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## What will 2017 bring for Gaylord?

It seems every year the time seems to slip away faster and days go by so quickly! 2017 is already here and it feels like we just became accustomed to writing 2016 on our paperwork. This past year has brought many exciting projects to our town and we anticipate this trend to continue in 2017.

In our Street Department, during the past year we have been able to successfully obtain limestone rock and have been able to lay new rock on all roads within Gaylord. This past spring was a muddy mess and we feel we have built up the roads to help with the mess for this coming spring. Plans are in the works as a few residents have volunteered their time and use of their equipment to help the city trim and remove trees and limbs within the city right-of-ways to allow for certain areas in town to have more access to airflow and sunlight to aid the streets in drying out. We are also thankful for all residents who take the time to help when needed with their equipment to aid in maintenance of our streets. Your work of working out the bumps or snow removal does not go unnoticed and is appreciated.

In our Sewer/Trash Department, 2016 has brought many good things! Throughout the year, after attending continuing education training more efficient preventative maintenance programs have been implemented within Gaylord. Regular Copper Sulfate treatments have been utilized. These treatments are placed within the sewer lines to help rid the lines of tree roots to keep Gaylord flowing smoothly! No major sewer issues arose during this past year, and with the regular treatments, all areas of town are checked for flowage issues on a regular basis. After an inspection of our lagoons this past year, council was pleased to find out no major issues were found. At this time the sludge levels within each pond were measured, and good news again as no major work with need to be scheduled to clean out the lagoons in the near future. With the recent project Nex-tech completed in town, all sewer lines had to be located before they could begin digging. During this process it allowed for a "true hands on" look at all areas of our system. The city also was able to purchase a different trash truck. This newer truck has allowed the city to make some major improvements in many areas within our sewer fund. The truck has a larger capacity and instead of heading to the landfill each week, monthly trips are now the norm. Granted outside temperatures may not allow for this in the summer, but so far so good.

In our Water Department, 2016 was a year of struggles and improvements. In April the Arsenic System was completely installed on Well #7 and began to treat our water for arsenic removal. In May a valve failed on the arsenic system which ultimately resulted in a loss of pressure within our water system and leading to a Boil Advisory having to be issued. This issue was completely fixed in December of this year. We have noticed much improvement in the complaints of brown or rusty water when the arsenic system is fully functioning. As in order to remove arsenic one must remove iron and manganese. Council is looking forward to 2017 to see long term benefits and

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*2016 was a great year  
for the City of Gaylord!*

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*The Governing Body  
would like to wish  
everyone a Happy  
New Year!*

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results from the arsenic system being in use. The water tower was still an ongoing project of finding and obtaining financial resources to aid in the re-coating of the exterior and interior of the tower. After many dead ends, a loan application has been submitted for funding for this project and council anticipates approval in early 2017. In late June a lightning strike wiped out our Telemetry System, and in October a new updated system was installed. This updated system has improved the efficiency of our system and is capable of monitoring different parameters and with the use of technology sends alerts to quickly fix issues before major problems arise. During the Nex-tech project while locating all water lines areas of concern were found and issues were repaired before leaks occurred. With employees attending different training sessions and talking with other community's different practices and products are added often to improve our water system. For example, after talking to a water system operator from the Hays area the city was made aware of foam insulation pads made specifically to fit inside meter pits to prevent them from freezing in the winter. In the past we have used household insulation filled in trash bags and while they worked they had to be replaced often and if they got wet a new one had to be made. These new foam pads are ready to be placed in the pit at any time and if they get wet, are able to be dried out and used again. While these pads are costly upfront, they will end up saving money in the long run. Council anticipates continuing to work on and improve the water system and its components during 2017.

