

# City of Minburn Newsletter

**JANUARY**  
**2021**

## **CITY HALL HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
8:00 – Noon & 1:00 – 5:00  
Closed Wednesdays



*A Small Town  
with a BIG Heart*

## **CONTACT NUMBERS**

**City Hall** 677-2245  
**City Clerk** – Wendy Mercial  
**Mayor** – Travis Connick 240-4873  
**Public Works** – Mitch Johnson 677-2789 (after hours)

## **FOR FUTURE PLANNING:**

Trash pickup:  
Every Wednesday

Recycling pickup:  
The 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month

## **CITY COUNCIL**

Ronnie Allen (Water) 677-2738  
Joe Stuetelberg (Sewer) joe.minburncc@gmail.com  
Meaghan Bennett (Parks) Mbcitycouncil19@gmail.com  
Charlotte White (Streets) minburncouncilady@gmail.com  
Phyllis Moss 677-2733  
(Garbage/Recycling, Cemetery)

## **COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

Regular Council meetings are normally held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.  
Special Council meetings are held as needed at 6:30 pm.

## **Next Regular City Council Meeting – January 11, 2021 at 7:00 pm**

If you want to be put on the agenda, please let the clerk know by Tuesday, Jan. 5. The meeting will be held via conference call or at City Hall. Please see the agenda for information.

Please see agenda to join the next council meeting if you have any questions or concerns you wish to discuss with the council.



**Please see other side for Notices, Announcements & Upcoming Events**

## Required Disclosure

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# NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPCOMING EVENTS

**THANK YOU**—to Randy James for rebuilding the town’s wreaths in memory of his parents, Rickard and Rose James. Richard and Rose met at the skating rink when they were 13 years old. They spent 64 wonderful years together. The city thanks you, Randy, for your gracious time and efforts on the beautiful wreaths you refurbished and for making the downtown area so festive!

## **Reminder of the City’s snow ordinances :**

**Sidewalks-Removal of snow, ice and accumulations.** It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice or accumulations within a reasonable time, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as the property tax.

**Streets**—No person shall park, abandon or leave an unattended vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned off-street parking area during snow removal operations unless the snow has been removed or plowed from said street, alley or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall.

**Garbage Cans**—Please return garbage cans as soon as you can during these winter months to help with clearing our streets.

**Reminder Pet Registrations** are due in January. Per City Code, all dogs and cats over the age of 6 months need to be registered. The first year’s registration fee is \$5. Yearly renewal after that is \$1.

**Dallas County Habitat for Humanity/Rock the Block** is available to assist low-income residents with needed repair, maintenance, and beautification of homes. Apply for Rock the Block services. Families are served on a first come, first served basis. Email: [rocktheblock@dmhabitat.org](mailto:rocktheblock@dmhabitat.org) or call: 515-657-7988

**Remember flu shots** are still available at Medicap Pharmacy in Dallas Center and other surrounding area Medicap Pharmacies.

**Meals on Wheels** Are you 60 or older? Would you like to try Meals on Wheels for a week at no cost to you? For more information to see menus, or to request trial meals, call Bob King at 515/344-2074.

**IMPORTANT:** Here is the procedure if your grinder alarm goes off: There is a button on the bottom of the electrical box (the one with the red light on top), press that switch to silence the alarm. It should clear (light will go off) within the hour. If it doesn’t clear, contact City Hall. If it is after hours, please leave a message and we will respond back the following day.

**Street Lights:** If you see a street light out, please call City Hall and let us know. We will need the location of the street light—either the intersection or the house number of the nearest house—to be able to report it to MidAmerican.

## **IOWA DOT NEWS RELEASE REMINDER - IOWANS ENCOURAGED TO CHECK EXPIRATION DATE OF DRIVER'S LICENSE AND ID CARDS**

Many of our normal routines have been disrupted due to the pandemic. The Iowa Department of Transportation is reminding you to make sure that your driver's license or identification card was not something that was put off this year. You are encouraged to:

1. Check the expiration date on your card. As a reminder, your driver's license remains valid for driving privileges 60 days after the expiration date.
2. If your card has expired or will expire soon, check the Iowa Department of Transportation's online resources to see if you can renew online.
3. If you do not meet the criteria for online renewal, find a location nearest you to renew in person. Iowa DOT service centers require you to schedule an appointment for service. County treasurer renewal locations can choose how they are serving customers. You are encouraged to contact that office to determine if you need an appointment. Please plan ahead as appointment scheduling could be as much as 3-4 weeks out and holiday closures may impact the availability of appointments.

As part of Gov. Kim Reynolds proclamation of disaster emergency, driver's license expiration dates were waived for those with a license that expired after Jan. 16, 2020. However, this provision of the governor's proclamation will expire on Jan. 8, 2021, meaning the normal driver's license renewal requirements once again take effect. If your driver's license is expired by more than a year, you will be required to take a knowledge and drive test in order to renew.

### **January Health Department Message**

January is National Radon Action Month! Radon is an odorless, colorless, and tasteless gas that can build up in your home. Aside from smoking, it is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. Testing your home is easy and inexpensive. Radon test kits can be purchased through the Dallas County Health Department website or by calling the office. They can also be found at your local hardware store. <https://bit.ly/34QsgO1>

We have started vaccinating phase 1A (healthcare workers & long term care residents) for COVID-19. We plan to add additional vaccination sites for healthcare workers in the coming week. If you have residents with questions, please send them my way and I will gladly talk with them.

### **Do you have a vehicle you need to get rid of? Here are a few options for you.**

**Teen Challenge of the Midlands Vehicle Donation Program**—will arrange for the removal of your vehicle (free of charge) and issue you a tax-deductible receipt. The minimum tax deduction is \$500. You may contact them at 888-344-4673.

**Wheels for Wishes**—a car donation program benefiting Make-A-Wish Iowa. They offer a free and easy way to recycle or donate unwanted vehicles, by turning them into a wish for a local child. To donate, you can call 1-855-278-9474 or fill out their vehicle donation form at <http://iowa.wheelsforwishes.org>. They will contact you within 24 hours to schedule your free vehicle pick-up.