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City Office Hours - Changes

Starting on June 1st there will no longer be set office hours for the City Office to be open. This decision was made by members of City Council during a special meeting on Thursday, May 17th at the Community Center. Many different factors combined to result in this decision by council. In the past, our city office did not have set office hours and council allowed our city part-time staff of city clerk and treasurer to perform their tasks when time allowed. Usually these positions were held by residents who also worked full-time jobs outside of the community and would not allow for regular office hours. The City was fortunate these past couple of years to have an employee available during the day to have set office hours, and while this has been a great option for residents to have someone available during the days, it has also increased payroll expenses for the city. Members of council considered all options before unanimously coming to the conclusion to do away with regular City Office hours and allow part-time employees of the City Clerk and Treasurer to work their hours around their other employment obligations. In the past this usually means most of their duties are performed during nights and weekends.

The Community Center building will still be open normal hours from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, to allow for access to the drop box for payments. Our Utility Superintendent, Ed Burt will still be working his regular hours throughout the city. Emails, phone messages, and the drop box within the City Office will be checked on a daily basis by employees as it is currently. All forms for water and sewer services; such as, new connection applications, reconnection of services, or termination of services are available online on our website of www.gaylordkansas.com/utilities. Payments can still be dropped off at the City Office in the drop box, mailed, or can be made online. A link to our payment system is found on the www.gaylordkansas.com website under the Utilities section, and at the top of this page is a red box which states "Online Payments". Click on this button, and it will take you to our payment system. Cash customers will either need to obtain money orders or call ahead a few days in advance to make arrangements to meet someone at the city office to make a payment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the City Office at 697-2697, cityofgaylord@gmail.com or talk to any council member.

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Well #6 Improvements

After the water tower was back online and our water system was all set back to its normal parameters, we began experiencing issues with our well #6's pump and/or motor. Our Utility Superintendent, Ed Burt began performing his maintenance checks and testing different components to determine the issues well #6 was having. After completing all his tests the issues were still present so our vendor Sargent Drilling was contacted to come and determine the problem. Sargent Drilling determined it was either the wells motor or pump was going bad and scheduled another visit on Monday, May 14th and would bring the necessary testing equipment to determine which one of these would need to be replaced. According to our records, this wells pump and motor was set in the late 1950's and other than regular maintenance and a few minor repairs over the years this was still the original. Once Sargent Drilling arrived on the 14th it was determined to replace both the wells pump and motor, thus only having to pay for labor and mileage for one visit. Funds remaining from the Water Tower project allowed for this necessary replacement without having to cause a major expense for the city. The only minor disruption to services during this time was for our Bulk Water Fill Station users as when the pump and motor installation took place, no water could be filled. Council would like to thank all users for your understanding during this time!

Fire Hydrants

You may have noticed the Fire Hydrants in Gaylord are sporting a fresh coat of reflective red paint. Ed and Gene have been busy prepping all hydrants for their first coat of reflective aluminum base coat which is silver, followed by a top coat of fire hydrant red paint. Once all hydrants have been painted with their final coat of red paint, reflective yellow numbers will be placed on each hydrant to aid in location and identification purposes.

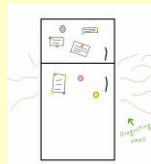


Old Tires, Refrigerators & Air Conditioner Disposal

The Smith County Landfill is now taking tires. **FREE OF CHARGE** You must have 2 scale tickets. One empty weight of vehicle and another scale ticket with weight of tires in the vehicle. You will also, need to provide proof that you are a resident of Smith County, (Driver's License will do.)

Disposal of Refrigerators or Air Conditioners are now being accepted at Dave's Heating and Cooling. **FREE OF CHARGE.**

For additional information or questions please call Landfill at 785-389-1200.



Minutes from the May City Council Meeting

City of Gaylord - Minutes of May 9th, 2018 Regular Meeting

The Gaylord City Council met in regular session in the Community Center at 7:00 p.m., May 9th, 2018.

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

Absent Members: Jim Muck and Crystal Ifland

Presiding: Mayor David Tucker

Present also: City Clerk Aubrey Neussendorfer, Utility Superintendent Ed Burt, and Tracy Kingsbury.

