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Fire Department Receives Grant

Congratulations to the Gaylord Volunteer Fire Department for being awarded a \$1900.00 grant from the Smith County Community Foundation along with the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, for the purchase of an AED Machine. This grant was awarded in the Spring 2017 round of grants. This machine includes a carrying case, training manual/DVD, extra set of adult electrodes, and a set of electrodes for an infant/child. This machine will be included in the department's inventory of equipment to aid in their efforts to save lives with each call they respond to.

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Pictured: Rob Gillis, Wil Neussendorfer, Fire Chief Stan Horning



Oak Leaf Itch Mite

According to K-STATE Research and Extension Services, the oak leaf itch mite will be an issue again this summer and early fall. This is mainly due to the fact of the mild winters we have had in Kansas the past few years. The oak leaf itch mite, *Pyemotes herfsi*, is a tiny mite that causes itching and painful bites on humans and animals. Intense scratching can lead to secondary bacterial infections.

This mite is a European mite closely related to the straw itch mite or commonly known as “chiggers” to most Kansans. The oak leaf mite is tiny, 0.2 mm long and is barely visible to the naked eye. Its bite causes a raised, red area with a small, centralized blister that is itchy and painful when scratched. Bites appear 10 to 16 hours after exposure when they start to itch. Their bites are mainly found on the upper body as they drop onto you from the tree canopies of infected trees. Bites will commonly appear on the neck, shoulder and chest. Studies conducted in Nebraska during the previous outbreak in 2014, estimated more than 300,000 mites per tree per day were dropping from large pin oaks.

In the Midwest, oak leaf itch mites emerge in late July and continue through the summer. Bite problems intensify in the fall with increased gardening activities, mainly the handling of mite-infested leaves. These mites can not only be found on pin oaks, but red and black oaks as well.

Female mites once she starts to feed will begin to develop about 200 offspring. In seven days her offspring will begin to emerge as fully developed adults. Males will typically emerge first, mate with the females and then will die without feeding. Newly emerged, mated females will then disperse in search of new hosts. These tiny mites can be carried by the wind for hundreds of yards before they land on humans or pets on which they attempt to feed. Because of the large number of offspring and the 7-day lifecycle, oak leaf itch mites have one of the highest rates of population increase.

Little is known about how to control these mites or how to protect humans from their bites. Typical spray-on products are not effective because these mites are protected during their developmental stage. Oak Leaf itch mite bites are often confused with other bites, but their bites will usually occur in epidemic form, where bites from other agents generally are localized. Avoiding or reducing time spent under or near oak trees known to be infested with itch mites is one of the best ways to reduce bites. Bathing, and changing and washing clothes, after exposure to mite habitats is highly recommended. DEET-based repellents provide mixed results. Best results occur when combined with multiple products. Doctors recommend several remedies for relief from itching and other symptoms. Some of these medications require a physician’s prescription: Cortisone Cream, Cortisone orally, Claritin 10 mg, daily, or Calamine lotion.



Minutes from the July City Council Meeting

City of Gaylord - Minutes of July 12th, 2017 Regular Meeting

The Gaylord City Council met in regular session in the Community Center at 7:00 p.m., July 12th, 2017.

Present Members: Barb Lehmann, Jim Muck, Gene Casteel, Wendell Felsburg, and Wil Neussendorfer

Absent Members: Wendell Felsburg

Presiding: Mayor David Tucker

Present also: City Clerk Aubrey Neussendorfer Treasurer Crystal Iland, City Man Ed Burt and Fire Chief Stan Horning

Mayor Tucker called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Citizen's Report: Fire Chief Horning informed council of his plan to retire as Fire Chief in November of 2017. He has choose this time to allow plenty of time to find a replacement and to not have the change during heavy fire season. He also has some grants in process he would like to stay on as Fire Chief to see them through before stepping down.

