

Welcome to Meriden

I have had some questions relating to our utility bills, governing body positions up for election, voting dates and location, filing deadlines, court, etc.

We bill a month in arrears and bill on the 1st of each month, unless it falls on the weekend. The bills are due on or before 5pm on the 25th of each month. If it falls on the weekend, we have a drop box located in the door, at the Southwest corner of the building. Our Sewer Ordinance states that the billing is set-up under the property owner's name, even if selling the house on contract, as the property owner is ultimately responsible, should a default occur. We have initiated ACH payment options that are at "no" cost to the customer. It is withdrawn from your checking account on the 15th – 17th of each month. If you would like to be on that list, we have forms on the website or here at city hall that you fill out, along with a cancelled check. Just bring in your completed form to our new employee, Jerriann (Jerri) Lederer who handles our Utility Accounts and she will set up the ACH account for you. We also have email billing available rather than paper billing or you may choose both if you so desire. Jerri's new email account is: jlederer@meridenks.com should you have any requests or questions in regards to your Utility account.

We have the online payment option or payment over the phone. There is an icon on the website and you just call city hall and Jerri can get you set-up with a password for future online payments. You may also pay with a credit card over the phone too. There is a 3% convenience fee with these two options, but it is better than a 10% late fee for anything after the 25th of each month.

Our Council Meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning at 7pm. The Governing Body consists of a five member council whose terms are for four years (three members on and two members off, so experienced members are still active) and a mayor whose term is for two years. These seats are all currently volunteer positions.

The filing fee to run for office is (\$20) Twenty Dollars and you must file with the County Clerk's Office in Oskaloosa, Kansas. The voting station for our district, is located at the St Aloysius Church located off of Wyandotte and Holy Lane on the East side of K-4 Highway. You may register to vote at City Hall in Meriden or at the Jefferson County Clerk's Office in the Courthouse building in Oskaloosa. Please bring current drivers license or photo id showing proof of identity.

The deadline to file for office is June 1, 2019 at noon, but you have the option of being written in on the ballot as well. If you are a registered voter in Jefferson County when election time comes, you will be voting for two Council positions and a Mayor. If a primary election is required, it will be held on August 1, 2019. The general election will be held on November 5, 2019. .

I am also the Municipal Court Clerk for the City of Meriden. Court is held the last Wednesday of each month beginning at 5:30pm. The meridenks.com website has a link to pay your tickets online as well. Feel free to contact me should you have any issues with it and I will try to help you.

Our website has many links you may click on for further information or you can call City Hall between 9:00am-5:00pm, Monday-Friday at 785-484-3450 and we will try to kindly assist you. Again, welcome to Meriden and have a wonderful day!!!

Respectfully,
Carrie M. Daniels
Meriden City Clerk
Municipal Court Clerk
HR Admin/Payroll & Accounting