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Water, Sewer, and Trash Rates

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During the August meeting of the Gaylord City Council, members of the governing body after much discussion and reviewing of reports made a motion and voted on a decision for adjustments to our current water, sewer/trash rates for residents of Gaylord. Members of council voted to increase the water rate by \$5.00 for all users in the 4th Quarter of 2018 starting in October 2018, increase the sewer rate by \$5.00 in the 1st Quarter of 2019 starting in January 2019, and increase the trash rate by \$5.00 in the 2nd Quarter in 2019 starting in April of 2019. No water will be given or allocated with the monthly minimum charge and all water usage will be billed at a rate of \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons. The annual 3% increase for all rates will remain and be applied on January 1st or each year. Following is a comparison of what the current rates are compared to what the rates will be after all three quarters for each increase has occurred.

Current Rates

After \$5.00 per rate Increase

Water

In Town - \$33.68

In Town - \$38.68

Out of Town - \$44.91

Out of Town - \$49.91

Sewer/Trash (From total funds 60% is collected for sewer and 40% is collected for trash funds)

In Town - Total \$16.84

In Town - Total \$26.84

Sewer - \$10.10

Sewer - \$15.10

Trash - \$6.74

Trash - \$11.74

Out of Town - Total \$22.45

Out of Town - Total \$32.45

Sewer - \$13.47

Sewer - \$18.47

Trash - \$8.98

Trash - \$13.98

Please note these rates do not include the 3% increase that will occur on January 1st of each year.

Vacant City Council Position

There is currently a vacant position on the Gaylord City Council. If you are interested in serving your community and filling this position on the City Council please contact the City Office at 785-697-2697.



Ogallala Aquifer Facts

- The Ogallala Aquifer was named in 1898 by N.H Darton. The reason of its nomenclature was its type of locality which was near the town of Ogallala, Nebraska.
- The aquifer covers six states including Nebraska, South Dakota, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico, Wyoming, and Texas.
- The aquifer is one of the largest aquifers on the planet, underlying an area of approximately 450,000 square kilometers.
- The Ogallala Aquifer is the main source of irrigation for 27% of all the cultivated lands in the USA. It also supplies drinking water to 82% of the people who live with the High Plains area.
- Aquifers are water reserves on rock-beds and replenish themselves only slowly if the water is constantly used. Irrigation has reduced the water level of the Ogallala Aquifer by 9% since the 1950's, which will need 10,000 years to replenish naturally.
- The depth of the formation of the Ogallala Aquifer varies 10,000 feet to 100 feet in different places.
- The whole region above where the Ogallala Aquifer lies is the most fertile regions on Earth and great for live-stock farming,
- In 2000, an estimate claimed that 14 billion gallons of water was being withdrawn from the aquifer per day for the purpose of irrigation only.

Minutes from the August City Council Meeting

City of Gaylord - Minutes of August 8th, 2018 Regular Meeting

The Gaylord City Council met in regular session in the Community Center at 7:00 p.m., August 8th, 2018.

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

Absent Members: Treasurer Crystal Ifland

Presiding: Mayor David Tucker

Present also: City Clerk Aubrey Neussendorfer, Utility Superintendent Ed Burt

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

Citizen's Report: no report

The minutes of the July 11th Regular Meeting was read. A date correction of the Budget of 2018 to 2019 was made. Barb made the motion to approve the minutes as read with stated corrections. Wil seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Tucker called for the reading of the bills. Wil made a motion, seconded by Jim, to approve payment of bills, including any routine bills outstanding. Motion carried. Bills paid out \$7,362.21.

Mayor Tucker asked for a report of utility arrears: Richard Bose, Darin Godsey with three accounts, AMI, Nextech, David Earlich, and JoAnn Kennedy. No accounts were disconnected.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The easement from Mr. Horning was signed and sent to our attorney to be filed at the Register of Deeds office.
- The UPS labels have been received to send the original meter and printer back to the vendor from the SmartVend system.
- Tracy Kingsbury has been notified the fire hydrant project has been approved and he reported the new hydrants have ordered.
- Aubrey reported the Fire Department received a letter from the Kansas Forestry Service stating a grant for Wildland Gear has been approved.
- The new Playground Equipment has been installed in the park and already has been enjoyed by many local youth.
- Ed reported there is still draining issues with the sewer in the city park bathroom and will continue to work on the problem. He also plans to change the motion light bulb in the bathroom to a bulb that will light faster than the bulb currently in use.
- Multiple interests have been received for the old slipper slide that was removed from the City Park. After discussion council voted to place the slipper slide up for sealed bids and will be taking them until September 12th, 2018 at 5 p.m. An ad will be placed on Nextech Classifieds and signed will be placed at the post office and Community Center.
- Council discussed the review of expenses and proposed water, sewer, trash rates prepared by the City Clerk. After much discussion Barb made the motion to increase the water rate by \$5.00 in the 4th Quarter of 2018, increase the sewer rate by \$5.00 in the 1st Quarter of 2019, and increase the trash rate by \$5.00 in the 2nd Quarter of 2019. No water gallons will be included within the monthly minimum charge and all water usage will be billed at the rate of \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons. The Annual 3% increase to all rates of water, sewer, and trash will remain and take place on January 1st of each year.
- Lead & Copper testing has been completed we are just waiting on results now.
- Council Manuals need to be read in the next month and will be approved at the next regular council meeting.
 - Barb made the motion to order the replacement values for the arsenic system for \$1400.00 from Ad Edge Technologies. Wil seconded, motion carried. Council was informed this will be a routine replacement task and estimated to occur every 18 months.
- Council discussed the vacant council position and agreed to put an article in the next newsletter and a sign at the post office to see if anyone in town is interested in this position and to let the City Office know or attend the next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- During the past month the ac unit at the Community Center stopped working again and was re-charged for the second time this summer. The water softener stopped working and Culligan reported the media from the inside was used enough it leaked from the system during its flush cycle and the bottom has rusted out. Culligan will come this week and replace the softener. Also the refrigerator is leaking water on the inside and is causing problems for items that are stored inside. Council agreed to seek bids for a new HVAC system at the community center from Daves Heating & Cooling, Remus Plumbing, and J & R HVAC. Ed will look at the fridge this week and see if the leak is just a plugged drain tube.
- After discussion Barb made the motion to increase the prices for fax to \$1.00 per page and all copies to \$0.25 per page for walk-ins at the City Office. Wil seconded, motion carried.
- Jim reported the ditch/road south of his house needs work at after rains it fills with water and stays for a period of time and is causing problems. Ed will look into this issue and see what needs to be done to fix the drainage.
- \$149.76 was the 2nd Quarter interest on our CD's.
- Barb made the motion to approve the draft of the 2019 Budget. Jim seconded, motion carried. The 2019 Budget hearing is set for August 15th, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.
- Nicole from Angels Home Care has contacted the City Office and would like to use the Community Center for an hour once a month to host a free blood pressure and blood sugar clinic and possibly give a ten minute talk on various health or aging related topics each month. They asked council for use of the building and to not be charged rent for this event. Council unanimously agreed to allow

