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Community Clean-Up/Tree Trimming Project

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During this past month our Community Clean-Up Project was scheduled. Dumpsters were placed in the park, and areas marked for drop offs for certain items for disposal. A total of three dumpsters were filled with items from our residents and hauled to the Smith County Landfill. Curbside pick-ups took place throughout the month as appointments were scheduled. Our city trash truck was well used this past month as it carried larger loads than normal to the landfill. Members of City Council wish everyone was able to take advantage of this project and was able to dispose of items they no longer wanted. Personally I always feel better after spring cleaning in my own home and purging many items that I no longer need. Hopefully this will be a project we can continue on an annual basis. If this is a project you would like to City to continue to offer, please let any council member or the City Office know.

In the month of April three workdays had been scheduled with our volunteers who helped with the Tree Trimming Project. Our volunteers used their own equipment and quickly and efficiently moved through town and made quite an improvement with the amount of limbs and trees they removed. Some areas are not even recognizable after trees have been removed. Our City Burn Site filled quickly and a second site was filled at the old ball diamond. Additional days may be scheduled in May as time and weather permits to finish clearing trees on a few properties. Most of our volunteers for this project are heavily involved in farming as May is a busy time of year for them. We were fortunate enough to have their help in April.

All volunteers who helped with both of these projects please turn in your log sheets before May 10th, 2017 to the City Office. We need these sheets to count your hours in our Grant follow-up report and in order to disperse reimbursements from the grant we need these sheets to verify hours and equipment usage. If you need sheets to fill out, please stop by the City Office, and they are located on the front table in the lobby. If you have any questions on how to fill out your sheets, please talk to any council member or call the city office 697-2697.



Opening Burning in Kansas

Spring is the time of year when many people are burning. Many plan this time of year to burn their garden plots for the new season of planting, or after spring cleaning in their yards, have brush and limbs for disposal. Even larger projects such as buildings which have been torn down or large brush piles of whole trees which have been cleared are often burned in the spring. Outside of town many farmers and producers also burn pastures and land during the spring months.

In the State of Kansas, according to the Kansas Administrative Regulation 28-19-647, each person seeking approval to conduct an open burning operation shall submit a written request to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. In this application you must provide your contact information, description of property in which the burning will occur, description of the items to be burned, how often and when you propose to do your burning, size of area burning will be confined to, how you will ignite the materials, and state the reason why your proposed burning is necessary. Other documents you must include with the application include: a sketch identifying the burn site which shows all public roadways and occupied dwellings within 1,000 feet, and airports within one mile of your burn site; a signed statement from the local fire control authority having jurisdiction over the area with their approval.

If you have any questions or concerns before you burn please contact your local fire department, sheriff's office, or the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Northwest Office in Hays at (785) 625-5663 and they will provide you with the necessary information. Applications for Open Burning can be found online on at http://www.kdheks.gov/befs/dist_offices/nw.htm under the Air Compliance section.



Minutes from the April City Council Meeting

The Gaylord City Council met in regular session in the Community Center at 7:00 p.m., April 12th, 2017.

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

Absent Members: Gene Casteel and Wendell Felsburg

Presiding: Mayor David Tucker

Present also: City Clerk Aubrey Neussendorfer, Treasurer Crystal Ifland, City Man Ed Burt and Stan Horning

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

Citizen's Report: Stan Horning addressed council concerning Ordinance 368 which if passed would vacate the alley in Block 2 of Sutherland's Addition. This alley currently runs north and south between Frieling Grain and the old Fertilizer Plant. Vacating of this alley was initially requested in 2010 when the property was surveyed after the railroad was abandon in this area. This paperwork was not filed during this time. After discussion, Barb made the motion to passed Ordinance 368 Vacating the Alley in Block 2 of Sutherland's Addition. Wil seconded, motion carried. Mr. Horning thanked council and left the meeting.

The minutes of the March 8th Regular meeting were read. Correction of Jim Muck not Gene Casteel was present and at the time council does not wish to make any changes to the monthly minimum charge policy. Barb made the motion to approve the minutes as read, with the stated corrections. Jim seconded, motion carried.

The minutes of the March 22nd Special Meeting were read. Correction of meeting date was March 22nd instead of March 8th, 2017. Barb made the motion to approve the minutes as read, with the stated correction. Wil seconded, motion carried.

