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## PUMPKIN CARVING/DECORATING CONTEST

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Council plans on hosting a Pumpkin Carving/Decorating Contest again this year. Pumpkins will be available at the City Office starting on Monday, October 8th, 2018. Prizes will be given to the top three pumpkins in the two divisions. Please submit your photos of your pumpkins to the City Office by Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Winners will be chosen the night of our Council Meeting on Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Photos can be submitted on our Facebook page (City of Gaylord, Kansas), email to [cityofgaylord@gmail.com](mailto:cityofgaylord@gmail.com) or mailed to City of Gaylord, PO Box 548, Gaylord, KS 67638. Questions please contact the City Office at 697-2697. We look forward to seeing your creations!!



## COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY

Council invites everyone to attend our Halloween Party in the Community Center from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please wear your costumes.

Games and fun activities are planned with prizes.

Refreshments will be served.

Please R.S.V.P. to the City Office if you will be attending by Friday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

If you would like to volunteer to bring treats or help with the games the day of the party, or make a donation to help cover the costs of this event please contact the City Office!

## **The Most Haunted Places in the United States**

### **The LaLaurie Mansion, New Orleans, LA**

Madame Marie Delphine LaLaurie was a Louisiana socialite known for hosting ritzy events in the Creole mansion in the French Quarter of New Orleans during the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Guests dined on fine food and champagne, unaware of the grisly scene unfolding two floors above. When local police responded to a kitchen fire in 1834, they discovered the bodies of several horribly mutilated slaves in the attic. When the public learned of LaLaurie's secret, a mob stormed the house, prompting her to flee to France. Soon after LaLaurie disappeared from New Orleans, people claimed to hear the phantom screams of her victims spilling from the house in the dead of the night. In 2014, the infamous murderess was reborn through Kathy Bates in the television series *American Horror Story: Coven*.

### **The Shanghai Tunnels, Portland, OR**

Portland was one the most dangerous ports in the United States during the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and was the epicenter of an illicit maritime practice known as shanghaiing, a form of human trafficking. According to local stories, swindlers preyed upon unsuspecting men in the local saloons, which were often outfitted with trapdoors that deposited the victims directly into a network of underground tunnels. These men were then supposedly held captive, drugged, and eventually transported to the waterfront, where they were sold to ships as unpaid laborers. Some worked for several years before finding their way back home. The tunnels are said to be haunted by the spirits of the captives who died in the dark recesses beneath the city. The practice of kidnapping men to work on ships came to be known as shanghaiing because the ships they were sold to often headed to East Asia.

### **Eastern State Penitentiary, PA**

This Gothic-style prison opened in Philadelphia in 1829 and became the first in the U.S. to implement solitary confinement, a highly debated practice. Prisoners would be housed in gloomy stone cells with virtually no human contact, with hoods placed over their heads anytime they were moved. Believers of this system felt that this life of solitude would lead to complete rehabilitation. Critics, on the other hand, believed it incited emotional anguish comparable to physical torture. This "Pennsylvania System" was replicated in several other states and in Europe. When the prison closed 1971, it is believed that the ghosts of the inmates took back the prison. Visitors claim see their apparitions wandering the halls and hear mischievous whispers in abandoned cell blocks. Each summer the penitentiary hosts an annual Bastille Day celebration to commemorate the French Revolution. Two thousand Tastykakes (a Philadelphia treat) are flung from the prison's towers while a Marie Antoinette impersonator is dragged to the guillotine.

### **R.M.S. Queen Mary, Long Beach, California**

The retired ocean liner sailed the Atlantic Ocean from 1936 to 1967, during her first three years at sea, the Queen Mary carried Hollywood celebrities like Elizabeth Taylor and Audrey Hepburn and dignitaries like General Dwight Eisenhower. Her days as a luxury ship were short lived, and in 1939 she was stripped of her amenities and began her second life as the "Grey Ghost," a World War II troopship. At the conclusion of the war, she was restored to her former glory and traverses the Atlantic for nearly two more decades.

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## Minutes from the September City Council Meeting

### City of Gaylord - Minutes of September 12th, 2018 Regular Meeting

The Gaylord City Council met in regular session in the Community Center at 7:00 p.m., September 12th, 2018.

Present Members: Barb Lehmann, Wil Neussendorfer, and Wendell Felsburg.

Absent Members: Jim Muck

Presiding: Mayor David Tucker

Present also: City Clerk Aubrey Neussendorfer, Treasurer Crystal Iland, and Utility Superintendent Ed Burt.

