting morals and decencies, as codified at Section 1, public nuisances affecting health as codified at Section 2, public nuisances affect ing peace and safety as codified at Section 3, and abandoned, inoperable unlicensed or junk vehicles as codified at Ordinance No. 65, Section II.

401.1 Report of Nuisance:

Whenever the City Council receives a signed written Complaint form which alleges that a Nuisance exists, a member of the City Council shall conduct an inspection of the real estate where the Nuisance is alleged to exist.

If the official determines that a Nuisance exists, the City Council shall notify the owner of the real estate in writing that a Nuisance exists and order that the Nuisance be abated. The notice shall also specify the time the owner has to either abate the Nuisance or request a hearing before the Jeffers City Council.

401.2 Property Owner's Response:

If the owner of the real estate where the Nuisance exist fails to either abate the Nuisance or request a hearing within the time specified in the notice, the City of Jeffers at City's sole and exclusive discretion may or may not abate the Nuisance. The City shall have the right to recover all costs, including administrative costs, to abate the Nuisance in the manner provided at Section 501.4.

If the owner requests a hearing, the request must be in writing and made within the time specified in the notice received from the City Council.

Upon receipt of a timely written request for a hearing, the City Council shall notify the owner in writing of the time, date, and place of the hearing. The owner may appear in person at the hearing and/or present a written statement in time for consideration at the hearing.

If the City Council determines that a Nuisance exists, the Council shall inform the owner in writing of the amount of time the owner has to abate the Nuisance. If the owner fails to abate the Nuisance within said time, the City may abate the Nuisance. The City shall have the right to recover all costs, including administrative costs, to abate the Nuisance in the manner provided at Section 501.4.

401.3 Recovery of Costs:

a. Personal Liability: The owner of the real estate where a Nuisance has been abated by the City shall be personally liable for all costs the City incurred to abate the Nuisance, including administrative costs. As soon as the work has been completed and the costs determined, the City shall prepare an invoice for the costs and mail it to the owner. Thereupon the amount shall immediately be due and payable at the office of the City Clerk.

b. Assessment: If the owner of the real estate fails to pay the costs of the abatement and/or the administrative costs then after notice and hearing as provided by Minnesota Statute Section 429.061, the City Administrator shall on or before December 31 next following abatement of the Nuisance, list the total unpaid charges to abate the Nuisance, including administrative costs, against each separate lot or parcel to which the charges are attributable. The special assessments levied under this ordinance shall be payable installment(s) as the City Council may determine.

401.4 Immediate Abatement:

Nothing in this Chapter shall prevent the City, without notice or other process, from immediately abating any condition that poses an imminent and serious hazard to human life or safety.

If the City abates a Nuisance that posed an imminent and serious hazard to human life or safety the City shall have the right to recover all costs, including administrative costs, to abate the Nuisance in the manner provided at Section 501.4.

a. Notice:

For the purpose of giving written or mailed notice under this Section 501.5, the Notice shall be mailed by first class United States Mail to the owner of the real estate where the Nuisance is alleged to exist. "Owner" shall be those individual(s) shown to be such on the records of the County Auditor/Treasurer of Cottonwood County, Minnesota, but other appropriate records may be used for this purpose.

The Notice shall be mailed to the address of the owner as it appears on the records located at the Cottonwood County, Minnesota Auditor/Treasurer's Office unless the City is reasonably aware of a different address of the owner, in which case the Notice shall be sent to the known address of the owner.

If the address of the owner is not on file at the Cottonwood County, Minnesota Auditor/Treasurer's Office, and is unknown, service on said owner may be accomplished by posting a copy of the notice on the premises.

SECTION 4A – VIOLATION A MISDEMEANOR:

Any violation of Chapter 65A which is not corrected, as set forth herein, shall be considered a misdemeanor.

SECTION 5 – EFFECTIVE DATE.

Passed by the City Council of City of Jeffers this 13th day of July, 2015.