The minutes of the March 29th Special Meeting were read. Barb made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Wil seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Tucker called for the reading of the bills. After discussion, Jim made a motion, seconded by Barb, to approve payment of bills, including any routine bills outstanding. Motion carried. Bills paid out \$23,695.28.

Mayor Tucker asked for a report of utility arrears: Richard Bose, Darin Godsey with three accounts, Kaid Dannenberg, Dyania Palm, and Greg Jones. All accounts were paid by the disconnect date. Account 69A had a returned check. Collection procedures have been started and it appears the residents have moved. Collections will also be attempted with the property owners as well as the tenants.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ordinance 369 was presented and read. An Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of General obligation bonds, Series 2017, of the City of Gaylord, Kansas; Providing for the levy and collection of an annual tax for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest on said bonds as they become due; authorizing certain other documents and actions in connections therewith; and making certain covenants with respect thereto. Wil made the motion to adopt and pass Ordinance 369. Jim seconded, motion carried. Voting: 3 – Yes, 0 – No
- Resolution 401 was presented and read. A Resolution prescribing the form and details of and authorizing and directing the sale and delivery of general obligation bonds, series 2017, of the City of Gaylord, Kansas, previously authorized by Ordinance 369 of the issuer; making certain covenants and agreements to provide for the payment and security thereof; and authorizing certain other documents and actions connected therewith. Jim made the motion to pass Resolution 401. Barb seconded, motion carried. Voting: Yes – 3, No – 0
- Resolution 402 was presented and read. A Resolution providing for the adoption of tax and securities compliance procedures relating to the obligations issued and to be issued by the City of Gaylord, Kansas. Wil made the motion to pass Resolution 402. Jim seconded, motion carried. Voting: Yes – 3, No – 0
- EMC & VFIS Policy Information was reviewed and compared to last year's policy. A handout was prepared to show all values. Aubrey reported currently no coverage was on the Telemetry System and its components at all locations. For \$25,000 in coverage which would be enough to replace would be an estimated \$250.00 premium each year. After discussion council decided to add coverage for the replacement cost of the telemetry system to our policy. Aubrey reported our agent recommended to at this point cancel the current Builder's Risk Policy on the new fire station as we now have coverage with our current year's policy. Members of council agreed to cancel our Builder's Risk Policy on the new Fire Station. Also verbiage would be added in the property section under the well houses to include any and all outside components setting in the open such as the lift station, pump by lagoons, lagoons, and generator.
- Aubrey reported after attending the Municipal Finance Workshop in the future depending on how the state determines at what end the buyer or seller's location sales tax revenues from internet sales should be collected, it could be a source of revenue for the city to help with expenses for bond payments or other future projects.
- Updates on the Community Clean-Up and Tree Trimming Projects included: many items have already been placed in both dumpsters and a couple of items for coolant to be removed have been left for disposal. At this point no one has called to set up appointments for pick-ups at their homes. Two workdays have occurred for the tree trimming project. They anticipate another 1 – 2 days to finish in town. A few homes still have smaller brush piles which need to be taken care of and will be done throughout the month. Only one issue occurred with trimming limbs which had not previously been marked.

- Aubrey reported the city was awarded a \$1,000 grant from Midwest Energy to apply towards our Wheel Chair Assessable Door Project. We need to publish this information in the pioneer and our newsletter as part of the requirements of this grant. We still have not received any documentation from Monsanto concerning the \$2,500 grant we are to be receiving. Aubrey reported she had applied for a \$5,000 grant through the Smith County Community Foundation for the remaining funds for this project.
- Aubrey reported the estimate for the generator for the Community Center has been received from Prairie Land and a copy is in the meetings handouts. A small concrete pad for this project would be needed and council discussed the option of when they are working on the sidewalks for the ramp out front to have the forms prepared for the generator and complete both of these projects at once to save time and money. Council agreed this would be a good idea.
- Aubrey reported Ed had found a different chlorine vendor with prices at \$0.70/lb compared to our current vendor at \$1.5825/lb plus a \$10.00 per tank rental fee. Council decided to switch when tanks are emptied to the new vendor.
- Connie Brooks is interested in cleaning the community center or as a back-up until our current cleaning person leaves.
- Aubrey reported the light for the backside of the Community Center has been purchased, just not installed.
- Aubrey reported interest has been shown for the city-wide garage sales and her and Barb will discuss details during the month and report back to council on specifics.