The minutes of the June 14th Regular Meeting were read. Wil made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Gene seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Tucker called for the reading of the bills. Two bills were added, Gary Tucker for \$800.00 and Smith County Memorial Hospital \$739.31. After discussion, Barb made a motion, seconded by Wil, to approve payment of bills, including any routine bills outstanding. Motion carried. Bills paid out \$11,514.82.

Mayor Tucker asked for a report of utility arrears: Richard Bose, Brett Pletcher, Darin Godsey with three accounts, Kaid Dannenberg, Rory Landry, Ron Peterson, and Greg Jones. All accounts were paid by the disconnect date.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Council reviewed the final handout for expenses for the Community Clean-Up and Tree Trimming Project. These figures were turned in to the county for reimbursement. Check were prepared tonight for our volunteers but will not be issued until our reimbursement check arrives. Council felt overall the project was a success, and if the opportunity was available, would proceed with this grant again.
- Aubrey reported the AED Machine for the Fire Department was ordered and has been delivered to the fire department. She had also submitted her final report to close out this grant.
- Gene updated council the WCA Door is set to arrive the week of July 17th and is tentatively scheduled to be installed from July 27th – Aug 10th. Gene also stated they plan to replace all the interior birch trim around the door, after the door is installed.
- Aubrey reported the final report for the Waste Tire Grant has been submitted to the state.
- Aubrey reported the garage sales made a total of \$141.50 with \$100 to the fire department and \$41.50 to the city. If the sales were done next year, council discussed having them the same time with Smith Center's city wide sales and going on Friday and Saturday.
- Ed reported the speed mover has been repaired, and the tire has been changed. The mover has been working well since the repairs.
- Aubrey had prepared a tentative letter to send to dog owners for when dogs are being a nuisance. After a lengthy discussion, council asked Aubrey to research the actual costs of processing nuisance dogs, and then prepare an article or letter to send to owners about the costs involved, and what it will truly cost the animal owners if the city begins to issue fines for roaming animals.

Council Member Jim Muck left the meeting during this discussion.

- Aubrey prepared a letter to address noxious weeds on properties with the city limits. Council agreed this year was too late to take care of most weeds, but would begin implementing this process next year. Gene made the motion for fines issued for noxious weeds for First Time Offense \$50.00, Second Time Offense \$100.00 and for the Third Offense and every time after \$150.00. Also charges of \$25.00 per hour for labor for cutting or destroying the weeds by a city employee with a minimum 1 hour charge will also be applied to each offense. Barb seconded, motion carried.
- Wil made the motion to approve the Community Center Rental Agreement. Barb seconded, motion carried.
- Aubrey reported the smoking receptacles arrived and have been placed around the Community Center. A "No Driving on Grass or Sidewalk" sign has been installed in front of the building. Gene and Ed have replaced the Water Heater at the Community Center.
- Fall Grants were discussed. Aubrey reported after view other area towns playground equipment, grass is planted under most equipment, and the need for mulch of some sort would not necessarily be needed. Mulch could always be added later if the need arises. After discussing ideas for landscaping work to be done around the Community Center, council asked Aubrey to draw different designs to present council during the next meeting so all can visualize the designs.
- Gene discussed with council different option of the drainage ditch on Second Street within the Holmes addition. Aubrey reported she has not heard back from our attorney as of yet. More options of how to solve the drainage issued in the area will need to be researched before council will make any decisions. Estimates for tree removal and dozer services will be obtained during the month.
- Wil made the motion to purchase one chlorine drum scale for \$499.00. Gene seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to recess at 8:44 p.m. Mayor Tucker called the meeting back to regular session at 8:56 p.m.

