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## Community Halloween Events

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. 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 Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Winners will be chosen the night of our Council Meeting on Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. 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!!

### TRUNK-OR-TREATING

Kids bring your parents, come in costume, and trick-or-treat in front of the Community Center! Events will begin at 2 p.m.

Residents bring your treats, and chairs, and enjoy all the trick-or-treaters!

(If weather is bad this will be held inside the Community Center)

### COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY

Once you have filled your bags with treats, Council invites everyone to attend our Halloween Party in the Community Center from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Games and fun activities are planned with prizes.

Refreshments will be served.



## Christopher Columbus: Hero or Villain?

The second Monday on October is no longer in many major cities being celebrated as Columbus Day, but rather is Indigenous People's Day. Many school textbooks still present Christopher Columbus as the famous Italian explorer who discovered America, but history painted a much more complicated picture. Was this man from Genoa a brave explorer or a greedy invader? A gifted navigator or reckless adventurer?

Columbus never discovered America. Even if you were to overlook the fact that millions of people were already living in North America in 1492, the fact that Columbus never set foot on our shores. In fact, this day in October marks the day of his arrival to the Bahamas. While he did also reach the shores of Cuba, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic, as well as explore the Central and South American coasts, he never unfurled a Spanish flag in North America. Leif Eriksson is the first European believed to have sailed the North American, having reached Canada 500 years before Columbus set sail to the west.

Columbus may never have reached Asia as planned, but one cannot discount the sheer will required to make his journey. At the age of 41, he defied naysayers across Europe and led four voyages across an unchartered ocean in wooden sailing ships that were not designed to take on the waters of the Atlantic.

In 1492, most educated Europeans already believed the earth was round. In fact, it was an idea that had been established by the Ancient Greeks in the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC. Contrary to popular myth, Columbus did not set out to prove the world was round, but rather that it was possible to sail around it, a voyage the explorer drastically underestimated.

Columbus also stood to gain significant wealth and power from his voyage, terms he negotiated with King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain. His contract with the monarchs, called the Capitulations of Santa Fe, named Columbus the admiral, viceroy, and governor of any land he discovered. It also stated that Columbus could keep 10 percent of any "merchandise, whether pearls, precious stones, gold, silver, spices and other objects" that he "acquired" within the new territory. Columbus may indeed have noble intentions when he sailed west, but his agreements with Spain suggest his intentions were far from selfless.

When Columbus first set foot on Hispaniola, he encountered a population of native people called the Taino. A friendly group, they willingly traded jewelry, animals, and supplies with the sailors. "They were very well built, with very handsome bodies and very good faces," Columbus wrote in his diary. "They do not carry arms or know them. They should be good servants." The natives were soon forced into slavery, and punished with the loss of a limb or death if they did not collect enough gold. Between the European's brutal treatment and their infectious diseases, within decades, the Taino population was decimated.

Finally in 1499, the Spanish monarchs heard of the mistreatment of the Spanish colonists in Hispaniola, including the floggings and executions without trial. Columbus, was arrested, chained up, and brought back to Spain. Columbus admitted to his wrong doings and was stripped of his title of governor.

## Minutes from the September City Council Meeting

City of Gaylord - Minutes of September 13th, 2017 Regular Meeting

The Gaylord City Council met in regular session in the Community Center at 7:00 p.m., September 13th, 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 Iland, and City Man Ed Burt.

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

Citizen's Report: none

The minutes of the August 9th Regular Meeting were read. Wil made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Barb seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Tucker called for the reading of the bills. After discussion, Barb made a motion, seconded by Wil, to approve payment of bills, including any routine bills outstanding. Motion carried. Bills paid out \$16,126.93.

Mayor Tucker asked for a report of utility arrears: Richard Bose, Darin Godsey with three accounts, Rita Gorman, and Mike Fogo. One account #80 was disconnected.