Mayor Tucker called for a recess of the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Mayor Tucker called the meeting back to regular session at 8:40 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Aubrey reported a new fee schedule has been sent by our current bank for their services. Council asked for copies to be given at the next council meeting.
- Aubrey reported valuation notices either decreased or remained the same for all city properties except for the parcels at the new fire station. They had a dramatic increase due to the fact the fire station was built.
- Aubrey reported a metal sign has been sent which needs to be installed next to one of our picnic tables we purchased as part of the Waste Tire Grant project. Ed reported he will install this sign next to the table at the City Park.
- Aubrey reported an article in the KMU newsletter warns if Trumps budget cuts do materialize some areas that will no longer have funding include many of the low interest loans and grants many cities use for water and wastewater projects.
- Aubrey reported on the types of projects the city could use many of the grants offered from the Community Block Development Grant Program offered through the state.
- Council asked for Aubrey to include information about the requirements for open burning in Kansas in the next Newsletter.
- Council member Muck asked council if they would like an item from the Original Gaylord High School. After discussion council agreed they would like to have the item to display on city property.

REPORTS:

STREETS: no report. Ed reported after the tree trimming project was complete he would begin hauling rock to work on streets again.

SEWER/TRASH: no report.

WATER: Jim reported all seems to be running smooth. Ed reported by switching back to the Aqua-Mag solution the build-up on his chlorine screens is almost non-existent.

FIRE: Wil reported the department had been on one fire call in the past month in Cedar.

HOUSING/COMMUNITY CENTER: Barb reported 5 units are rented and she thanked all council members who took the time to attend the Open House they planned. Their Open House was well attended and a few applications were handed out during the event. Barb reported members of Cleta True's family had spoken with her and they will be giving a portion of her memorial money to help with the Wheel Chair Assessable Door Project. Barb reported work will begin on the storage room this weekend.

PARKS: Ed reported the parks have been sprayed except the Roadside Park. It will be done with the next round. Ed has fixed the faucet and stool at the restrooms at the City Park as they are available for use. In the future council should consider painting the bathroom inside and outside.

CITY MAN: Ed asked council if they had any objections to him attending a Lagoon Training in Norton on May 11th, 2017. Council had no objections. Ed reported he will need new blades for the mower and would mow once with old blades to break up all the debris from trees. Ed mentioned with the age of the mower a replacement would be needed in the next few years.

TREASURER: no report

CITY CLERK: no report

Mayor Tucker stated the next council meeting will be May 10th, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Mayor Tucker reported to have all NIMS Card Application sent in for processing even though some are still pending.

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.

Water Tower Project – Meter maid & Resident Usage

During the month of May or June crews will be onsite working on the Water Tower. During this time the water tower will be placed offline as it will need to be drained, sandblasted, and then needed repairs are made before it is recoated inside and out. If no major repairs are needed such as replacing portions of steel on the bottom portion of the bowl, the water tower will only be out of service for 10-14 days total. But if damage is found and major repairs are needed, we do not know the time frame in which the water tower will be out of service. Because the water tower will be drained of water during this time, our wells are then switched to run on constant pressure to maintain the state mandated minimum level of 20 pounds per pressure to prevent any stagnant water or contamination to require a boil advisory to be issued. During the time frame when the wells are running on constant pressure the meter maid will be out of service. This is because when turned on the meter maid pulls too much water away from the rest of the system and our pressure would then drop below the required 20 psi. Signs will be posted at the meter maid when the water tower is out of service. As soon as council is made aware of the dates crews will be here working, these dates will be posted as well, to give everyone as much advance notice as possible to make the necessary arrangements.

Also, members of council please ask our residents to practice water conservation practices during this time. By being watchful of the water you use during this time will hopefully avoid any unnecessary problems and will maintain the water supply and pressures necessary within our system. During the time our water tower is out of service, we ask for our residents to stagger their outside watering. On even numbered days the even numbered homes can do their outdoor watering. Then on odd numbered days, the odd numbered homes can do their outside watering. Please during this time avoid any activities such as kids playing in the sprinklers or filling of swimming pools until the water tower is back in service.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact any council member or the City Office at 697-2697.