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

Citizen's Report: Tracy Kingsbury addressed council concerning two different bids he had prepared concerning the installation and removal of a few fire hydrants in town. Roughly a \$5,000 difference was present and it came from the way the new hydrants would be installed. The more expensive option would have Municipal Supply use their machine which taps into the water main and installs the connecting pieces for the hydrants without having to disconnect water services, compared to the least expensive option of having water services interrupted during the time it would take for Kingsbury himself to tap into the water main and install the connecting pieces for the fire hydrants. Council also discussed with Tracy more details on this project and the timeframe he expects once council would approve it.

The minutes of the April 11th Regular Meeting was read. Barb made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Gene seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Tucker called for the reading of the bills. Wil made a motion, seconded by Barb, to approve payment of bills, including any routine bills outstanding. Motion carried. Bills paid out \$97,300.90.

Mayor Tucker asked for a report of utility arrears: Richard Bose, Darin Godsey with three accounts, Ron Peterson, Terry Manning, Mike DuBois, and AML. No accounts were disconnected. Aubrey reported there were still concerns around the termination request on account #82. Council agreed if there is still pending issues they need to attend a regular council meeting for discussion of this matter with members of council.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Aubrey reported no written objections were received concerning the Holmes Addition Project and our attorney is waiting on Mr. Horning to sign the easement in his office. We can proceed with this project at any time.
- Mr. Walsh has been contacted to let him know the water tower is back into service and when he is ready he can schedule his on-site visit to work on the Bulk Fill Water Station.
- Members of council were updated on the leaks around the seals on the first rung of the water tower standpipe. Crews from Maguire Iron had been on-site to review and determined they would need to come back once well 6 had been fixed and the tower had been drained to fix these seals. This repair would not be an additional expense to the city as it's a follow-up from their initial repairs.
- Ed reported he had obtained numerous quotes concerning replacement of all of our current water meters and they ranged from \$51.50 to \$66.95 per meter.
- Council was informed two grants have been received. \$10,000 from the Smith County Community Foundation for the Fire Department and \$1,650 from the Pioneer Giving Grants from a referral from Frieling Grain for Playground Equipment.
- Updates on the latest Strategic Planning meeting concerning the School House Project were given. Surveys were included in the latest newsletter and the results of these would be discussed at the next meeting which was scheduled on Thursday, May 24th, at 7 p.m.
- Aubrey reported Andy from Kirwin Irrigation brought in a copy of the original contract signed when the canal system was first installed in town and it addresses the future maintenance on the sewer bridge just west of 6th Street. The initial installation of this bridge was the Irrigation Districts expense but any future repairs or improvements would be the cities responsibility.
- Aubrey reported WSU is currently working on the water and sewer rate review. She had sent and prepared numerous reports and data for them to complete this review. They anticipate having this report for review at our June meeting.
- A letter of intent was sent to the City of Manhattan for the lift station. Manhattan stated it would 120 days or more before this lift station would be available for installation in Gaylord.
- Council revisited the Fund Balances Reports from the past few years and agreed there is not too many areas in which the city can cut expenses. Council asked Aubrey to contact a few local communities with comparable population

- comparable population sizes to see what they do for their current city employee positions.