Mayor Tucker called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Citizen's Report: no report

The minutes of the August 8th Regular Meeting was read. Corrections were noted as the minutes were read. Barb made the motion to approve the minutes with the noted corrections. Wil seconded, motion carried.

The minutes of the August 15<sup>th</sup> Budget Hearing 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. Wil made a motion, seconded by Barb, to approve payment of bills, including any routine bills outstanding. Motion carried. Bills paid out \$11,196.76.

Mayor Tucker asked for a report of utility arrears: Richard Bose, Darin Godsey with three accounts, AMI, Kaid Dannenberg. No accounts were disconnected.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- All paperwork has been completed and filed for the Holmes Addition Project. Work can now begin at any time.
  - New UPS labels need to be sent to return the meter and the printer for the Bulk Fil Water System.
  - No update from Kingsbury as to when the fire hydrant project will begin.
  - The fire department is still waiting to receive their order of Bunker Gear and it's expected to arrive October 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - To complete the requirements of the grant for the playground equipment an article will need to be sent to the Pioneer for publishing.
  - Two sealed bids were received for the purchase of the old slipper slide from the City Park. Ron Peterson was the highest bidder for \$100.00. Council voted to seal the slipper slide to Ron Peterson.
  - Ordinance 370 for water, sewer, and solid waste rates was reviewed. Council agreed to wait until McDowell has reviewed the wording and then schedule a special meeting before Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> to allow for the water increase to occur if not ordinance will need to be revised again.
  - After results for the Lead & Copper were received copies were made along with copies of the brochure for Lead & Copper form KDHE and Ed hand delivered to all residents he tested for Lead and Copper at their residence.
  - Barb made the motion to approve the City Council Orientation Manuals as presented. Wil seconded, motion carried.
  - Ed asked council if he could order a specialty tool for replacing the valves on the Arsenic System when they need to be replaced again. Council agreed to allow for this purchase.
  - Wil made the motion to accept the nomination of Dennis Lehmann to fill the vacant position of Sewer/Trash Commissioner for the Gaylord City Council. Wendell seconded, motion carried.
  - Two bids were received for replacing the HVAC system at the Community Center. Council agreed the bid from J & R in Phillipsburg would be the bid of choice and would like to apply for partial funding from the SCCF in November for this purchase.
  - Numerous culverts and drainage areas within town were discussed. The ditch south of Jim Muck's residence was discussed and millings was placed in a low area to see if this will solve the standing water issues at this time. Adam Iland has also been cleaning out many ditches and culverts within town.
- Mayor Tucker called the meeting to recess at 7:57 pm. Mayor Tucker called the meeting back to session at 8:05 pm.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- A Thank You was read from Kayln Iland for allowing the use of the Community Center for her Summer Reading Program.
- An email was received by the director of the Gaylord Housing to purchase the housing from a private organization and they would then run the apartments as rentals. Council agreed at this time to not pursue this matter.

- A letter was read to council from CA Plumbing stating services for the sewer system they now can provide.
- Council agreed to host the Pumpkin Contest the month of October and the Community Halloween Party on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Community Center.
- Fall grant through the SCCF were discussed and council agreed to apply for partial funding for the HVAC system for the Community Center, and for funding to apply towards the replacement of our lift station.
- Updates for contact information and system components where completed to our Emergency Water Plan. Council reviewed these changes and unanimously approved these updates.

**REPORTS:**

**STREETS:** Wendell reported to continue to maintain the roads as many need attention for all the rains this past summer.

**SEWER/TRASH:** Ed reported the Copper Sulfate treatment has been completed for the year. Lagoon ponds have been pumped down and next year plans will be made early on in the irrigation season to pump the first pond low enough to perform maintenance to the bottom of the pond when mostly dry.

**WATER:** Ed reported the valves have been changed and the arsenic system is running smoothly once again.

**FIRE:** Wil reported no runs in the past month. Bunker gear is set to arrive in mid-October. Ed reported numbers are still needed to be painted on all fire hydrants and some hydrants will need to be re-painted red as the paint is already starting to peel.

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY CENTER:** Barb reported all 11 units at the housing are now rented.

**PARKS:** Ed reported he had to replace the water hydrant within the park again as it was leaking.

**UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT:** Ed reported his two days of recent training in Phillipsburg was very educational. He will need to purchase new snap ring pliers. Recent repairs have been completed on the backhoe and tractor.

