



Elk Ridge Bugle

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A Message From Our Mayor - *Vernon L. Fritz*

As a beginning, may I thank the many citizens who attended the State of the City session earlier this month. It was gratifying to hear the suggestions from those present that demonstrated their understanding of the nature of our problems. I believe we are on the way to placing the City in a financially stable position regarding water, sewer, and storm protection.

We continue to work toward getting a new well drilled but have run into some significant problems regarding cost. The bids came in higher than anticipated therefore we have to consider several alternatives. It appears unlikely that the new well will be on until the fall period. With careful conservation however, we believe we will be able to squeak through.

Apparently I have abused my opportunity to write rather detailed messages in the past and a couple folks have chided me about it so I shall make up for my self-indulgence by making this message a much shorter one. However, I cannot sign off without thanking the many people in the community for their willingness to volunteer and serve. On the 25th we had a road crew shoveling gravel. We have had young men picking up rocks from a field. The EMT's and Fire Department are such vital parts of our city.

I would be remiss also if I didn't mention the generous donation of additional land attached to the current number five well so we will be able to drill the replacement well without touching 175,000 volt power lines overhead. Burke and Dorothy Cloward, thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Vernon L. Fritz
Mayor

Cleaning Person Needed

The City is in need of a responsible individual to clean the City Office and Pavilion on a weekly basis. Interested individuals must apply at the City Office before June 19th at 3:00 PM.

New Water Rates

On May 28th the City Council voted to increase the water rates for Elk Ridge City beginning June 1st 2002. The following is a portion of the ordinance;

2-2-4 Water Use Charges

Water service charges will be assessed on a monthly basis as set forth in the following schedule:

- A Summer Use Period - Meters Read
1. Base Fee: \$40.00 for the first 12,000 Gallons.
 2. Tiered-based water rates:
 - Plus, \$1.80 per 1,000 gallons of water above the fee base amount and up to 50,000 gallons;
 - and \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons of water above 50,000 gallons used and up to 75,000 gallons;
 - and \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons of water above 75,000 gallons and up to 125,000;
 - and \$2.75 per 1,000 gallons of water above 125,000 gallons of water used.
- B Winter Use Period - Meters Not Read
1. Base fee: \$40.00 per month.
- C Initial Spring Reading
1. Base Fee: \$40/month for the first 72,000 gallons.
 2. Plus, \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons in excess of the Winter Use Period Base Amount times the number of months under the Winter Use Period up to 75,000 gallons and \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons beyond 75,000 gallons used.

Water Hours for Elk Ridge City are from 6:00 PM to 10:30 AM. We are asking that you not water your lawns on Sunday in order for the water tanks to fill again before another week of watering. Thank you.