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## Community Clean-Up/Tree Trimming Project

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As many of you are aware the City of Gaylord is planning a Community Clean-up and Tree Trimming Project in the near future. Letters have been sent to all residents and property owners in Gaylord explaining what the City Council members are in the works of planning for this project. We still receive many questions concerning this project and will try to answer them below.

**When will this project take place?** We do not know the exact timeframe this project will occur as first the grant for Smith County needs to be submitted. This grant will be submitted in the first part of March 2017. The grant is then reviewed by the Dane G. Hansen and the Greater Salina Community Foundation committees and after it's been approved, we anticipate beginning our project in April.

**Why was this letter sent to me telling me to clean-up my property and have my trees removed/trimmed?** NO letters have been mailed by the City of Gaylord telling anyone to clean-up their property nor have their trees removed and/or trimmed. The letters sent by the city have only been to explain all details of the projects. The city plans to help our residents complete any cleaning they would like to accomplish. The city is trying to make this process of removing larger items such as furniture or large quantities of items as convenient as possible. Workdays will be scheduled with volunteers to help with the removal of larger items. Also, the city will have larger dumpsters brought to town to make disposal of items as easy as possible for residents. The council wants to make many options available to help residents if they choose to participate in this project.

NO letters have been mailed forcing anyone to trim or have trees removed from their yards. Again, council wants to help residents by having volunteers trim trees or remove trees which are located within the cities right-of-ways throughout town. If you had trees the city has seen which are overhanging onto the streets or growing close to water or sewer lines, letters and maps were sent to property owners showing the trees which need trimmed or removed along with a permission form. These permission forms must be signed and returned to the City Office before any work will be done on your property. No trees will be trimmed or removed on private property only trees within the right-of-ways.

**What will this project cost me?** This project should not cost you anything! All expenses the city incurs will be reimbursed from the Smith County Commissioners as part of the grant Smith County is applying for.

We hope this clears up any questions you may have concerning this project. If you still have any concerns with this project or uncertain how things will work please contact any council member or the City Office.

## March – In like a lion, out like a lamb.

According to the Farmer's Almanac the phrase "In like a lion and out like a lamb" has always been associated with the month of March. So where exactly did this phrase come from? While it does not exactly indicate which group of our ancestors this phrase originated, it does say folks for many years have believed that spirits especially bad spirits, could change the weather adversely, so people were cautious as to what they did or did not do in certain situations. Those beliefs also included ideas that there could be a balance in weather and in life. So if the weather came in bad like a lion, it could go out good and calm like a lamb. Since March is such a changeable month when we can see warm, spring-like days, or late season blizzards, you can understand why this saying might hold true in some instances.

Other March related sayings include the following:

A dry March and a wet May? Fill barns and bays with corn and hay.

As it rains in March so it rains in June.

March winds and April showers? Bring forth May flowers.

## Beware the Ides of March

March is generally accepted to be derived from Mars, the Roman god of war. March is connected to another of the many meanings of 'march', this is 'border country'. The English borders with both Scotland and Wales were known as the Marches, and this was not because they were marshy. There appears to have been some 'lost in translation' business going on when 'march' was adopted into English from French. The Old French for 'Mars' (Marz) and the Old French for 'boundary' (marche) were thought to be the same word and came into English as 'March' and 'march'. That could also have been influenced by March being the boundary between winter and spring.



Many times the phrase 'Beware of the Ides of March' is generally used as a warning. March 15<sup>th</sup>, famous for being the day on which Julius Ceaser was killed by a group of his former friends because they thought he had too much power. Ceaser is supposed to have been warned by a fortune-teller to 'beware of the Ides of March'. People sometimes use this expression when giving a warning.

## Minutes from the February City Council Meeting

City of Gaylord - Minutes of February 8th, 2017 Regular Meeting

The Gaylord City Council met in regular session in the Community Center at 7:00 p.m., February 8th, 2017.

