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"Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life."

"Be you, the world will adjust."

"A negative mind will never give you a positive life."

Dates to Remember:

February 26
Hearing Clinic

February 8
City Council Mtg

February 25
Foot Clinic

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February Calendar Events

FEBRUARY
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Groundhog's Day February 14th

 
President's Day February 15th
ASH WEDNESDAY February 17th

ATV Licenses

ATV licenses are due. Licenses may be renewed at Sutton City Hall for a \$10 fee. All drivers must be 21 years of age or older, possess a valid driver's license and maintain liability insurance. Any questions, call City Hall at 773-4225.



Snow Removal Services

Keenan Friesen
(402)0773-4522

Scott Hofmann
(402) 631-3203

Russ Girmus
(402) 762-5119



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City Phone Numbers

City Hall
773-4225

Utility Department
773-5607

Police Department
773-5545

Library
773-5259

Sutton Chamber
773-4233

After Hours
Emergencies
773-4225

Public Works Dept
773-4702

Civil Defense
773-4386

Utility Shop
773-4705

Winter Compost Hours

Weather Permitting

Saturdays
9am-5pm

**“Try to be a
rainbow
In someone’s
Cloud.”**

**“The best & most
beautiful things in
the world cannot
be seen or even
touched—they
must be felt with
the heart.”**



New Ordinance adopted by City of Sutton on vacant properties

In the Spring of 2018, the Nebraska Legislature passed Legislative Bill 256, enabling municipalities to pass a

Vacant Property Registration Ordinance. The purpose of the Bill was to assist local governments with addressing properties that remain vacant for prolonged periods of time (6 months to 30+ years). The City of Sutton Council adopted a Vacant Property Registration Ordinance at their regular council meeting in December 2020. The Ordinance establishes a Vacant Property Registry Program that covers all properties within the City’s corporate boundary.

Under the Ordinance, properties that are vacant for 6 months or more will be entered onto the City’s Vacant Property Registry. Once a property has remained on the registry for 6 months, a fee of \$250 will be assessed for residential properties and \$1,000 for commercial properties. The fee will increase every 6 months that the property is on the registry.

The Ordinance provides a definition of vacancy and lists three types of properties that will be eligible to receive exemptions. Those exemptions include: 1) properties advertised for sale in good faith 2) seasonal properties and 3) properties owned by units of government. Owners of properties that are for sale will be required to meet certain criteria to demonstrate that the property is for sale in good faith. Property owners with seasonal residences either in Sutton or elsewhere will be able to request an exemption by completing a registration form with the City Clerk. It should also be noted that the Program only applies to vacant structures, not vacant lots.

Bobbi Pettit and Jess Vanden Berge of FIVE RULE Rural Planning have been contracted by the City of Sutton to administer the program. Tasks performed by FIVE RULE on behalf of the City will include: notifying property owners about the program and their requirement to register their property; maintaining a database of all properties on the registry; tracking the occupancy status of properties; and reporting regularly to the City Council the status of the Registry. Kent Rauert, J.D. and Jon Thompson, J.D. of Svehla Law in York have also engaged through the FIVE RULE agreement with the City to provide legal support as needed to support the program.