- Angels Home Care to use the building as long as the building is not rented during the time each month.
- If any council member is interest in going to the KLM Conference the voting delegate paperwork is in the City Office.
- The new addressing policy for assigning 911 addresses was recently updated from an outside company for the Smith County and this new policy with instruction of how this new procedure works was sent to the City Office.
- Aubrey reported she would like to order a demo for RSV software for utility billing and try this demo for four months for \$25.00. Council has no objections to this request.
- The procedure for when street lights need worked on was discussed. For any light anyone sees that is not working properly they need to simply call Prairie Land Electric and give them the street address or location they light pole is located and they will take care of the issue.

REPORTS:

STREETS: Wendell reported most streets needs maintenance after recent rains. All ditches and culverts need work throughout town as many continue to not drain properly after all the rains.

SEWER/TRASH: The trash truck will need two new tires in the near future and the oil and fuel filters have recently been replaced. David asked Aubrey to prepare maintenance logs for all equipment for Ed to begin recording all work done to all equipment on a task basis. Copper Sulfate has been ordered for the next round of sewer treatments.

WATER: no major issues

FIRE: Wil reported no runs in the past month. 563 is still not running correctly and they are working to figure out the problem.

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

PARKS: David reported to continue with keeping up with all the mowing within town and to continue to touch-up spraying as needed with all the recent rains.

UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT: Wil made the motion to allow Ed to attend a two day training session in Phillipsburg for Confined Spaces & Trenching on August 29th & 30th, 2018 for \$180.00. Barb seconded, motion carried.

TREASRUER: no report

CITY CLERK: no report.

Mayor Tucker stated the next council meeting will be September 12th, 2018 at 7 p.m.

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

Crayola Facts

- The first box of Crayola crayons made in 1903 cost only a nickel and included the colors red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet, brown and black. The traditional pack today contains 24 colors.
- The name Crayola was made by Alice Binney, the wife of Edwin Binney, one of the company's founders. The word "craie", which is French for chalk, and "ola" for oleaginous, because crayons are made from petroleum base paraffin.
- A study was done by Yale on the 20 most recognizable scents and crayons were number 18 on the list. Crayola crayon's used to smell like food, brown smelled like chocolate, red like cherry, etc. However in 1995, parents complained to the company that they were worried kids would eat the crayons and so the scent was changed.
- During Crayola's 100th anniversary in 2003, founders Binney & Smith asked children to send in any unwanted blue "leftolas" (or leftover Crayola's) They wanted to create a giant blue crayon and with the help of 123,000 crayons sent in, they were able to create Big Blue, a 1,500 pound crayon that was 15 feet long and has a 16-inch diameter. Crayola fans can go see Big Blue at the Crayola Experience in tour in Easton, PA. Blue was chosen because it's Crayola's most popular color.
- The average child wears down 720 crayons by their 10th birthday.
- One of the few independent buyers of Crayola crayons is artist Herb Williams. He is known for creating sculptures made up of hundreds of thousands of crayons, which he buys from Crayola in packs of 3,000.
- Crayola make 3 billion crayons a year. That is enough crayons to circle the world six times.
- In 1962, Crayola made a big statement by changing the name of flush to peach, recognizing that like crayons, people come in different colors. There is also a set of multicultural crayons for different skin colors that came out in 1992.



Sealed Bids – Slipper Slide

The Gaylord City Council is accepting sealed bids for the Slipper Slide that was formerly located at the City Park. To view the slipper slide please call the City Office to make arrangements. Please submit all sealed bids to the City Office by 5 p.m. on Wednesday September 12th, 2018. The Gaylord City Council has to right to refuse any and all bids. For questions please contact any Council Member or the City Office at 785-697-2697



Back-To-School

It is hard to believe another summer has come and gone and it's time for children to head back to school. Gaylord City Council would like to wish all area youth a successful and great year in school!!





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"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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