- Aubrey had found three different systems to replace our meter maid system for a card reader or pin operated system. She will continue to look for less expensive options, as these systems are going to cost around \$20,000.00. Handouts were prepared for council to review these systems.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Gene made the motion to approve the draft of the 2018 Budget for the City of Gaylord with the public hearing scheduled for August 9th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Wendell seconded, motion carried.
- Ed reported while he was flushing all hydrants the past couple of months, he had found one more hydrant which needs to be added to the replacement list on the southern part of town.
- Aubrey reported an email had come from the KLM addressing the issue of open records, and how it may apply to personal cell phones in the future. This would also include fire department members if they currently are using a paging system which sends messages to their personal cells.
- Aubrey reported new withholding tax tables had been sent from the state and went into effect on July 1st, 2017.
- Aubrey reported One Call Tickets are increasing their prices to \$1.20 per ticket in September.

REPORTS:

STREETS: Ed reported he is still planning on hauling rock and will be able to push up his own rock in the north pit now.

SEWER/TRASH: Gene reported he will need two bags of Copper sulfate by August 1st. Ed reported the state inspector will be here tomorrow the 13th to inspect the wastewater system. Ed reported the Lift Station has been partially repaired at this point.

WATER: Ed reported in June and July he was able to flush and test all working hydrants in town.

FIRE: Wil reported the department had three runs during the past month. The runs consisted of a tractor fire, Mutual Aid call for the tanker, and a Carbon Dioxide Alarm. Wil reported the fire department had received a 50/50 Grant for new pagers from the Forestry Service. Barb made the motion for the city to pay \$1250.00 or half of our cost of the pagers for the Fire Department. Gene seconded, motion carried.

HOUSING/COMMUNITY CENTER: Barb reported 5 units are rented at the Housing Authority. Gene reported the light in the back of the community center has been installed.

PARKS: David asked Ed to water brown areas in park when needed. Council agreed in the future to let residents know in the newsletter the week Ed plans to spray the parks.

CITY MAN: Ed and Gene discussed the possibility of purchasing or applying for funding for a transit for the city. Ed asked council if he could take vacation the week of August 21st - August 25th. He would still plan on running the trash route Tuesday morning. Gene would be available on the 25th to take of any disconnects if necessary.

TREASRUER: no report

CITY CLERK: no report

Mayor Tucker stated the next council meeting will be August 9th, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Ed reported he would also need to change the hydrostat filter on the grasshopper mower and would need to purchase more oil. Council had no objections for this purchase.

With no further business before the council, a motion was made by Wil and seconded by Barb to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting so adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

(City Clerk)

Approved:

(Mayor) (Date)

Disclaimer: These minutes are unofficial and not official until the Gaylord City Council approves them and are signed by the Mayor.

Community Center Door Project

The Wheel Chair Assessable Door has been ordered and is tentatively scheduled to be installed during July 27th through August 10th. Arrangements have been made to not have this installation in process during any previously booked rentals during this time. For all residents who routinely obtain water from the Community Center please keep in mind the building may be unavailable for a short time period while the door is being installed. Signs will be posted on the Community Center windows once an exact date has been set.



Noxious Weed Policy

Council has approved plans to begin implementing our Noxious Weed Policy during 2018. Council has received numerous complaints concerning musk thistle this past year and in order to start controlling their population within town council has researched our current codes concerning noxious weeds and will begin to implement these procedures. Any property owner who is found to have noxious weeds on their property and are not themselves taking any measures to address the problem but cutting, spraying or destroying the weeds will have a letter sent to them. This letter will clearly state the weeds in violation, and the property the weeds are growing on. The property owner will have 10 days to address the violation but cutting, spraying, or destroying the weeds in violation, or within 5 days of the violation, to request a hearing before council. If the weeds are not cut, destroyed, or sprayed or a hearing requested within the allowed time the city will then cut or destroy the weeds and assess the cost of cutting or destroying the weeds, including a reasonable administrative fee, against the owner, occupant or agent in charge of the property. This fee will be payable to the city within 30 days, and if not paid during this time it will then be added to the property tax as a special assessment against the property. First Time Offense Fee will be \$50.00, Second Time Offense Fee will be \$100.00, and the Third Time and each offense after will be \$150.00. In addition to the fee a \$25.00 per hour, with a one hour minimum, fee will apply for the length of time it takes the city employee to cut or destroy the weeds.