In our Fire Department, the biggest change is the building has been constructed for the new Fire Station in the 100 block of Main Street. This new station is very exciting and the department is still working on finishing the inside. This new station will allow for all the departments equipment to be housed inside and all in one location and a place for meetings and training purposes. The department also was able to obtain a military truck from the Kansas Forestry Service to add to their fleet of trucks. Members have spent many hours working on the two projects during the past year during their free time.

In the Parks Department, the past year council utilized the Waste Tire Grant Program and added a Wheel Chair Assessable Picnic Table to our City Park. This table is made from recycled tires and with this program the state reimburses one for 50% of the cost of the table. The Solomon Valley Beavers 4-H Club members painted many tables and benches at our City Park and planted flowers around the archway. Council plans to continue to maintain and improve the parks for our residents as needs arise in 2017.

In the Housing/Community Center Department, council has continued to improve areas and make necessary repairs as needed. Open lines of communication have been established between the Gaylord Housing and City Council and they both work together to make our town appealing to new residents. In the Community Center, council continues to make updates to improve the building for all who utilize our facilities. Council has also implemented more events to bring our residents together and keep local activities fun.



## Minutes from the December City Council Meeting

### City of Gaylord - Minutes of December 14th, 2016 Regular Meeting

The Gaylord City Council met in regular session in the Community Center at 7:00 p.m., December 14th, 2016.

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

Absent Members: none

Presiding: Mayor David Tucker

Present also: City Clerk Aubrey Neussendorfer, Treasurer Crystal Ifland, and City Man Ed Burt

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

Mayor Tucker opened the Budget Hearing for the Amended General Fund for the City of Gaylord. After review, Barb made the motion to adopt and approve the Amended Budget for the General Fund 2016 for the City of Gaylord. Jim seconded, motion carried.

Citizen's Report: none

The minutes of the November 9th Regular meeting were read. Correction of injector pump not idle pump on the 4020. Wil made the motion to approve the minutes as read, with the above stated correction. Barb seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Tucker called for the reading of the bills. After discussion, Wendell made a motion, seconded by Gene, to approve payment of bills, including any routine bills outstanding. Motion carried. Bills paid out \$13,597.80.

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

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Aubrey reported we should hear on the Loan Application by December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Ed and Gene updated council on the Arsenic System. All is working well and after review Wil made the motion to sign the contract to assume ownership of the Arsenic System on Well #7 from Boettcher Enterprises. Barb seconded, motion carried.
- Gene reported Center Glass will be here December 12<sup>th</sup> to give an estimate for replacing the front doors of the Community Center to a Wheel Chair Assessable Door.
- Aubrey reported the Santa Visit was a success as 11 children were able to visit Santa.
- Aubrey reported the Square Reader has been received and is ready to be used to accept credit and debit cards.
- Council discussed the tree trimming project in town. After discussion, council agreed a list needs to be compiled of all areas within town and letters need to be sent to residents to inform them what is going on.
- The Christmas Party was discussed and the dates of January 14<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup> were chosen. Kurt Ifland will be contacted to see if one of these dates will be available for him.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Wil made the motion to call an Executive Session for ten minutes to discuss the Farmers' Bank Bids. Barb seconded, motion carried. Council went into Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. Mayor Tucker called the meeting back to Regular Session at 8:14 p.m.

Wil made the motion to accept the highest bid for the Farmer's Bank Building for \$4001.00 from Dennis Maximova with AMI. Barb seconded, motion carried. Council asked the Clerk to send a letter to Dennis informing him of council decision and giving a 30 day timeline before closing. Council discussed what items all needed to be removed from the Bank as its currently being used for storage.

- Wil made the motion to pay Christmas Bonuses in the following amounts; Ed - \$100.00, Aubrey - \$100.00, Crystal - \$75.00 and Stephanie - \$50.00. Gene seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to recess at 8:19 p.m. The meeting was called back to regular session at 8:26 p.m.

#### REPORTS:

**STREETS:** Wendell reported rocking of the streets is looking good. Ed reported in this process a few driveway approaches also needed rock. Aubrey asked Ed to turn in his loads for 2016 for payment.