Mayor called the meeting to recess at 8:41 p.m. Mayor Tucker called the meeting back to order at 8:50 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Aubrey reported the 1st quarter interest on our CD's was \$147.80
- Aubrey reported she had found a grant available from Home Depot for up to \$5,000 which could be used for purchasing materials from their stores for the improvements of any publically used facility. Council agreed to apply for funding with this grant to redo both sides of the restrooms at the city park, and to make improvements to both the interior and exterior of these restrooms as well. Also if funding allowed they would like to replace the chains and seats on the swing sets and purchase a new picnic table for the city park.
- Aubrey reported she had found a grant that would allow for the purchase of an auto-read meter reading system and its components for the city to install on all water meters in town. Council agreed for Ed to research different options for this system and to report back to council.
- Council was informed of a save the date of June 16th for Frielng Grain's upcoming celebration for 80 years of business.
- If any council member is interested in attending Kansas One Call's annual meeting registration information will be in the city office.
- Gene made the motion to sign the contract to have Maguire Iron clean and disinfect our water tower every three years beginning in 2021. Wil seconded, motion carried.
- Members of council discussed the recent activity in town of large amounts of yard rubbish being removed.
- Council discussed the issues well #6 has been having and it has been determined either the wells motor or pump is going bad. Sargent Drilling will bring the necessary equipment on either Friday the 11th or Monday the 14th to perform further testing to determine which one is the problem and replace the parts while they are here. Council would like Aubrey to contact them to get a better idea of the costs involved for both the wells motor and pump.
- Council discussed the future plans for both the Community Center and Library. Council would like Aubrey to send a letter to invite Donna Muck to our next meeting to discuss the plans for the library further.
- Members of council had been informed of residents dumping old tires within the right-of way of the city going to the City Burn Site west of town.
- A webinar was going to be offered by the Smith County Community Foundation for funding beyond the Hansen Foundation on June 6th, 2018. If any members of council are interested in listening in please let Aubrey know.
- Council discussed the plans for the future public transportation bus and asked if any further details have been received from Smith Center. Aubrey reported other than being approved for the vehicle no other details have been received as of yet.

REPORTS:

STREETS: All know issues have already been addressed.

SEWER/TRASH: Ed reported that Adam and Gene will be covering the trash route while he is gone on vacation the last week of May. Members of council unanimously agreed to install a curb stop within the 2" line and the additional 3 curb stops when the new fire hydrants are installed. David reported he had obtained estimates from V & K Trash Services if they would be contracted to cover our weekly trash route in town. With roughly 70 stops they would charge \$11.00 per month, per pick-up if the city still collected the billing from the individual customers.

WATER: Ed reported he planned to flush all hydrants in town within the next 10 days.

FIRE: Wil reported the department had been on two runs in the past month. The City Pumper was working again.

HOUSING/COMMUNITY CENTER: Barb reported all 12 units at the housing are now rented.

PARKS: David reported the parks may need to be watered if no rains came soon. Ed reported he had sprayed the parks and mowed twice. Council agreed to pick-up and dispose of the black containers around the benches at the park as no flowers are planted.

UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT: Ed reported he had to pick-up a new idler pulley for the mower, and a new brake cylinder for the Dump Truck. Ed asked council if he could purchase a small set of both Standard and Metric wrenches and sockets to have on hand in the city shop.

Council had no objections to this request. Ed reported the shared fuel barrel has been installed and ready for use.

TREASRUER: no report

CITY CLERK: Aubrey asked council for their approval for her Notary Association Annual Dues of \$20.00. Council has no objections to this request.

Mayor Tucker stated the next council meeting will be June 13th, 2018 at 7 p.m.

With no further business before the council, a motion was made by Wil and seconded by Gene 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.

Gaylord Summer Reading Program

Join us for a cowabunga good time!!!

For children 3-8 years old.

Where: Gaylord Community Center

When: Thursday's during June (June 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th)

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

This program is free of charge. We will have reading, activities, a light snack and drink will be provided, and lots of fun. Registration will be on the first day, June 7th.

This program is hosted by Kalyn Ifland from the Solomon Valley Beavers 4-H Club.

For any questions, contact Kalyn Ifland or Crystal Ifland at 785-282-5354.



News from Gaylord Parkview Manor

All twelve apartments are rented at the Housing Authority. Many residents have planted gardens or flowers in their brick flower beds. Donna Muck keeps the children supplied with new books. A Field Officer Inspector from Headquarters will visit May 31st.

Gaylord & Christ Lutheran Cemetery's Memorial Day flowers will be left in place for 10 days after Memorial Day. At this time they will be picked up.

The Cemetery Board



The Gaylord Cemetery Board would like to thank all in advance who are helping prepare the Gaylord & Christ Lutheran Cemeteries for the upcoming Memorial Day weekend!!

Spring Grants Awarded

The City of Gaylord and the Gaylord Volunteer Fire Department applied for many local grants during the spring application process, and to date we have heard back from the following organizations.