Account 44 still remains unpaid and has been disconnected. Collections procedures have begun.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Updates for the WCA Door Project were made. Aubrey reported during the past month Center Glass requested a \$3000.00 deposit for the door as delays are starting to cause a problem. Gene and Ed have plans to finish the trim work in the next few weeks. Aubrey will report to council next month with estimates and ideas for the signage/plaque to recognize all funding sources for this project.
- Estimates for concrete work around the Community Center were reviewed. One is for the northwest corner for a display and the second includes filling in the rocky area between the building and the sidewalk along the entire west side of the building and removing/replacing the sidewalk along the southwest corner of the building. Before council decides to pursue more estimates are needed for landscape rock and dirt work.
- Fall Grant for a back-up generator for the Community Center was discussed. Aubrey asked council if the new Fire Station should also be included in this grant as this building would also be used as an emergency shelter and to combine these two projects into one larger project. Council agreed to combine this project for the grant process.
- Jim updated council on information Gene has found concerning the Holmes Addition Project. Gene has spoken with the property owner of the vacant lot next to the current drainage area about purchasing this lot to relocate the drainage ditch, but the current owner is not interested in selling the property, but would allow for an easement to relocate the ditch right next to the current ditch. Gene had also spoken with our city attorney and they advised to not have easements but to purchase the land. Barb made the motion to have Aubrey contact land surveyors and to go ahead and have the area surveyed with the company who is cost effective and can perform the task within a reasonable time frame. Jim seconded, motion carried.
- Aubrey updated council with the estimate for the Credit Card Option for the Metermaid System from Johlin Measurements. Ed reported to council his findings of what is needed to install this system in well 6 well house. Barb made the motion to purchase this bulk fill station system, SmartVend SmartCard System with the options totaling \$13,492.50. Wil seconded, motion carried.
- Aubrey reported the letter concerning the issues with a recent Community Center Rental had been sent.
- Aubrey reported no news has been received from the Water Tower Company as of yet. Ed reported when the water tower is being worked on if the generator should be moved to the well house in case we would lose power. Council agreed the generator should be moved during this time.
- Aubrey asked council if any changes need to be made to the street lights at this time. No changes were requested at this time.
- Aubrey reported she continues to make good progress in scanning in the office.
- Aubrey reported Fire Chief Horning had prepared a job description for his position and a copy of this was in the handouts for the meeting. Aubrey reported Chief Horning had included a couple of items which he would recommend for council to consider concerning an annual report for all fire apparatus if in the future the elected Fire Commissioner is not a member of the fire department, and purchasing procedures. Council asked Aubrey to thank Chief Horning for his work on this job description and to submit his recommendations for his replacement at the October Meeting. These can either be in writing or he can attend the meeting to give them verbally.
- Ed reported was able to repair the battery on the siren and it is now working.
- Aubrey & Wil reported on the ISO Meeting they attended in Junction City on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Aubrey asked council if they still wished to pursue the Mobile Home Ordinance. After discussion council asked for more research to include other items such as tiny home, trailers, and campers for example.
- Aubrey reported concerning dogs, if no boarding facility was located to take the dogs to then the city would need to build a shelter to house these animals and this would need to be licensed with the state and be at least inspected annually.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- After discussion, Wil made the motion to begin using KANPAY to process credit/debit cards and to no longer use Square Reader. Barb seconded, motion carried.
- Aubrey asked council if they wished to pursue anything with the bikes which are frequently rode on sidewalks. Council wished to take no action at this time.
- Aubrey asked council if they would like to plan any events for Halloween this year. After discussion council agreed to host the Pumpkin Decorating/Carving Contest, and to host a Community Trick-Or-Treating – Community Party on Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 pm at the Community Center.
- In November there will be a county wide Emergency Management Planning Meeting and members of council are invited to attend if possible.
- Aubrey reported Smith County Community Foundation in conjunction with Dane G. Hansen will be issuing Community Clean-Up Grants for individual cities to apply for with funds up to \$10,000. Council is interested in applying for these funds.
- Aubrey reported two CMB Licenses for Dave Hommon will expire the end of September and if council would like to pre-approve these renewals as long as all required information and payments are received by September 31<sup>st</sup>. Wil made the motion to pre-approve CMB licenses for Dave Hommon for off-sale and on-site consumption as long as all information is received by September 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Barb seconded, motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

**STREETS:** Ed reported he is still planning on hauling rock and would like to have a stock pile built up in town before winter. Mayor Tucker reported there are culverts in town which still need to be cleaned out. Wil & Ed explained to council the intentions members of the fire department to re-direct water from the new fire station south across Main Street. Current culverts under Main Street will be located and either re-opened or new ones will be installed.

**SEWER/TRASH:** no report

**WATER:** no report

**FIRE:** Wil reported the department had no runs during the past month. New pagers are now being used by all members. The tanker currently is out of commission as it has fuel in the oil. Arrangements are being made to have the truck worked on.

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY CENTER:** Barb reported 6 units are rented at the Housing Authority.

**PARKS:** David asked Ed to begin watering the brown spots. Fall maintenance of spraying was discussed.

**CITY MAN:** Ed told council he would be gone Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**TREASRUER:** no report

**CITY CLERK:** no report

Mayor Tucker stated the next council meeting will be October 11th, 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.

## Community Center Door Project

The Wheel Chair Assessable Door for the Community Center has finally arrived! Center Glass was here the week following Labor Day to install our new door. Since then Gene and Ed have been working to complete the installation with finish work on the interior and exterior. Council expects all work to be complete with the door by the first part of October. With the completion of this project, not only will our community benefit with the addition of the automatic opener, but the more modern updated look for our community center is a great bonus. Council plans to have either vinyl decals on the sidelight window or a plaque located next to the door to honor all who helped with grant funds or donations for this project.