**SEWER/TRASH:** Ed reported the heater went out in the lift station today and a temporary fix is in place. Wendell reported he had one he would sell the city for \$29.00. Council had no objections to this purchase. Wendell made the motion to purchase new seals for all windows in the Community Center. Barb seconded, motion carried. Gene reported he would bring the old trophies to the next council meeting to be reviewed to see what needs to be done with them. After discussion Barb made the motion to sell the old Nativity Scene to Delpha Godsey for \$100.00. Wendell seconded, motion carried. Council asked the clerk to send a letter to Delpha informing her of council's decision and giving her until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to pick-up the items.

**WATER:** Jim reported no new water complaints have been received during the past month. Ed reported there are now two hydrants which are leaking and he currently has them insulated.

**FIRE:** Wil reported one run to the City Burn Site occurred in the past month. Changes to members include: A.J. Wilson needs to be removed and Aaron Lewis is changed to full-time status.

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY CENTER:** 5 units are rented. Barb reported no issues have been brought to her attention with the Community Center and all appears to be clean. Barb thanked all who helped decorate the Community Center for the holiday season. Many compliments have been received for how nice the community center looks. Barb expressed her concern for the rent charges for the Solomon Valley Beavers 4-H Club and believes they should be able to use the building for a reduced rate in exchange for all the volunteer service they provide to the city. After discussion council asked the clerk to check into rental rates in other town for non-profit groups.

**PARKS:** Ed reported the heater in the city shop at the park was repaired.

**CITY MAN:** Ed reported he will be ordering fuel from Gaylord Service in the near future. Christmas Lights on Main Street have a few bulbs that are not working.

**TREASRUER:** no report.

**CITY CLERK:** no report

Mayor Tucker stated the next council meeting will be January 11th, 2017 at 7 p.m.

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:

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(City Clerk)

Approved:

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(Mayor) (Date)

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

## What are the most common New Year's Resolutions

- 25 - Losing weight is the most common resolution coming in at about 25% of all of them. Unfortunately, many only last until February and then they are back to their old habits.
- 24 - Exercise while this is often associated with losing weight there are also people who does not have to lose weight but just need physical exercise to get into shape. Most commonly these membership passes go idle after March.
- 23 - Quit smoking is a no-brainer due to the health consequences and expense, but in reality only about 10% of those who make the resolution will keep it up for at least 6 months.
- 22 - "I'm never going to drink again!" is a common phrase after a night of consuming alcohol. A considerable amount of people make this resolution each year, but due to alcohol addiction this is an extremely difficult issue to get rid of.
- 21 - 10% of Americans make resolutions to find a new job. The funny thing is as the more job positions there are, the harder it seems to find people who really enjoy their jobs.
- 20 - Paying off debts is a popular resolution that many have difficulty in achieving.
- 19 - Improving finances is a resolution about 14% of people set each year. In 2015 studies showed a third of Americans did not have any savings.
- 18 - Eating healthier and another common resolution made each year.
- 17 - Organization and time management is a common thing people wish to improve. An average office employee spends 1.5 hours a day or 6 weeks per year looking for things needed to complete tasks.
- 16 - The beginning of the year is a time when many families plan to start spending more time together.
- 15 - Improving stress management is a common resolution and is hard to accomplish without life changes.
- 14 - Enjoying life to the fullest is a very hard resolution to achieve. The sad truth is tight family budgets often simply do not allows for families to keep this resolution.
- 13 - Procrastination or the practice of doing more pleasurable things in place of less pleasurable ones has become a serious problem often resulting on stress, anxiety, and a sense of guilt.
- 12 - Travel more is a resolution many set but rarely accomplish as the saved funds usually end up being spent on other essentials.
- 11 - Improving relationships with a family member. Most will accomplish this goal for a single event but it is not common for this to last an entire year.
- 10 - Learn a new language.
- 9 - Have better sleeping habits in order to obtain more sleep each night.
- 8 - Spend less time on social media such as Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- 7 - Spend less time watching TV.
- 6 - Going through and getting rid of clothing. Most find sentimental attachments to items during this process and have a hard time actually tossing anything out.
- 5 - Spending more time biking to not only get exercise but to explore their environment in a different way.
- 4 - Train and successfully run a half or full marathon. Many want to achieve this goal but once they are introduced to the strenuous training they are done.
- 3 - Trying an extreme sport such as sky diving.
- 2 - Doing charity work.
- 1 - Having a baby and expanding ones family is a common practice among the younger generation. They tend to plan this event as best they can when they feel they are emotionally and financially stable enough for the responsibility of a child.

