

# The Arlington Report

City Recycling Dates: 9th & 23th 8:00 - 11:00am

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Mayor Rich Nagel  
 Council Members  
 Michelle Battcher  
 Craig Buss  
 Joe Morgan  
 Matthew Scharpe  
 John Thomes

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

Amy Newsom -- City Administrator  
 Lisa Tesch -- Deputy Clerk  
 Amy Newsom -- (Acting) Planning & Zoning Administrator  
 Denyse Aldrich -- Admin. Asst. & Community Center Coord.  
 Kirby Weckworth - Maint. Supervisor  
 Daniel Hughes-- Maint. Worker  
 Andrew Konechne -- Police Chief  
 Sara Daily -- Police Officer  
 James Noxon -- Police Officer  
 Bailey Holasek -- Police Officer  
 Vicki Pomplum -- PD Admin. Asst.

**CONTRACTED SERVICES**

Ross Ameson -- City Attorney  
 Darin Haslip -- Building Inspector  
 PeopleService -- Water/Wastewater  
 Jason Femrite (Bolton & Menk) -- City Engineer

**PHONE NUMBERS**

City Hall: 964-2378  
 Fax Line: 964-5973  
 After-Hours On-Call:  
 507-327-6601  
 Fire Garage: 964-2279  
 Police Dept.: 964-5200  
 Library: 964-2490  
 Hospital: 964-2271  
 S.E. School: 964-2292  
 Post Office: 964-5503

**OTHER SERVICES**

Water/Sewer/Electric Services  
 City of Arlington (507-964-2378)  
 Gas Service  
 CenterPoint Energy (800-245-2377)  
 Cable Service  
 Mediacom (800-332-0245)  
 Internet/Phone Service  
 Frontier (800-435-1504)  
 Garbage Services  
 Waste Management (800-422-5785)  
 Renville-Sibley Sanitation  
 (866-800-6244)  
 Gaylord Sanitation (507-237-2274)

From the Desk of the Mayor.....

As we near the end of likely the most memorable year that most of us have ever experienced, I can't help but think of the hardships endured by those of you that lived through the Depression of the '30s, and WW 2, in the '40s. Hard times indeed, but as we've learned from the past, we will get through these difficult times and get back to what ever "normal" holds for us. I sincerely appreciate your patience as the City deals with these ever-changing circumstances.

In addressing the business of running the City of Arlington, we have had to use one of the most impersonal means of conducting City Council and Committee meetings, that being the use of "virtual" communications such as Zoom, Ring Central, or even on occasion, our phones. It is very difficult to carry on vital discussions with five or six individuals when "feedback", "audio echo", or "sound delay", are quite commonplace. Your City Council is looking forward to face to face meetings in the near future.

An enthusiastic thank you to our retiring councilmembers, Laura Gilman and Rick Amrhein. Though their time serving on the Council was relatively short, they brought a great new perspective to the discussion table. At the same time, we welcome to the City Council, newly elected councilmembers: Craig Buss and John Thomes. In addition, we also welcome back councilmembers Matt Scharpe, who was appointed in 2020 and re-elected this fall, and Joe Morgan who was re-appointed to fill a late year vacancy.

We look forward to 2021 with optimism and hope for an easing of the Covid pandemic and the ramifications it has on all of us. I urge you to buy locally whenever possible and support all of our local businesses and restaurants, and when you're out and about, please continue to wear your mask!

We bid an enthusiastic farewell to 2020, and on behalf of the entire staff and City Council at the City of Arlington, I wish you a Very Safe, Happy, and Prosperous New Year.

Rich Nagel

Mayor



Trust the  
 Magic of  
 New Beginnings

**2021 Committee Meeting Dates**

Agendas and Minutes are posted on the City website.

City Council: 1st & 3rd Monday Evenings (Bi-Monthly) @ 6:30 pm

EDA: 2nd Monday Evening (Monthly) @ 5:30 pm

Planning & Zoning: 1st Thursday Evening (Monthly) @ 7:00 pm

A-GI Wastewater: 2nd Thursday Evening (Semi-Annually) in April & September @ 7:00 pm

Library: 3rd Wednesday Evening (Quarterly- 2nd mo.) @ 5:30 pm (Library)

Cemetery: 4th Monday Evening (Quarterly- 1st mo.) @ 6:00 pm

Park Board: 4th Monday Evening (Quarterly- 1st mo.) @ 7:00 pm

Fire Relief: Last Wednesday Evening (Monthly) (Fire Hall)

Community Center: 2nd Thursday Evening (Quarterly- 2nd mo.) @ 5:30 pm

Emergency Operation Plan: 1st Wednesday in February (Annually) (EMS Bldg.)

*\*All meetings are at Community Center-Council Chambers unless otherwise noted.*

*\*\*All meeting dates are subject to change, plus additional (special) meetings could be scheduled.*

Interested in joining a committee? Contact the City Office.

**City of Arlington, Sibley County**

Contact us at:  
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Arlington, MN 55307

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Fax: 507-964-5973  
E-mail: cityhall@arlingtonmn.com  
Website: www.arlingtonmn.com  
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**January City Council Meetings**

Monday 1/4 and  
Tuesday 1/19 @ 6:30 PM  
Attend in person or by calling in.

