

**March Estimated Water Bills**

With the continuation of winter weather we have been experiencing this year so far it has prevented us from being able to read water meters once again for the March billing cycle.

In order to figure bills for March we used the same usage as the previous estimated billing statement for February and the only change you will notice is the $5.00 increase to the trash rates which was previously approved by City Council last year as the last phase of the most recent rate increases.

By estimating usage this allows for a more consistent billing each month instead of having one very large bill due once meters can be read again. We hope by estimating bills this will help our residents who are on a fixed income to continue to budget and plan accordingly each month, instead of having a very large water bill and not have the funds available to pay and then end up having services disconnected.

Once meters are read again adjustments will be made accordingly so all accounts will only be billed for their actual usage amounts. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the City Office at your convenience.



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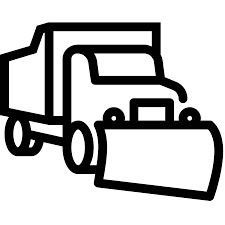
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Thank You!!!

The Governing Body Members would like to Thank all area residents who have graciously volunteered to help with the snow removal so far this winter season. Thank you for not only giving your time but also your equipment to remove snow from streets, parking areas, and sidewalks within town. It’s wonderful to have such wonderful residents who are so willing to help others when needed.

Thank You all!!



New Smith Center Swimming Pool Fund

The Pool Committee is seeking donations for the construction of a new swimming pool.  A Neighborhood Center grant has been made available for communities like Smith Center.  The grant would pay for 60% of the cost of the pool and bathhouse up to $1 million.  The 40% match is the amount being collected. Any size donation is appreciated. The donations are to go to the City of Smith Center New Swimming Pool fund.  Donated funds are requested by March 31, 2019 to meet the grant's short timeline. For any questions please contact the Smith Center City Office and ask to be referred to a member of the pool committee.

Like us on Facebook at Smith Center – Let’s Build a Pool



# Minutes from the February City Council Meeting

**City of Gaylord – Minutes of February 13th, 2019 Regular Meeting**

The Gaylord City Council met in regular session in the Community Center at 7:00 p.m., February 13th, 2019.

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

Absent Members: Wendell Felsburg

Presiding: Mayor David Tucker

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

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

The minutes of the January 9th Regular Meeting was read. Corrections were noted as the minutes were read. Dennis made the motion to approve the minutes with the noted corrections. Barb seconded, motion carried.

Citizen’s Report: Jeffry Everett was present to address council as he submitted an application for the open position for Water/Wastewater Operator. At this time council did not have any questions for him and thanked him for coming to the meeting.

Mayor Tucker called for the reading of the bills. Dennis made a motion, seconded by Wil, to approve payment of bills, including any routine bills outstanding. Motion carried. Bills paid out $9,625.83.

Mayor Tucker asked for a report of utility arrears: Richard Bose, Darin Godsey with three accounts, Ron Peterson, Terry Manning, AMI, and Mike DuBois. No accounts were disconnected.

OLD BUSINESS:

* No letter has been received from the SCCF for the recommendation to submit an application for the HVAC system for a grant from the Hansen Foundation.
* Council agreed to wait for better weather for the Christmas Potluck until spring.
* Council agreed to only apply the 3% annual increase to the base rates and not the usage rate and it will remain at $3.00 per 1,000 gallons.
* Purple Wave was here to take pictures of the trash truck and it will appear March 5th Government auction.
* The John Deere mower has been picked up and it here and ready for the upcoming season.
* The holes in Main Street at its intersection with 4th street both appear to need new bridge planks placed onto of the box culvert for repairs.
* Ken will be out of commission for a period of time while he recovers for recent surgery.
* Aubrey reported all of the current CD’s along with $20,000 from the checking account have all been moved to one 91 day renewing CD with a higher interest rate.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Council discussed the possibility of obtaining more millings with the upcoming highway work and having it delivered directly to town instead of ourselves hauling at a later time.
* Aubrey discussed the options she had found as possibilities for funding for the Fire Department’s truck.
* Discussion of creating individual employee contracts for all positions to be signed by both the employee and council at the time of employment for a clear understanding of duties the position requires.
* Council would also like to develop employee polices and a handbook.
* Council discussed asking of the water operator at Portis, Jared McCoy if he would have any interest in serving our system as well. If any council member sees him they will ask as well as a letter will be sent from the City Clerk.
* Gerald Ratliff has asked if they can include information on the Swimming Pool project in Smith Center in our newsletter. Council had no objections to this request.
* Members of council discussed the application received for the open position for operators. Dennis made the motion to send the applicant a letter thanking them for their interest but no offer would be made at this time. Jim seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to recess at 8:08 pm. Mayor Tucker called the meeting back to regular session at 8:15 p.m.

REPORTS:

STREETS: All agreed the streets are messy but slowly improving as weather allows. Felsburg’s have requested no maintenance from the city on the section of Second Street west of their house. David reported the rock that was placed by Stan Horning’s west of his house along 7th Street he had cleared with David before this was done. Ed reported Stan would like to use the roller from the city of go over this rock on 7th Street. Council had no objections to this request.

SEWER/TRASH: Ed reported in the past month he was concerned with a blockage in town as there was little to no discharge of sewage from town running into the pit at the lift station. No blockage was ever found and the discharge has resumed to normal flow. Ed continues to have issues with the check valves in the lift station.

WATER: Ed reported we continue to have issues with a high tower alarm and believes the cold weather snaps have something to do with this issue. If it continues he will call Sargent Drilling to see if they have ideas as to the cause. Kaid Dannenberg’s residence did have a water leak this past month on their side.

FIRE: Wil reported no runs during the past month. Adam and Wil attended Athol’s January Fire Meeting to present their old bunker gear to the department as a donation. A reminder the Pancake Feed will be March 2nd and they will be displaying a complete set of the wildland and bunker gear they purchased with the grant funding this past year for people to see.

HOUSING/COMMUNITY CENTER: Barb reported all 11 units at the housing are now rented. Council discussed contacting Huffman’s to see if they will come and clean the floors at the Community Center towards the end of March and have the wax resealed for another year.

PARKS: no report.

UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT: Ed asked when the work to the Holmes Addition drainage ditch would begin. Council figured when the weather cooperates and Adam will have time and would more than likely be this spring.

TREASRUER: no report

CITY CLERK: no report.

Mayor Tucker stated the next council meeting will be March 13th, 2019 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.**

# Minutes from the February Parkview Manor Meeting

No minutes have been submitted from the Parkview Manor for their February Meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 14th @ 9:00 a.m. in the Gaylord Housing office meeting room.



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.

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WATER BILL IS ENCLOSED IN THIS NEWSLETTER!

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