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

Absent Members: Jim Muck and Wendell Felsburg

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.

Citizen's Report: none

The minutes of the January 11th 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. After discussion, Barb made a motion, seconded by Gene, to approve payment of bills, including any routine bills outstanding. Motion carried. Bills paid out \$18,028.36.

Mayor Tucker asked for a report of utility arrears: Richard Bose, Darin Godsey with three accounts, and Dyania Palm. All were paid by the disconnect date. Aubrey reported Account 44 had a returned check and has been paid in full. New arrangements have been made for future payments.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Resolution 375 'A Resolution of the City of Gaylord, Kansas, authorizing improvements to the City Public Water Supply System; and providing for the payment of the costs thereof,' was read. Motion was made Gene to adopt and pass Resolution 357. Barb seconded, motion carried. Voting: Yes – 3, No – 0
- Aubrey presented council with letters to send to all residents and property owners in town concerning the Community Clean-Up and Tree Trimming Project. Also in these letters if property owners had trees which needed to be trimmed aerial maps and a permission form were mailed as well for owners to sign and return. David and Aubrey reported they had attended a meeting with County Commissioner Art Befort and the Smith County Community Foundation concerning the county-wide grant which Aubrey will be applying for on behalf of the county for the full \$20,000. Council was informed the project will need to wait until the grant has been received by the county before we can schedule our individual town projects. Also the county will be reimbursing expenses. It appears at this time Gaylord would receive around \$4,000.00 for their project.
- Aubrey reported Wil had replaced the faucet at the Community Center and while doing this a fitting on the R/O system was leaking and changed at this time. Aubrey reported Ed had removed the garage disposal and repaired the drain under the sink.
- Aubrey updated council as no one had contacted the city yet for the article on our Arsenic System for the KWRA.
- Aubrey reported Ed has been working on the inventory lists needed for Insurance purposes.
- Aubrey reported the paper work has been signed to switch agents for Insurance for the City. We will now be using Fouts Insurance as our agent with EMC still providing coverage.
- Gene asked council about what to do with the old baseball uniforms and equipment from the old bank building. Council agreed to display those items the night of the Firemen's pancake feed and allow people to take what they want and any donations can be given to the Fire Station Fund.
- The delay in arrival of the January Water Bills was discussed. Council agreed to extend the due date to the 20<sup>th</sup> of January. At this time, a late fee would be applied and a disconnect notice would be sent. Regular disconnection procedures would still take place on the 25<sup>th</sup> like normal. Letters would be sent to all with remaining unpaid balances stating this extension for January.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Council was updated on the water leak at the Community Center. Do to the placement of the existing line was under the outside AC unit it was determined the best options was to bring a whole new line into the building to fix this leak. The leak initially was found and it seemed to be leaking into the duct system so no major water damage occurred in the building.
- Aubrey reported she had found three companies who sell and install meter maid systems. Options include coin or coin and bill operated to more sophisticated systems which work off entering pin codes or cards. Pricing ranges from \$5 to 6,000 all the way to \$20,000 for these systems. Council would like to revisit these systems after the water tower repairs are complete to see what funds remain from the bonds.

- Aubrey reported after attending a clerk's meeting at the courthouse she was informed the commissioners are considering closing Gaylord as an election polling site. Sharon Wolters recommends contacting our local commissioners to voice concerns if you would like to keep Gaylord as a polling site. Council agreed to have Aubrey send letters to all township officers to inform them of this matter.
- Aubrey reported she had received information on a company called Greenbush Procurement which is a distributor of office supplies which buys in mass quantities to obtain lower pricing for schools and most non-profit organizations. Council had no objection for Aubrey joining to purchase products for the city.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to recess at 8:08 p.m. The meeting was called back to regular session at 8:16 p.m.