If you have any questions concerning this policy please do not hesitate to discuss with any council member or contact the City Office.

Back-To-School Fun Facts

Pencils: They have been yellow since the 1800s.

Most people when you think of a #2 Ticonderoga pencil, a bright yellow pencil green metal band attaching a pink eraser comes to mind. Have you ever wondered why pencils are traditionally yellow?

In 1890, a company in Austria-Hungary, the L. & C. Hardtmuth Company, debuted a new line of pencils. They claimed that these pencils were the best and most expensive around, and they wanted to showcase their quality. At the time, most other pencils were either painted in dark colors, or not at all. To stand out from their competitors, the L. & C. Hardtmuth Company decided to paint their special pencils a distinct yellow. Eventually, other companies mimicked the bright tone in their own pencils to hope of being associated with the high quality brand. Today, pencils can be found in all colors of the rainbow, the traditional style is still that classic, bright yellow.

Playgrounds: The first playground was built in 1859.

Playgrounds have, in fact been proven as a legitimate means of educational instruction since the 19th century. It was at this time the psychologists began to reason that, on the playground, children can learn to cooperate with others, to play fairly, and to practice good manners.

The first public playground was built in Manchester, England in 1859. However, playgrounds did not gain significant popularity until the 20th century when auto mobiles started crowding the streets, forcing kids to find a new, safe place to play. This gave birth to the “playground movement,” a reformist idea that even the simplest jungle gyms aid educational development and reduce child delinquency.

Glue Sticks: It was inspired by lipstick

Glue sticks are a relatively new invention, as they are less than 50 years old. In 1969 a German chemist, Wolfgang Dierichs, was on a plane and noticed a woman touching up her lipstick. It was the lipstick that inspired him.

Dierichs noted the means of delivering product through a stick was quick and convenient and, most importantly, not mess (a primary concern when dealing with a sticky substance like glue).

The German company to first put the glue stick on the market was called Henkel, and they name their product the Pritt Stick. The Pritt Stick immediately achieved enormous success. By 1971 it broke out of the German market and was sold in 38 different countries.

Eraser: The first eraser was bread.

While pencils have been in use for hundreds of years, the eraser was only discovered in the 18th century. Prior to erasers as we know them today, people used bread.

The first eraser was nothing more than a balled-up piece of moist bread. Evidently, this material worked just fine to erase graphite markings. But the major problem with bread is it gets stale. English engineer, Edward Narine, by accident, was the one who invented the eraser. One day in 1770, Narine accidentally picked up a piece of rubber instead of bread, only to discover that this material proved even more effective at rubbing out unwanted pencil marks.

In succeeding years, scientists would perfect the formula for the perfect, gummy eraser we all know today, leaving bread where it belongs, smothered with butter and ready for eating!

