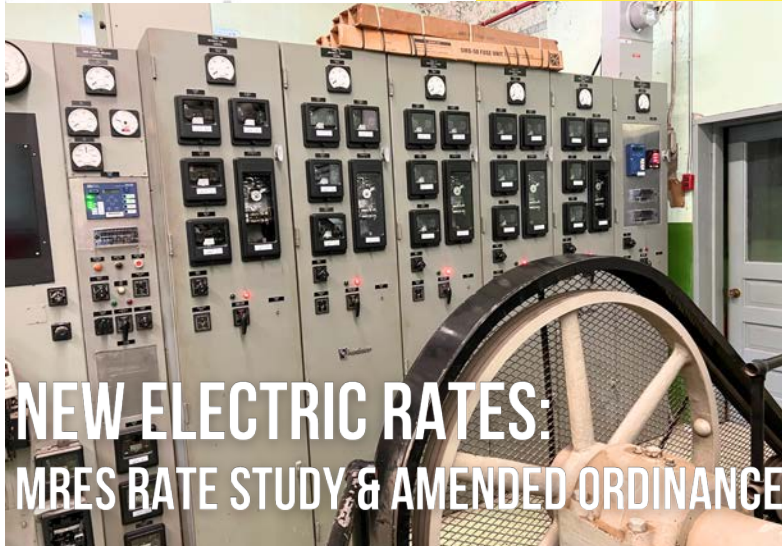




FROM THE CITY OF PAULLINA

SINGING FOR SPRING

April-May-June 2023



NEW ELECTRIC RATES: MRES RATE STUDY & AMENDED ORDINANCE

On March 20th, Council approved Ordinance 28 amending electric utility rates/fees, which will take effect 5/1/23. Read the full ordinance on our Facebook page. We haven't raised electric rates since 2017 so when MRES presented a rate study last year, it was apparent we needed to further invest in updated reliability & growing demand. A new switchgear project is now underway!

A residential customer using 800 kWh/month will see an average increase of \$5 per month.

Have you taken advantage of our *energy-efficiency rebates from Bright Energy Solutions*? You can get money back for investing in ENERGY STAR® equipment such as LED bulbs, clothes washer, air conditioners, dehumidifiers & more. Stop by City Hall for rebate forms!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Overnight On-Street Parking Allowed: April 1
- Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Drop-off: May 1 from 9-11am in front of City Hall
- Spring Junk Curbside Clean-Up: May 9
Buy virtual flag at City Hall before 5/5
- Lawn/Yard Waste Pick-ups: Fridays
Stick Pick-up: 2nd Friday of the month
- Recycling: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
- Office Closed: Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day)

AUTO-PAY: "IT'S SO EASY!"

Tired of writing a monthly check or bringing in cash to pay your utility bill? We now offer auto-pay ACH bank transactions with the same due date – the 20th of the month. No need to mail or drop off your payment. The total due will be drawn from your account automatically on the 20th! You will still receive your bill by mail so you can track your usage. Bring a voided check into City Hall to fill out a form with your bank account details & we will get you set up!

NEW

Residential Rates

Customer Charge/Month	\$15.00
All KWH/Month	
June – August	\$0.1050
September – May	\$0.0890



*April is Safe Dig Month! As the signs of spring appear, weather warms & the ground is ready for digging, eager DIY residents & contractors are jumping into projects. Whether putting in a fence, planting a tree or building a deck, knowing where the utility lines are **before you dig** helps prevent injuries, property damage & inconvenient utility outages.*

NOW AVAILABLE!
CUSTOMER SURVEY
until 4/30:



SCAN ME 

AMENDED ORDINANCE: NO PLANTING OF ANY TREES IN CITY STREETS OR PARKING.

AND...no parking on the parking!

On March 20th, the Council approved the amended ordinance 29 that prevents the planting of trees of any species/variety in the parking area. If a tree in the parking is dead or diseased, the City is responsible for taking it down.

Given the extensive damage caused by the emerald ash borer, the City is in the process of *removing all ash trees on city properties*, including the parking. You will be notified before an ash tree is removed from your lot's parking.

If you have any dead or diseased trees on the rest of your property, it's your responsibility to remove them in a timely manner to prevent damage to property, power lines, fences, etc. To learn more about this pest, visit: www.iowatreepests.com/eab_home.html & emeraldashborer.info or find these links on our Facebook page (@CityofPaullina).



Did you know? The area between the sidewalk & street is called the "parking," but you are not allowed to park any vehicles there. Similar to the boulevard areas, these are often called the "right of way."

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QUICK TAKES:

Pothole repairs: As weather conditions allow, City Crews will be filling in the potholes caused by this harsh winter season. Some high-traffic areas will likely be cemented for a longer-term solution. We appreciate your patience!

Street repairs: Plans are underway for updating several streets, including Mayme & parts of Clark & Mickley. Remember: sidewalk maintenance is *your* responsibility!

Lawn mowing: All lawns must be kept mowed & trimmed by the 15th of May-October per Ordinance 8.03 (6A). Properties will be checked. If we have to mow your lawn, you will be billed accordingly of city labor, equipment costs, plus 10%.

Tree trimming: You are responsible for trimming all trees on your lot (including the parking) per Ordinance 8.03 (7) to maintain clearances of 15' above the street & 10' over sidewalks.

Mosquito spraying: The City has contracted this service again to manage pests so we all can enjoy the season outdoors. Spraying is done later in the evening. While it is not harmful to people or pets, you may wish to close windows & go inside for a bit as it passes by.

Annual GEMBOREE