The City Office will be closed:  
Monday 1/18 in observance of  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day



**INTERN JOINS CITY OFFICE**

Welcome to Haile Tegegne as a Planning and Zoning & Public Administration Intern for the City of Arlington as of November 17th, Haile's focus has been working closely to learn about Public Administration and Economic Development. Haile is the youngest of eight, with five sisters and two brothers. He was born in Ethiopia, lived a short stint in Kenya, and raised in the United States since 2003. He has a major in Communications and minor in Political Science. His graduate program is in Public Administration & Non-profit Management. He is proud to have finished his capstone just two weeks ago. Haile enjoys learning new subjects, fishing, basketball, soccer, socializing with friends and community organizing. Welcome and Congratulations Haile!



**COLD WEATHER RULE**

The City of Arlington's Cold Weather Rule goes into effect October 15th through April 15th. The Cold Weather Rule does not prohibit winter shut off. So if you receive a disconnection notice, **act promptly by contacting the City of Arlington at 507-964-2378.** If you are having trouble paying your utility bill, local agencies may be able to provide payment assistance.

The City of Arlington recommends calling one of the following:

- MINNESOTA VALLEY ACTION COUNCIL  
Sibley County office at 507-237-4000  
Mankato Regional office at 800-767-7139 or
- SIBLEY COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES at  
507-237-4000 or
- HEAT SHARE (Salvation Army) at  
888-999-1568

\*\*The Heat Share program is seeking donations to help our neighbors with heating season expenses. If possible please donate.

**CITY CERTIFIES 2021 LEVY AT \$959,613**

This reflects a 3.46% increase over the 2020 levy.

General Fund	\$723,283.00
2012 G.O. Improve Bonds	\$5,000.00
2015 G.O. Improve Bonds	\$80,900.00
2017 G.O. Improve Bonds	\$59,800.00
2019 G.O. Improve Bonds	\$57,480.00
2019 Fire Tanker Truck	\$25,325.00
Tax Abatement	\$7,825.00
<b>TOTAL TAX LEVY</b>	<b>\$959,613.00</b>



The City of Arlington is accepting applications for the Arlington Ambulance. Paid training to get your EMT certification with 1 year commitment to the City of Arlington. Must be 18 years old.

- Minimum hour requirement 48 hours/month, 12 of which has to be on the weekend (6pm on Friday to 6am Monday).
- Minimum of 8 trainings/meetings a year.

If you are interested please stop by the Arlington City Offices to pick up an application or you can find it online at [www.arlingtonmn.com/careers](http://www.arlingtonmn.com/careers)

**GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY  
by RECYCLING**

Congratulations to the Arlington Lions and Chamber of Commerce in partnering to collect plastic film bags for recycling. The goal was set to collect 500 pounds, or 48,500 plastic film bags. **As the goal has been met,** a Trex Bench made of recycled plastic will be donated to the community. The location is still under consideration. ♥



**CITY ALERTS**

How do you get alerts like Snow Emergency, power outages, and community issues? These are posted on our website and Facebook page. However, if you are interested in receiving text or email alerts directly in the future, please submit:

- Your name, • home address,
- cell phone #, and • email address

to our email at [CityHall@arlingtonmn.com](mailto:CityHall@arlingtonmn.com)  
We are in the gathering mode, and hope to have a system in place in 2021.



**CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP**

City Staff will be picking up Christmas Trees at no cost starting Monday, December 28 through Friday, January 8. Residents are asked to place their trees in the front boulevard next to the curb. For more information please contact the City Office at 507-964-2378.



# CLEAN ENERGY **CHOICE**

## **FOR BUSINESS & RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS**

Clean Energy Choice provides Arlington Electric Utility customers with the opportunity to have 100% of their electricity come from environmentally friendly, renewable sources. This program supports meeting customer demand for more renewable energy and gives electric customers another choice regarding their electricity supply.

### **Business Customers**

#### **Meet Your Business's Renewable and Sustainable Energy Goals**

- By participating in the program, your business is committing to increasing its renewable energy supply from 20% (current power supply provided by your local utility) to 100%

#### **Promote Your Business as being Powered by 100% Renewable Energy**

- Participants will be recognized with a program certificate and window decal
- Share your efforts with your customers via your website, press, social media, and other outlets

#### **Program Pricing**

- An incremental charge of \$0.001 per kWh above regular retail rates. The charge is applied to all kWh in excess of the Minnesota Renewable Energy Standard
- As an example, a customer with usage of 10,000 kWh per month would pay a monthly program surcharge of \$8.00. [10,000 x (100%-20%) x \$0.001]

### **Residential Customers**

#### **Program Benefits:**

- Low Cost– \$1 to \$3 monthly adder
  - 100% Renewable for \$3/Month
  - 75% Renewable for \$2/Month
  - 50% Renewable for \$1/Month
- Predictable fixed monthly cost
- Easy to Sign Up – visit [www.cleanenergychoice.com/arlington](http://www.cleanenergychoice.com/arlington)
- Easy to Cancel – Subscription is monthly – cancel any time

Learn more by visiting:  
[www.cleanenergychoice.com/arlington](http://www.cleanenergychoice.com/arlington)  
or by calling the City of Arlington  
(507-964-2378).

### **Sign-Up Today**

*Business customers can sign-up anytime. Please call the City of Arlington (507-964-2378) for more information.*

*Clean Energy Choice for Business participation is on a calendar year basis. Customers would remain on the program until they notify the utility that they are unsubscribing.*

