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| Planning and Zoning Meeting: September 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting: September 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor’s message **Summary of Life**  GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:   1. No matter how hard you try, you can’t baptize cats. 2. When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don’t let her brush your hair. 3. If your sister hits you, don’t hit her back. They always catch the second person. 4. Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato. 5. You can’t trust dogs to watch your food. 6. Don’t sneeze when someone is cutting your hair. 7. Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time. 8. You can’t hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk. 9. Don’t wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts. 10. The best place to be when you’re sad is Grandma’s lap.   GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:   1. Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree. 2. Wrinkles don’t hurt. 3. Families are like fudge…mostly sweet, with a few nuts. 4. Today’s mighty oak is just yesterday’s nut that held its ground. 5. Laughing is good exercise. It’s like jogging on the inside. 6. Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.   GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD:   1. Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional. 2. Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get. 3. When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you’re deciding how to get up. 4. You’re getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you do from a roller coaster. 5. It’s frustrating when you know all the answers, but nobody bothers to ask you the question. 6. Time may be a great healer, but it’s a lousy beautician. 7. Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.   THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE:   1. You believe in Santa Claus. 2. You don’t believe in Santa Claus. 3. You are Santa Claus. 4. You look like Santa Claus.   SUCCESS:   1. At age 4 success is….Not piddling in your pants. 2. At age 12 success is….Having friends. 3. At age 17 success is….Having a driver’s license. 4. At age 35 success is….Having money. 5. At age 50 success is….Having money. 6. At age 70 success is….Having a driver’s license. 7. At age 75 success is….Having friends. 8. At age 80 success is….Not piddling in your pants.   Always remember to forget the troubles that pass your way; BUT NEVER forget the blessings that come each day.  Sincerely,  Mayor Brad Andersen CITY UPDATES **City Budget** - The budget of $1,896,239 was approved and passed at the City Council meeting on August 18th.  **Hiring-** Starting October 1st, the City will be hiring an additional public works employee and an additional police officer. Both positions will be entry level.  **The Lion’s Club**- The Lions Club has folded.  As a result, you’ve probably seen the last of the 4th and 24th of July breakfasts, unless the City takes it upon themselves.  **Water Committee** - A town hall meeting was held on August 19th to discuss the City’s water system. The following items were discussed: water meters, raising the water rate, water conservation, repairing the water tank, purchasing property for a new tank, possibility of drilling a new well, purchasing water rights, and upgrading the water line on 55th. The meeting was well attended and the water committee is meeting twice a month to incorporate the suggestions that were provided. Towards the end of October, or first part of November the water committee will hold another town hall meeting to present a couple of the options. POLICE **New Law Enforcement Vehicle -**If you are looking for the police vehicle, you need to start looking for a white truck! The City traded at the point when we could get the most for our vehicle. With the trade in value of the car, and the cost for the new truck, it only cost the City $8,299.  **School Zone Reminder** - Chief Lurker would like to remind everyone that the new school year started Monday, August 31. Most school violations and accidents are not committed intentionally, but because of inattentive or distracted drivers. Please be mindful of the children’s safety and obey all traffic laws.  **Lost Wallet** - This summer a small Roxy wallet was found in the Iona Square with no ID. It is being held in the City office to be identified and claimed. IONA LIBRARY STORY TIME The Iona Library Story Time will be changed to 10:00am every Tuesday instead of 10:30 am starting in September. It is held in the upstairs City Council Room. Come join us for songs, stories, and fun. Thanks for all your support you give to the Iona Library. iona historical musuem The Iona Historical Museum is still open on Saturdays from 10am to 2pm.  In order to keep our doors open, we need more volunteers.  If you like Iona, like history, have a spare couple of hours on any given Saturday this fall and love visiting with people, then please contact Robalyn Gubler at 542-2589.  Also, the Iona Historical Museum is looking for anything to display related to schools and teachers.  If anyone has old class photos, photos of teachers or school buildings that the Museum may get copies of, please contact Karla Burtenshaw 522-1151.  We are also looking for old desks, old grade books, text books, teacher memorabilia, etc. to display.   And we definitely would love to hear your school days stories.  So please come on Saturdays and share.  And finally, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas is coming up, so please don't hesitate to contact Karla with memorabilia/pictures/stories on the Holidays as well. | |