- Updates on estimates for the Wheel Chair Assessable Door for the Community Center were given. Barb reported the second estimate for the door she was still waiting on. Gene reported Cameron Concrete was here and has mailed the estimate for the concrete work.
- The old city fire truck which the fire department is no longer using was discussed. Council agreed to put the truck up for sealed bids until the March 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting. Advertising locally and on Nex-tech classifieds was agreed upon. Council would like to obtain a minimum of \$1500.00 for the truck.
- Aubrey reported Gaylord would have three positions up for elections this November. Those positions are Fire, Streets, and Sewer/Trash Commissioners. There will be a \$20.00 filing fee and all candidates must file at the courthouse in Smith Center. Paperwork can be picked up locally but all filing must be done now at the county level. Dates have not been released yet as to when deadlines are for filing.
- Aubrey reported invoices have been sent to all townships for dues to be paid for Fire Contracts for 2017.

#### REPORTS:

**STREETS:** Barb asked on behalf of Gilbert Frieling if he can use his equipment when needed to help maintain the streets in town. After discussion council had no objections to having Gilbert maintain roads when necessary. Council appreciates all the help our residents provide.

**SEWER/TRASH:** Gene reported more copper sulfate is needed. Gene reported the heat in the old city shop has now been turned off as no vehicles are parked in their anymore. Gene reported Prairie Land was also working on an estimate for installing a generator for the Community Center.

Gene reported the water heater in the Community Center is getting old and we should be thinking about replacing it soon.

Gene asked council if they had any objections to replacing the door seals on the garage door in the city shop or old fire station in the city park. Cost would be around \$93.00. Council had no objections.

Gene reported the thermostat in the new city shop in the park was needed and cost would be around \$48.00. Council agreed to purchase a new thermostat.

Mayor Tucker stated more CFL lights are needed for both the new city shop at the park and the new fire station. After discussion council agreed to order more bulbs and replace ones borrowed from members.

**WATER:** no report

**FIRE:** Wil reported the department had been on 1 run during the past month, a wreck at the junction of Highways 281 & 9. Pancake feed will be Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 5 p.m. Raffle items will be a wooden fire truck, rifle and a quilt. They also hope to give tours throughout the night of the pancake feed of the new fire station.

**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. An open house is planned for early April at the Housing to showcase what they have to offer and seek new renters. Friday March 17<sup>th</sup> was set for a day for cleaning the storage room in the Community Center. Barb will contact members of the different organizations who have items stored, to go through items before anything is given away or disposed of.

**PARKS:** none.

**CITY MAN:** Gene reported a hydrant at the park needs to be replaced. Gene reported the tractor is still having issues and Ed is trying to figure out and solve the problem.

**TREASURER:** no report.

**CITY CLERK:** Aubrey asked council if they wished to join the Kansas Municipal Utilities again for 2017 for \$200.00. After discussion council choose not to renew the membership.

Mayor Tucker stated the next council meeting will be March 8th, 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:

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

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

## Interesting Facts about St. Patrick's Day

Saint Patrick himself would have to deal with pinching on his feast day. His color was "Saint Patrick's blue," a light shade. The color green only became associated with the day after it was linked to the Irish independence movement in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Although he made his mark by introducing Christianity to Ireland in the year 432, Patrick wasn't Irish himself. He was born to Roman parents in Scotland or Wales in the late fourth century.

Saint Patrick's Day is a huge deal in his old stomping grounds. It's a national holiday in both Ireland and Northern Ireland.

New York City's Saint Patrick's Day Parade is one of the world's largest parades. Since 1762, 250,000 marchers have traipsed up Fifth Avenue on foot - the parade still does not allow floats, cars, or other modern trappings.

New York may have more manpower, but Chicago has a spectacle all its own. The city has been celebrating Saint Patrick by dumping green dye into the Chicago River since 1962. It takes 40 tons of dye to get the river to a suitably festive shade!

For the most of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Saint Patrick's Day was considered a strictly religious holiday in Ireland, which meant that the nation's pubs were closed for business on March 17<sup>th</sup>. In 1970, the day was converted to a national holiday, and the stout resumed flowing.

