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## Water, Sewer, and Trash Rates

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Members of City Council reviewed the proposed rates for the Water, Sewer, and Trash services the City of Gaylord currently provides to our residents. Members of council are wanting to make sure we are charging enough to cover all our current expenses to maintain our systems on a day-to-day basis, to charge enough to continue to meet our general obligation payments of approximately \$16,000 each year, and to charge enough to begin building our reserves within each fund to have the funds available when major improvements or expenses arise so we are prepared and are able to continue to maintain the high quality of services we currently offer our residents. Council is currently reviewing these studies and proposed increases and have not made any changes as of yet. Below is a comparison of our current rates to the proposed rates for In Town and Out of Town customers.

Current Rates		Proposed Rates	
Water In Town -	\$33.68	Water In Town	\$36.68
Sewer/Trash In Town -	\$16.84	Sewer In town	\$18.00
		Trash In Town	\$16.00
Current total In Town	\$50.52	Proposed Total	\$70.68
Water Out of Town	\$44.91	Water Out of Town	\$47.91
Sewer/Trash	\$22.45	Sewer	\$24.00
		Trash	\$21.00
Current Out of Town	\$67.36	Proposed Total	\$92.91

Currently with each accounts monthly minimum water charge this includes 3,000 gallons of water and any additional gallons used are charged at a rate of \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons. WSU proposes this be changed to no gallons are included with the monthly minimum charge and all water used for each account be charged at a rate of 2.75 per 1,000 gallons. As you will notice they are also recommending we separate the sewer and trash into two separate charges moving forward. Council will discuss this rate study more at the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please remember no changes have been approved yet, as these are just proposed rates at this time. If you have any questions, please contact any member of City Council or the City Office.

## City Burn Site

City Council would like to remind all residents the only place to place yard waste of trees, limbs, shrubs, brush, and grass clippings is the City Burn Site west of 9<sup>th</sup> Street. **NO ITEMS ARE TO BE PLACED AT THE OLD BALL DIAMOND!!!** This spot was only secured for the Community Clean-Up project due to the large amount of trees and limbs this project removed within town.

Also council would like to remind all this City Burn Site is for residents of Gaylord only and to only bring items from properties within Gaylord to this location. If you want to bring items from an outside property you must first ask City Council permission and make these arrangements.

If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact a City Council member or call the City Office at 697-2697.

## 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 June City Council Meeting

### City of Gaylord - Minutes of June 13th, 2018 Regular Meeting

The Gaylord City Council met in regular session in the Community Center at 7:00 p.m., June 13th, 2018.

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

Absent Members:

Presiding: Mayor David Tucker

Present also: City Clerk Aubrey Neussendorfer, Treasurer Crystal Ifland, Utility Superintendent Ed Burt, Adam Ifland and Nora Rhoades.

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

Citizen's Report: Nora Rhoades addressed council concerning the Smith County Health & Wellness Living Coalition Group she is a member of have chosen Gaylord as a community to focus on health and wellness as according to statistics Gaylord as a community is behind other communities within the County. One program they would like to promote and implement in Gaylord is the Gardening for the Greater Good by having baskets available in a public location for residents to drop off extra produce and allow others to take and exchange their extras so no produce goes to waste and all can receive its benefits. Council agreed the best place for these baskets would be Gaylord Service and Nora would contact Dave Hommon about this project. This grant funding lasts until 2020 and while it will not pay for any projects or any amounts can be given it will basically pay the wages for Nora to do research for the city in area to benefit health & wellness. Nora has also been meeting with the School House Project group in Gaylord as well.

Fire Chief Adam Ifland addressed council on whose responsible for maintaining the grounds and property at the Fire Station when it comes to mowing and spraying the outside areas. After discussion council agreed it should be the Utility Superintendents responsibility to make sure the outside grounds around the fire station are mowed and sprayed regularly. Adam also reported to council concerning the original plan to place a culvert under 1<sup>st</sup> Street or M road by the county is no longer going to occur as too many underground lines and cables are present on the east side of M road to Highway 9. Adam did discuss with Mitch about then having a culvert placed in the old box culvert under Main Street on the east end just before 1<sup>st</sup> Street and the council will place this culvert for the city. Council agreed an 18" culvert should be plenty big and Adam will need to ask about the cost spilt of this culvert and when they anticipate this project occurring.

The minutes of the May 9th Regular Meeting was read. Barb made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Wil seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Tucker called for the reading of the bills. Barb made a motion, seconded by Wendell, to approve payment of bills, including any routine bills outstanding. Motion carried. Bills paid out \$15702.71.

