

City of Panorama

December 31st, 2011

Thank you for your Service!

The last election saw much change on the City Council. Pat Parker was elected Mayor while Andy Carson and Stew Firebaugh were elected to the two open council seats. We welcome them to the council. A big thank you to Mayor Steve Baker and council members Dave Beidelman and Mark Humphreys for their dedicated service on the city council. Baker served 17 years, Humphreys served 12 years, and Beidelman served 8 years. Most recently, Baker was appointed to the council seat vacated by Parker. A petition was filed for a special election contesting the appointment. The special election will be held on March 6th.

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8am-5pm Mon-Fri.

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Upcoming Meetings

City Council at 6:30

* January 9 & 23

*February 13 & 27

*March 12 & 26

Meetings are held @ the
Panora Public Library

They can be viewed
after on the city
website or on local
access

Important Dates

-Billing Dates are from
the 15th –the 15th of
each month

Electrical Rate Change Information

Due to the necessary electrical upgrades coming in the near future, Panora Municipal Electric has recommended and the council has approved a small rate per kilowatt (KW) increase. Panora has not received an electrical rate increase since prior to 2002. During this time our demand rates, KW rates and maintenance cost have increased significantly. Over the past 5 years the electrical demand within the City has increased at a steady rate by either adding new transformers or increasing load on existing ones. We have simply outgrown our existing substation and distribution system.

During the peak load days of the summer of 2011, we needed to run the city generators to prevent brown outs or possible damage to our main transformer. The rate increase of \$0.012 per KW is to help offset the cost of upgrades and much needed equipment replacements. To the right are the electrical tier level rates and examples of what the increase cost will be to customers.

Panora Electric Rate Shedule

Sched	KW Cost	Increase	New Cost	Change
0-30 KW	0.144288	0.012	0.156288	7.68%
31-300 KW	0.100288	0.012	0.112288	10.69%
301-1000 KW	0.078288	0.012	0.090288	13.29%
1000+ KW	0.083288	0.012	0.095288	12.59%
Average	0.101538	0.012	0.113538	11.06%

KW USAGE: 282

Schedule	Existing	New Rate	Increase
0-30 KW	\$4.33	\$4.69	\$0.36
31-100 KW	\$7.02	\$7.86	\$0.84
101-600 KW	\$14.24	\$16.43	\$2.19
601+ KW	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Cost	\$25.59	\$28.98	\$3.39

KW USAGE: 794

Schedule	Existing	New Rate	Increase
0-30 KW	\$4.33	\$4.69	\$0.36
31-100 KW	\$7.02	\$7.86	\$0.84
101-600 KW	\$39.14	\$45.14	\$6.00
601+ KW	\$16.16	\$18.48	\$2.32
Total Cost	\$66.65	\$76.17	\$9.52

KW USAGE: 1150

Schedule	Existing	New Rate	Increase
0-30 KW	\$4.33	\$4.69	\$0.36
31-100 KW	\$7.02	\$7.86	\$0.84
101-600 KW	\$39.14	\$45.14	\$6.00
601+ KW	\$45.81	\$52.41	\$6.60
Total Cost	\$96.30	\$110.10	\$13.80

**NOTICE OF PROCEDURE
FOR
REQUESTING INFORMATION FROM
OR
REGISTERING COMPLAINTS WITH
PANORA MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC
CONCERNING ELECTRIC SERVICE**

Persons desiring to request information from or register complaints with Panora Municipal Electric CONCERNING ELECTRIC SERVICE may do so by contacting:
City of Panora
501 E. Market Street Panora, Ia. 50216
Phone: 641.755.2164 email: doug@cityofpanora.com
If the utility has not been able to help you with your problem concerning your gas or electricity service, you may contact the Iowa Utilities Board toll free at 1-877-565-4450. You may also write the Iowa Utilities Board at 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069, or by E-mail at iubcustomer@iub.state.ia.us.

Public Building Complex Update

Bids were received on the building project on December 15th. The council took some time to review but ultimately had to reject all bids at the council meeting on January 9th due to the bids coming back over budget. There were seven different bid packages, five of which came in under what was projected. The mechanical package and the general building package were over budget. The council has directed the building committee to regroup and bring back recommendations in order to rebid the project. It is still expected that the same building time frame can be kept provided the project can be brought back to the approved budget.



“PS”

“PS” is Project Share – a program that assists needy households in paying their winter energy bills. You can help this effort by adding a regular **Project Share** contribution to your utility payment, or by making a direct donation to Project Share. These funds are distributed to your neighbors in need.

A local social service agency carefully identifies those residents who qualify, and a local committee oversees Project Share to guarantee that all contributions are handled equitably and efficiently.

Adding a “PS” – a Project Share



Yes, I'd like to help a neighbor with a tax deductible contribution to Project Share.

Name

Address

City Phone

I will contribute \$_____ per month to Project Share. I understand this amount will be billed to me monthly.

I have enclosed a \$_____ donation to Project Share.



In Appreciation!!!!

❖ Within the City, we have boards which are filled by volunteers. These individuals give up their time to work with the City or with citizens. They learn City Code and help implement the code based on the board they are on. We could not effectively run the City without them.

❖ **Downtown Enhancement Committee** – This board consists of 5 members, 2 of which must be downtown business owners or representatives of a business owner. This board reviews applications for renovations of buildings in the downtown district and helps implement the downtown. In addition the board has been instrumental in fundraising for the Downtown Streetscape project with includes all the plantings on the square and the complete outside remodel of the community center. Committee members are:

- Jim Sievers-President
 - Bette Donahey
 - Chris Arganbright
 - Frank Teale
 - Cheryl Castile*
- *Dave Beidelman has taken over Cheryl's seat as of January 1st. He has been a volunteer of the committee since its inception.

We thank you for your dedicated service to our community!!!