Not every city goes all-out in its celebratory efforts. From 1999 to 2007, the Irish village of Dripsey proudly touted that it hosted the shortest Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the World. The route ran for 26 yards between 2 pubs. Today, Hot Springs, Arkansas claims the title for brevity - its brief parade runs for 98 feet.

How did the shamrock become associated with Saint Patrick? According to Irish legend, the saint used the three-leafed plant as a metaphor for the Holy Trinity when he was first introducing Christianity to Ireland.

In Irish lore, Saint Patrick gets credit for driving all the snakes out of Ireland. Modern scientists suggest that the job might not have been too hard - according to the fossil record, Ireland has never been home to any snakes. Through the Ice Age, Ireland was too cold to host any reptiles, and the surrounding seas have staved off serpentine invaders ever since. Modern scholars think the "snakes" Saint Patrick drove away were likely metaphorical.

Corned beef and cabbage, a traditional Saint Patrick's Day staple, does not have anything to do with the grain corn. Instead, it's a nod to the large grains of salt that were historically used to cure meats, which were also known as "corns."

A 2012 estimate pegged the total amount spent on beer for Saint Patrick's Day celebrations at \$245 million.

## Leprechauns – Lucky Facts

The miniature men are said to be descendants of Tuatha De Danann, a group of magical beings who served under the Gaelic goddess Danu. This mythical group lived in Ireland long before humans inhabited the land.

There are no records of female leprechauns and no way of procreating in the traditional sense.

Although the little Irishmen are now associated with the color green, they were not always. Early accounts of leprechauns describe them as wearing red and a variety of hats - often three cornered.

While leprechauns are most often described as grouchy, untrusting, and solitary creatures, their cousin also sport red and is the rambunctious clurichaun. They are also mythical creatures and are always described as drunk and surly.

Leprechauns are known for their money, and there's apparently a lot of it in the cobbling business. Since they spend most of their time alone, the little green men pour all of their energy into crafting shoes. They are said to always have a hammer and shoe in hand.

Local businessmen claimed to have found evidence of a real leprechaun on Carlingford Mountain in Ireland. After hearing a scream near the wishing well, the man found bones, a tiny suit, and gold coins near scorched earth. The evidence is now displayed behind a glass case for visitors to come and see.

One hundred ceramic leprechauns are hidden in the Carlingford Mountains as part of an annual leprechaun hunt. Tourists come every year to try and hunt down the little green statues. Hunters purchase a license beforehand and the adults are given a small bottle of whiskey to help them with the search.

Many children each year make their own leprechaun trap to try and catch the little men every Saint Patrick's Day. No one has caught anything yet but it does not hurt to try!



## Parkview Manor – Open House

Gaylord Parkview Manor will be hosting an Open House on Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Gaylord, Kansas. All available apartments will be open for tours and refreshments will be served. If you are considering downsizing please stop by and learn of all the benefits these apartments have to offer. If you have any questions please contact the Director Sue Kirchhoff at 785-697-2690

## Gaylord Volunteer Firemen's Pancake Feed

Save the Date!! Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 starting at 5 p.m. is the annual Gaylord Firemen's Pancake Feed. The department is selling raffle tickets or the following items: Wooden Fire Truck handcrafted by local resident Gerald Caspers. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$1.00 each. A Henry .22 Caliber Lever Action Rifle. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00. Winners will be drawn the night of the pancake feed for these items. Also raffle tickets are being sold for a full-sized quilt make and quilted by local resident Abby Neussendorfer. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Please contact any fire department member to purchase tickets for any of these items.




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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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## Thank You

The City of Gaylord wants to thank all residents who helped with the sorting and cleaning of items in the Community Center. Thanks for taking time out of your days to help with this project.

## 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 memoriam 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 spring by stopping in to check out the latest books that have arrived at the Library. We also have a great traveling book selection. Gaylord Library Hours are 9am to 11am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

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