31 Days of August Facts

Aug 1, 1834 - Slavery was abolished in the British Empire with the Slavery Abolition Act.
 Aug 2, 1870 - Tower Subway, the first underground tube railway, opened in London, England.
 Aug 3, 1492 - Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos de la Frontera, Spain.
 Aug 4, 1693 - Celebratory date for Dom Perignon's invention of Champagne.
 Aug 5, 2001 - Cable network Odyssey was renamed to Hallmark Channel
 Aug 6, 2012 - NASA's Curiosity rover landed on the surface of Mars.
 Aug 7, 1978 - The US government made funds available to offer federal assistance for the Love Canal Disaster.
 Aug 8, 1876 - Thomas Edison received a patent for his mimeograph (Autographic Printing)
 Aug 9, 1930 - Betty Boop made her cartoon debut in Dizzy Dishes.
 Aug 10, 1846 - The Smithsonian Institution was chartered by the United States Congress.
 Aug 11, 1965 - The Watts Riots begin in the Watts area of Los Angeles, CA.
 Aug 12, 1851 - Isaac Singer was granted a patent for his sewing machine.
 Aug 13, 1918 - Opha Mae Johnson was the first woman to enlist in the US Marine Corps.
 Aug 14, 1893 - France was the first country to introduce motor vehicle inspection.
 Aug 15, 1914 - The Panama Canal opened with the transit of the cargo ship SS Ancon.
 Aug 16, 1954 - The first issue of Sports Illustrated was published.
 Aug 17, 1977 - The Soviet icebreaker Arkika became the first surface ship to reach the North Pole.
 Aug 18, 1868 - French astronomer Pierre Janssen discovered helium.
 Aug 19, 1934 - The first All-American Soap Box Derby was held in Dayton, Ohio.
 Aug 20, 1920 - The first commercial radio station, 8MK "Detroit News Radiophone" (now WWJ), began operations in Detroit, MI.
 Aug 21, 1883 - An E% tornado strikes Rochester, MN, leading to the creation of the Mayo Clinic.
 Aug 22, 1902 - Cadillac Motor Company was founded.
 Aug 23, 1991 - Tim Berners-Lee, inventor of the World Wide Web opened the WWW to new users.
 Aug 24, 1932 - Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly across the US non-stop, from LA to Newark, NJ.
 Aug 25, 1916 - The United States National Park Service was created.
 Aug 26, 1791 - John Fitch was granted a US patent for the steamboat.
 Aug 27, 1859 - Petroleum was discovered in Titusville, PA leading to the world's first commercially successful oil well.
 Aug 28, 1609 - Henry Hudson discovered the Delaware Bay.
 Aug 29, 1958 - US Air Force Academy opened in Colorado Springs, CO.
 Aug 30, 1993 - David Letterman premiered his late night talk show in CBS.
 Aug 31, 1803 - Lewis & Clark started their expedition to the west by leaving Pittsburgh, PA.

Please remember to have all trash in secure boxes or bags placed out for pick-up on Tuesday mornings. Any loose trash in containers will not be picked up and left in the container.

Water Tower Update

August or September is the newest timeframe the crews have stated who will be working on our water tower. We will keep you updated as soon as we are made aware of any changes to this schedule.

Public Notary Services – Now Available

Our City Clerk, Aubrey has now received all the necessary documents to allow her to officially notarize documents. City Council will not charge for this service, and are glad to offer this additional service to our residents.

Community Calendar

We would like to add a calendar to this newsletter each month containing local birthdays and anniversaries for area residents and their families. We would also like to include, upcoming local events. In memorandum of loved ones may also be included. Please submit your information to Abby at the City Office at any time, but no later than the third Friday of each month, so this information can be placed in the following month's newsletter. You may submit your information by calling the City Office at 697-2697, mail to: City of Gaylord, PO Box 548, Gaylord, KS 67638, drop in the box located in the City Office, or e-mail to cityofgaylord@gmail.com.

City Council

The Gaylord City Council meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in the Gaylord Community Center. The public is *always* invited and can attend the entire meeting, except during Executive Session. If you wish to discuss a particular concern, please let our City Clerk, Abby Neussendorfer; know by the first Friday of the month, so she can add your name to the monthly meeting agenda. We WELCOME the public, and wish we had more citizens attend our meetings. The City Council does their best to address the issues of our citizens, and tries to provide our citizens with a healthy, safe environment with the funds available. Please join in and help our decisions. Please do your part to maintain the quality of our community.

Contact Information

Please make sure to keep your contact information current with the City Office, as when events occur such as Boil Advisories you can be informed as soon as possible. By which ever means you prefer to be contacted: phone, text message, e-mail or via Facebook, please keep this information current with the City Office.

Gaylord Library

Beat the summer heat with a good book from your local library. Stop in and see the latest additions. We also have a great traveling book selection. Gaylord Library Hours are 9am to 11am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

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