City Burn/Dump Site Reminder

Just a reminder as you begin to clear debris from your yards only certain items can be taken to our City Burn Site for disposal. Please place trees, limbs and shrubs within the pile in the middle and any yard clipping, leaves and small debris within the compost pile on the southeast corner of the dump. Please do not place any debris in bags or boxes to leave in the City Dump. **NO HOUSEHOLD WASTE OR TRASH IS TO BE LEFT AT THE CITY DUMP.**



Help! Water Sampling Sites Needed

Each month the State of Kansas requires water samples to be taken from our water system and then sent to the state laboratory in Topeka for testing. Schedules are based on the size of your water system and any past violations found while testing. For example, each month our Water Operator, Ed Burt, is required to obtain two samples from different areas in town to send to the state lab for testing of total coliform and total free chlorine. Total coliform tests for any bacteria present such as E. coli which would indicate our water is unsafe to drink. Chlorine gas is added to our water system at our Well #6 and these residues are tested with the total free chlorine portion of this test. Chlorine acts as a disinfectant in our water system and prevents any bacteria if present from being harmful to its users.

The state requires these samples come from homes or taps which a person would drink from. Even though some of us still drink straight from the garden hose when outside, outdoor hydrants are not a viable option. Also these samples must come from homes that currently do not have a water softener or filtering system of any kind. If you have not already been contacted by the City, and you have a home that will qualify for testing, please let us know! These samples would only be collected, by Ed, while you are home, only once or twice a year. Prior arrangements would be made to schedule a good time for the samples to be taken.

City-Wide Garage Sales - Interest

Members of City Council would like to pursue hosting city-wide garage sales but we need a count of how many residents are interested in having individual sales in town. Please let the City Office know if you would be interested in having a garage sale by May 10th, 2017 by 5 p.m. Tentatively this would be scheduled in June, in conjunction with Smith Center's city-wide garage sales in order to attract a bigger crowd. If enough people show interest we may ask for a small fee of \$5-10 to help with advertising costs and to have your location listed on a town map.



Fun Facts About Mother's Day

- In Greek mythology spring festivals were held in honor the maternal goddess called, Rhea. She was the wife of Cronus and was believed to be the mother of many deities.
- Ancient Romans celebrated a spring festival called, Hilaria. This was dedicated to a mother goddess names, Cybele, on the Ides of March. Her followers would make offerings at the temple, hold parades, play games and also have masquerades. It lasted three days.
- In the 1600's England, Mothering Sunday took place on the 4th Sunday of Lent. It began with a prayer service in honor of the Virgin Mary. Afterwards children would present their moms with flowers.
- In 1870 a female activist, writer and poet by the name of Julia Ward suggested a day of peace and strongly advocated other woman to stand up against the war. From this plea she was able to get Boston to recognize mothers on the second Sunday of June.
- Anna Jarvis was also a woman that may have been behind our traditional Mother's Day celebration on the second Sunday of May. Anna never had any children, but wanted to carry out her own mother's wishes of having a day just for moms. Anna tirelessly campaigned and on May 8th, 1914 President Woodrow Wilson signed a Joint Resolution designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.
- Mother's Day sees around one quarter of all flowers purchased throughout the year falling on this holiday.
- Carnations are very popular flowers for Mother's Day and are thought to be made from the tears of Jesus's mother when she wept at his feet the day he was crucified.
- In the vast majority of the world's languages, the word for "mother" begins with the letter "M".
- In the United States alone, around 122 million phone calls are made to moms on Mother's Day.
- Approximately \$14 billion dollars is spent on Mother's Day.
- In what was formerly Yugoslavia, children would tie up their mother on Mother's Day. The only way she could get free would be to pay her children with treats.
- The shortest span between two babies is by mom, Jayne Bleackley . She gave birth to her son on September 3, 1999. Then only 208 days later gave birth to her daughter (on March 30, 2000).
- Elizabeth Buttle gives a whole new meaning to second family. She gave birth to her first child May 19, 1956. Then when she was 60, she gave birth to her son on November 20, 1997, making the siblings 41 years 185 days apart.



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.

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 memorandum 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.

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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WATER BILL IS ENCLOSED IN THIS NEWSLETTER!