## Events of 1917 – 100 years ago on this day....

All of these events occurred 100 years ago within the month of January.

Jan. 1 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Rose Bowl: Oregon beats Pennsylvania 14-0

Jan 2 - Royal Bank of Canada takes over Quebec Bank

Jan 8 - Austria-Hungarian troops conquer Forlani Italy

Jan 9 - World War I: the Battle of Rafa occurs near the Egyptian border with Palestine.

Jan 10 - The Allied Governments respond to US President Wilson's December 1916 note, giving their terms for ending the war

Jan 11 - Guy Bolton & PG Wodehouse's "Have a Heart," premiers on NYC

Jan 16 - The Greek Government accepts reparations for Allied losses sustained in recent actions in Greece.

Jan 17 - US pays Denmark \$25 million for Virgin Islands

Jan 19 - The Silvertown explosion: 300 die when a munitions factory in Essex explodes.

Jan 27 - Coen de Koning wins 2<sup>nd</sup> official 11 cities race (9:53) (record)

Jan 28 - Municipally owned streetcars take to the streets of San Francisco, CA.

Jan 29 - British submarine K13 sank in Gaire Loch, Scotland; 32 of her crew died.

Jan 31 - Germany notifies US that U-boats will attack neutral merchant ship.

Jan 31 - Mexican President Carranza announces a new constitution with many liberal elements; most of which his regime will not implement.

## Community Clean-Up Days

Thank you, to all who returned the clean-up surveys from the October issue of our newsletter. Council was pleased with the amount of interest our residents have shown to pursue the Community Clean-Up Grants offered through the Smith County Community Foundation and Dane G. Hansen Foundation. With many of our residents who have graciously volunteered their time and the equipment for removal of larger items are involved with farming and with fall harvest in full swing this project will take place in the Spring of 2017. Sometime in late March or early April is when Council is tentatively looking at scheduling this project to take place. Also, this timeframe should give our residents plenty of time to sort and go through as many items as possible to fully take advantage of this project. Please keep reading the newsletters as we will keep you informed as details are added to this project.



## Tree Trimming

In the next few months you may notice a few less trees and branches around town. Residents have graciously volunteered their time and equipment to aid the city in removing many trees and branches from within our city right-of-ways. Letters will be sent to all residents in which the crews will be working and what trees the city will be removing and/or trimming. These trees are needed to be cleaned up in order to allow for proper airing of the streets, to prevent their roots from entering the sewer lines and to allow for safe passing of all vehicles.

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*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.*

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## Tuesday Morning – Trash Day

Please remember to keep your pets either on a leash or in a pen on Monday evenings and especially Tuesday mornings as when your pets are allowed to roam the streets, they are finding their way into trash and tearing the bags of a scattering trash all over. Please note if trash is scattered all over the street it is not the City's responsibility to pick up all the debris, as we only pick-up trash which is secured in boxes or in bags.

## 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](mailto: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

Get ready for when the snow flies, and come in to check out the latest books added to our selection at the Library, as there is nothing better than curling up with a good book on these cold winter days. We also have a great traveling book selection. Gaylord Library Hours are 9am to 11am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

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