



June/July 2011

THE CITY OF ALBURNETT IS UNDERTAKING THESE PROJECTS THIS SUMMER

Water Tower Painting

The present 100,000 gallon water tower was built in 1991. The tower is being repainted to maintain the structure and improve its appearance. The City council conducted a public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for painting the water tower. Bids were requested for the following work:

1. Clean, spot prime and overcoat exterior surface
2. Sandblast and apply specified system to interior wetted surface
3. Temporary fencing to contain the project site
4. Tank sterilization, clean up, restoration associated with the project

The engineer estimate was a base bid of \$58,500.00 and interior non-wetted surface painting \$29,500.00. The contract was awarded to K & W Coatings, LLC with a base bid of \$37,275.00 and interior non-wetted painting for \$20,650.00. Work should begin in mid July.

Alburnett Sanitary Sewer Collection System Rehabilitation

This project is intended to reduce infiltration of ground water into the sanitary sewer mains and manholes in various locations throughout the City. The work includes lining of existing sanitary sewer mains and rehabilitating existing manholes. The work for which bids were asked includes the following: Approximately 4,971 linear feet of 8" sanitary sewer lining, 867 linear feet of 10" sewer lining, lateral grouting and associated work including cleanup and traffic control.

The engineer estimate was \$266,085.00. The contract was awarded to Municipal Pipe Tool Co, LLC with a bid of \$164,448.50. Work should begin in August.

THINK RECYCLE

2012 Alburnett Centennial

Protect the environment and earn money for the 2012 Alburnett Centennial. Drop off unwanted electronics including cell phones, inkjet cartridges, toner cartridges, digital cameras, iPods and MP3 players at City Hall and they will be refurbished, recycled or reused, creating a positive environmental impact. **Think Recycle** is a cost-free fundraising program that rewards members with money for every qualifying product they collect. Help prevent improper disposal of electronics and earn money for our Centennial committee.

CEDAR VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY 28E AGREEMENT

The City of Alburnett has entered into a 28E agreement with CVHS for animal care services. The Humane Society could no longer offer stray animal sheltering and pick-up services to municipalities in Linn County without having a service agreement. CVHS will provide animal care services to Alburnett based on the following fee schedule:

\$75 per trip to pick up animals

\$130 per animal; service fee for shots and 3 days housing

CVHS shall receive approval from the City of Alburnett prior to accepting an animal. If an animal is reclaimed by its owner within the stray hold period (3 days), the owner will pay a reclaim fee and any service fees and the City of Alburnett will not be required to pay the animal care service fee.

CITY NEWS QUICKIES

- New water rates will go into effect on July 1, 2011, this will reflect on the bill you will receive in August. The base rate for water will be \$38.00 and \$3.75 per 1,000 gallons over the base of 999 gallons. The base rate for sewer will be \$16.00 and \$2.75 per 1,000 over the base of 999 gallons.
- Alburnett Benefit Day will be held August 6, 2011. Parade will be at 11:00 AM with new activities being planned for this year. There will be a pancake breakfast from 7:00 – 10:30 AM at the Farmers State Bank, the Pirate Dash 5K run will begin at 8:00 AM, parade at 11:00 AM, Motorcycle Show at the Alburnett Methodist Church parking lot at 1:00 PM, horseshoes, catch a chicken, softball tournaments, bakes sale, silent auction and music in the evening.
- November 8, 2011 will be Election Day. There will be 3 open council positions. One position is for a 2-year term and two will be for 4-year terms. If you are interested in running for city council contact the City Clerk for more information.
- If you are moving, contact the City Clerk at 842-2692 as soon as possible. **We want to be sure and get your final meter reading and know where to send your final bill.** The water bills are a month behind the actual usage.
- Parents – Are you aware Alburnett does has a Curfew Ordinance? It is unlawful for any minor to be on any alley, street or public place between 11:00 PM and 5:00 AM.
- Help raise funds for the new fire station. Purchase a Fire House Cookbook at City Hall or e-mail ALBfirecook@gmail.com
- On May 7 during the City Wide Clean Up we disposed of 1,424 pounds of hazardous materials, 2,882 pounds of electronic equipment was recycled and 7 tons of materials were taken to the CR/LC Solid Waste Agency.
- Be sure to check the City website at www.alburnettia.org for upcoming meetings, events and council meeting agendas and minutes.
- Street Light Out? – Contact Alliant Energy at 786-4406 (local call)
- Did you know that Alburnett will be 100 years old in 2012? The Alburnett Centennial Celebration will be held August 2-5, 2012.