Mayor Tucker asked for a report of utility arrears: Richard Bose, Darin Godsey with three accounts, Ron Peterson, and Dena Dannenberg. No accounts were disconnected.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Aubrey reported our attorney is still waiting to have the easement for the Holmes Addition project signed. Adam plans to wait until the leaves are gone from the trees to begin this project as fewer trees will need to be removed this way.
- Aubrey reported John Walsh with the SmartVend system will be on-site on June 19<sup>th</sup> to look over our system and see what needs to be fixed to make it accurate all the time.
- Council agreed as long as the seeping from the standpipe does not get any worse to just wait until crews are here in 2020 to clean and inspect again to fix the issues so we do not have to the drain the tower more than needed.
- Aubrey reported a total of \$16,674 was awarded from the grants to apply towards the purchase of new bunker gear for the fire department members.
- Ed has begun working on putting together the new playground equipment into pieces and will move it to its final location before placing all the components together. He expects to have this completed by the end of June.
- Ed reported on the quotes he received concerning an auto-read metering system for all water meters in town averaged around \$50,000. Gene made the motion to proceed with a grant to purchase an auto-read meter system from Salina Supply quoted at \$50,000.00. Barb seconded, motion carried.
- Aubrey reported she had applied for the grant offered through Home Depot for the restrooms in the park but has not heard back as of yet.

- Aubrey reported the next meeting of the Strategic Planning for the School House Project would be June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Community Center and Joan Nech would attend and discuss options for setting up a pass-thru account with the SCCF for the funds to be placed for this project or future projects for Gaylord.
- Aubrey provided council with printed copies and a summary of the proposed Water, Sewer, and Trash Rates for the city to consider allowing for enough revenue for current, future, and reserves for the city. Council will review these and discuss in further detail at our next meeting.

Mayor called the meeting to recess at 8:35 p.m. Mayor Tucker called the meeting back to order at 8:46 p.m.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- We are due for Lead & Copper testing this year between June and September. Flyers will be sent along with the newsletters this month and when Ed is ready for testing he will have to discuss with each homeowner the details of the testing and once results are back will need to meet with each homeowner again and go over the results with them. Once this is all complete a report will be sent back into the state.
- Aubrey reported a letter was sent concerning the siren we currently have and specials are being offered to fix the decoder if needed.
- A Council Member Orientation Manual/Job Description booklet had been prepared by Aubrey for council to review and to approve to add to our employee policies and manual. Mayor Tucker explained issues have come about in the past 30 days where miscommunication occurred with a vendor and it about cost the city a working relationship with a vendor. City employees worked with and explained to the vendor and have the relationship restored but moving forward all communication with vendors needs to be with city employees or the mayor to avoid situations such as this.
- Aubrey reported only one property was left with the letters sent for musk thistles to be taken care of and it was for John Beck's rental house. If nothing is received back in two days or they are not taken care of council agreed for Ed to remove all heads on the thistles and then mow the entire property.
- Aubrey reported Dave's Heating and Cooling is set to be here tomorrow to recharge the AC in the Community Center. They have been made aware the hall is rented for a large event this weekend.

#### REPORTS:

**STREETS:** All know issues have already been addressed.

**SEWER/TRASH:** no report

**WATER:** Jim reported a resident wants the ability to turn his own water on and off in case of a leak in his house. Council agreed if this occurs he needs to call Ed and he will come and turn this water on and off. Ed reported media is needed for the arsenic system and council agreed to have him obtain current prices and report back to David.

**FIRE:** Wil reported the department had been on no runs in the past month. Snakes have invaded the Fire Station and are working on ways to rid the station of these critters.

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY CENTER:** Barb reported all 12 units at the housing are now rented. The Housing Board would like for their 3 Strikes policy concerning their Smoking Policy to be added to their portion of our city website. Barb reported the Housing Board would like to have a joint meeting to discuss the possibilities of combing the two employment positions. Council agreed to have Aubrey check with Sue to see if the date of June 27<sup>th</sup> will work for this meeting.

**PARKS:** David reported the areas around the Community Center need to be sprayed before this weekend as the weeds are getting thick again and maybe use a stronger mix or different mix with Pramitol and Roundup.

**UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT:** no report.

**TREASRUER:** no report

**CITY CLERK:** no report.

Mayor Tucker stated the next council meeting will be July 11th, 2018 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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(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.

## Good Luck To All Area Youth At the Smith County Free Fair!!!



## 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. Don't forget if you have any furniture or small household items you no longer are using and are looking for a place to donate these items to, the residents at the housing would welcome any of your donations. If you have items, or questions about the type of items you could donate please contact our Director Sue at 697-2690.



## School House Project & Gaylord Community Foundation

Please contact Edith McClain concerning the School House or Gaylord Community Foundation projects and to see when their next meetings are scheduled.

## Lead & Copper Testing Information

Enclosed in this month's newsletter is a flyer sent to us from the Kanas Department of Health & Environment concerning Lead that can be found in drinking water. The State requires all cities to test for Lead and Copper in water on a regular schedule and this year is the year for tests to be done in Gaylord. Ed Burt will be contacting homeowners in July to obtain samples of water to be sent off for these Lead and Copper tests. Once results are received here at the City Office Ed will meet with the homeowners again and go over the testing results with the individual homeowners. If you have any questions concerning these tests please do not hesitate to contact any City Council member or the City Office at 697-2697.

## 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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**Return Service Requested**