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| Planning and Zoning Meeting: March 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting: March 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor’s message **“WHAT YOU’RE WORTH”**  A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a $20 dollar bill. In the room of 200, he asked, “Who would like this $20 dollar bill? Hands started going up. He said, “I am going to give this $20 to one of you but first, let me do this. He proceeded to crumple up the $20 dollar bill. He then asked, “Who still wants it?” Still the hands were up in the air. Well, he replied, “What if I do this?” And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. “Now, who still wants it?” Still the hands went into the air. My friends, we have all learned a very valuable lesson.  No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth $20 dollars. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who LOVE you. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know, but by WHO WE ARE. You are special – Don’t EVER forget it.”  Sincerely,  Mayor Brad Andersen  P.S. “I hope I can be half the person my Dog thinks I am.” Events **“Uprising & Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) – Paint Fight Dance”** - MYAC is hosting a Paint Fight Dance put on by Uprising on March 20, 2015 at the Kingston Plaza. The dance is for area high school students and $1 of each ticket will be donated to the Ruth House, a homeless shelter for women and children.  **“Easter Egg Hunt”** – The City’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Iona Square. There are four age groups ranging from 0-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-11. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available for purchase. If the weather is bad we will have the Easter Egg Hunt in the City Building. If anyone would like to stuff eggs or donate gently used stuffed animals please call the City Office at 208-523-5600.  **“3rd ANNUAL YARD SALE – CRAFT SALE – BAKE SALE – AND SPRING CLEAN UP” –** Put Saturday, June 20, 2015 on your calendar. This year we are combining the yard sale, with a craft and bake sale (vendors welcome), and spring cleanup. You can sign up by calling the City Office at 208-523-5600. Water committee **“Water Committee”** – The City is putting together a Water Committee to look at funding future upgrades such as a water tank, well or meters. The Water Committee would investigate, educate, and present options to the public at town hall meetings regarding water rate increases. If you would like to be a part of this committee contact Mayor Andersen at 208-523-5600. | |

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

**Tests Showed Coliform Bacteria in City of lona Water**

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took three samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during February. Two of our samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than [1 sample per month/5 percent of samples] may do so.

**What should I do?**

* You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
* If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

**What does this mean?**

This is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified within 24 hours. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *\*Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present Conforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems. \**

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli, are* present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing.**

**What is being done?**

The City water department added chlorine to the water system and flushed several fire hydrants. Further testing shows that this problem has been resolved.

For more information, please contact **Zech Prouse** at **716-0836** or **Brad Andersen** at **523-5600.**

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