**TREASRUER:** no report

**CITY CLERK:** no report.

Mayor Tucker stated the next council meeting will be October 10th, 2018 at 7 p.m.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (City Clerk)  
 Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Mayor) (Date)

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On Halloween 1967, the Queen Mary departed on her last cruise, eventually docking in Long Beach, California, her final resting place. The ship is reportedly haunted by the spirits of those who died aboard, such as the young sailor who was crushed to death by a door in the engine room, and a crew member who was murdered in cabin B340.

Winston Churchill signed the D-Day Declaration aboard the Queen Mary during World War II.

### **The Stanley Hotel, Estes Park, CO**

One night in this hotel in Colorado's mountain wilderness inspired Stephen King's best-selling novel turned horror film, *The Shining*. A Massachusetts couple F.O. and Flora Stanley opened up the isolated resort in 1909 and reportedly never left. According to staff, Mrs. Stanley can be heard playing her Steinway piano in the music room at night, and Mr. Stanley occasionally shows up in photographs. There have also been reports of bags being unpacked, lights turning on and off, and echoes of children's laughter heard in the hallways. Paranormal experts hail the Stanley Hotel as one of the nation's most active ghost sites in the U.S. Guest bedrooms have a TV channel that plays *The Shining* on a 24-hour loop.

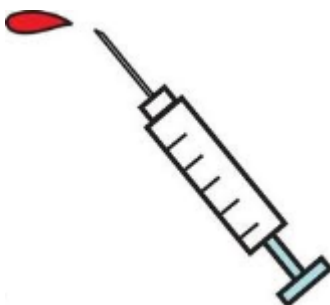
### **Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum, Weston, WA**

This asylum began construction in 1858 and opened to patients in 1864. The massive structure was designed by Richard Andrews to maximize sunlight and fresh air. It was believed that the building itself would serve as a healing environment. By the 1950's the facility designed for 250 people housed 2,400 patients in crowded conditions, with afflictions ranging from alcoholism to epilepsy. Patients were physically restrained and often given inhumane treatments, such as electroshock therapy and lobotomies. After more than a century in operation, the facility was forced to close in 1994 due to reforms in mental health treatment and the deterioration of the buildings. Hundreds of patients died during the asylum's tenure, and scores of guests and ghost hunters have claimed to see their shadowy figures roaming Trans-Allegheny's crumbling halls. The Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum is the largest hand-cut stone masonry building in North America, and supposedly the second largest in the world after the Kremlin in Moscow.



## Flu Shots

The Smith County Health Department will be at the Community Center on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 9 am to 10 am administering flu shots.



### Gaylord Parkview Manor September Board Meeting Minutes

The Gaylord Parkview Manor commissioners met September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m. for their monthly meeting. All board members were present, Barb Lehmann, Edith McClain, Donna Muck, Kurt Ifland, Delpha Godsey, chairman and Sue Kirchhoff, Director.

Kurt gave a maintenance report around the housing grounds, they include mowing, spraying, shampooed a carpet, repaired minor repairs in two empty apartments.

Sue gave an office report of ordering supplies, and applying for tax exempt status at Home Depot, Deluxe (checks) and Office depot.

The board viewed the AR (accounts receivable) list. As of September 1<sup>st</sup> there are 9 apartments rented.

Old Business, Kurt gave a progress report on apartment #9, installing new kitchen cupboards, sink and counter top, painting every room, except bathroom, and installing new laminate flooring throughout the apartment. We are getting this apartment ready for new residents coming in September. And Sue discussed the contacts being made to people on the AR list.

New Business, a new resident moved into the apartments. Government Commodities will be distributed September 26<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. Barb Lehmann announced there will be games and candy for Halloween for the children of Gaylord October 28<sup>th</sup> in front of the community Bldg.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Director Sue Kirchhoff.

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**gARDENing**  
for the Greater Good

**"Gardening for the Greater Good"**

is a program developed by the Smith County Centered on Healthy Living Coalition to increase education and consumption of locally produced healthy foods.

We are encouraging local gardeners to drop off excess fruits or vegetables during the growing season to one of the sites below:

Smith Center: Smith County Health Department

Gaylord: Fleta's

Anyone is welcome to drop off, pick up or exchange produce at any site. The site will be monitored to ensure freshness as well as increase distribution to venues such as our county food pantries.

Questions? Contact Nora Rhoades,  
Centered on Healthy Living Coalition

785-282-4955

## 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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