Playground Equipment

The Pioneer Giving Grant was made available to the City of Gaylord from application details sent to us from Frieling Grain Inc. Members of council determined to use this grant to seek funding to purchase a new piece of Playground Equipment for the City Park. In early May, the city was informed we had been awarded our full grant for \$1,650.00 to allow the city to purchase the desired piece of playground equipment. This playground equipment has been ordered and it awaiting assembly and installation in the city park. Council voted to remove the current slipper slide located in the city park and this new piece of equipment will be installed in its location. This new piece of equipment has the following features: swing bar with two swings, 1 trapeze bar, monkey bar, and a fireman's pole. It also features a clubhouse tower with roof which on its sides has a small slide, ladder, and two 3-D climbing wall features. Members of Council would like to thank Frieling Grain Inc. for this opportunity to purchase new playground equipment for all younger members in our community to enjoy!!

Bunker Gear for Fire Department Members

The Gaylord Volunteer Fire Department applied for funding to apply towards the purchase of new sets of bunker gear for all thirteen members of the fire department. Department members applied to four local sources for funding to combine together along with their own department's funds to purchase thirteen new sets of bunker gear for all department members. An award of \$10,000 was received from the Smith County Community Foundation; an award of \$2,000 was received from the Bill and Julia Thomas Charitable Trust; an award of \$2,174 was received from the Carrol and Darlene Booz Charitable Trust, and an award of \$2,500 was received from the Rathert Foundation. This makes for a combined total of \$16,674 the fire department members will apply towards the purchase of bunker gear. New sets of bunker gear which is comprised of coats and pants will cost the department roughly around \$2,500, and for all 13 members is estimated to cost \$32,840.00. With the funds received from these grants and the portion of funds the department has allocated for this project the members will be able to order eight complete sets of bunker gear this year. Members of the Gaylord Volunteer Fire Department are very appreciative for the opportunity to accept these awards, and now have the capabilities to order new bunker gear for a portion of their current members. Current bunker gear worn by many of the members is older with many pieces pushing close to 20 years old. Due to the cost of this gear only a few pieces have been purchased over the years to accommodate the sizing differences of new members. Most of the current inventory of bunker gear was ordered for members who are no longer on the department as they have retired, moved out of the service area, or have passed away. Industry standards recommend this bunker gear is replaced every 10 years. The modern gear the department will be ordering is made from materials that are lighter-weight and allow for the person to maintain a more comfortable body temperature in the extreme conditions a fire fighter finds themselves in while performing the duties of their job.

DRAMATIC RESCUE

On Thursday, May 10, retired fire chief Stan Horning was called to rescue recently appointed fire chief Adam Ifland at the new fire station in Gaylord. A 20 foot anaconda had Chief Ifland cornered in the upper level after having already attacked volunteer Rob Gillis. Retired Chief Horning disposed of the dangerous reptile, and no medical treatment was necessary for Chief Ifland or volunteer Gillis.

(It was actually a 3' bull snake about as big around as a twizzler!)

School House Project Update

The next meeting for the community group for the Gaylord School House Project and Gaylord Community Foundation will meet on Thursday, May 24th, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Results of the recent survey will be discussed and the group will discuss a few of the questions received during this survey process. A total of 19 surveys were returned for this project. Following are the tallied results of the recent survey.

Gaylord School House Project

Do you think a community based group should purchase the former Gaylord School?

- Yes 13
- No 3
- I don't care

What do you want to see happen with the Gaylord School?

- Renovated for usage 7
- Torn Down 13
- I don't care 1

If renovated, what would you like to see the building used for?

- Rentable spaces for community activities? 4
- Rentable spaces for businesses? 6
- Renovated in to rentable housing units? 5
- Other _____

If the building is torn down, what would you like to see the land used for?

- Empty grass lot 5
- Park for community use such as kids/walking 13
- Community garden for fruits/vegetables 4
- Other _____

Gaylord Community Foundation

Do you think a Gaylord Community Foundation should be formed?

- Great idea 18
- I don't care 1
- Terrible Idea

How would you like to see these funds if a Gaylord Foundation is formed?

- Only on the Gaylord School House Project 4
- Any Project to benefit the Gaylord Community 16
- Other _____

Would you like to be on the committee of the Gaylord School House Project?

- Yes 7
- No 7
- I don't know 5

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

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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