## Burn Ban has been lifted

County Commissioners lifted the county wide burning ban on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## Meter Maid System

During the September City Council Meeting, council made the motion to purchase a new meter maid or bulk fill water station to be installed on Well #6. At this time, council anticipates this system to be functional by the end of October. The biggest change to this system will be, no money (coins or currency) will be collected at the well house. This system will operate from pre-paid cards which will need to be charged at the City Office. These cards will work like pre-paid credit cards. Council is looking forward to this new system and wishes all will enjoy the updated system. Unfortunately the main reason Council decided to upgrade the system we currently use is the loss of water which is not paid for from the meter maid has reached a point council is no longer willing to overlook. More information will follow.



## Flu Shots

The Smith County Health Department will be at the Community Center on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 from 9 - 10:30 a.m. to administer flu shots.



## 10 Most Haunted Places in Kansas

According to the book, "Mysterious Heartland" by Michael Kleen these are the top ten most haunted places in Kansas.

10. Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery in Leavenworth, Kansas
9. Molly's Hollow in Atchison, Kansas
8. St. Jacob's Well in Clark County, Kansas
7. The Sallie House in Atchison, Kansas
6. Theorosa's Bridge in Valley Center, Kansas
5. Hutchison Public Library in Hutchinson, Kansas

The Hutchinson Public Library is allegedly haunted by a former librarian named Ida Day. Ida was famous in her day for her seriousness and stoic demeanor, in both life and death. Ida is not a violent or harmful ghost and is often seen walking around, looking and/or sorting books.

### 4. Hamburger Hill in Hutchinson, Kansas

Since the 1950's, visitors of the sand hills north of Hutchinson have been careful not to stray too far from the hiking trails, as they may encounter the deformed figure of Hamburger Man. Half ghost, half monster, the Hamburger Man has stalked his way through many local generations. Some believe he was a hermit who lived alone and was horribly burned in a house fire which left him disfigured. His name was acquired from stories of victims he would capture and be ground up into hamburger meat.

### 3. Potwin Place in Topeka, Kansas

A beautiful Victorian home in Topeka's historic Potwin Place district has been haunted since 1972, when its owners began renovations. The paranormal events started with a strange slapping or ringing sound on the wooden floors. Heavy breathing and the feeling of something pushing down on your mattress while sleeping is often encountered.

### 2. Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas

Established in 1863, Kansas State is one of the oldest universities in Kansas. A few of the buildings on campus are known to be haunted. The Purple Masque Theater is believed to be haunted by the ghost of a Wildcat football player named Nick who was fatally injured during a game. Nick's footsteps have been heard throughout the theater, and is known to cause all kinds of mischief, including rearranging chairs, playing loud music, setting off fire alarms and spilling paint. There are also two haunted fraternity houses on campus, the Pi Kappa Phi and Delta Sigma Phi houses.

### 1. Stull Cemetery in Stull, Kansas

A crumbling stone church and a single cemetery outside Stull are the focus of a terrifying legend. It is said that witches and occult groups used the church for their dark rituals. A gnarled pine tree formerly stood in the cemetery until it was struck by lightning and cut down. This tree used to hang witches in the 1800s. Also, stories are told of a flight of stone stairs hidden in the woods near the church.

Entrance to the stairs opens up on Halloween and during the Spring Equinox. Anyone who descends these stairs will find a gateway to hell at the bottom. One bizarre report states the devil makes a personal appearance in the cemetery on Halloween at midnight to visit the grave of the witch whom buried his child. This child will then materialize in the form of a werewolf in the woods next to the cemetery.

## 30 Days of October Facts

Oct. 1, 1908 - The Ford Model T was introduced to the public.  
Oct. 2, 2005 - Ethan Allen capsizes on Lake George.  
Oct. 3, 1955 - The Mickey Mouse Club begins on ABC.  
Oct. 4, 1927 - Work begins on Mount Rushmore.  
Oct. 5, 1962 - Beatles release first single "Love Me Do".  
Oct. 6, 1926 - Babe Ruth sets new record.  
Oct. 7, 1982 - Musical "Cats" opens on Broadway  
Oct. 8, 1969 - Days of Rage riots in Chicago.  
Oct. 9, 1936 - Hoover Dam starts producing electricity.  
Oct. 10, 1913 - The Panama Canal joined the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean.  
Oct. 11, 1968 - Apollo 7, is launched from Cape Canaveral.  
Oct. 12, 1978 - Sid Vicious arrested for murder.  
Oct. 13, 1958 - Paddington Bear Books are released.  
Oct. 14, 1920 - Wall Street bombing  
Oct. 15, 2003 - Staten Island Ferry accident  
Oct. 16, 1991 - Killeen, Texas Massacres  
Oct. 17, 1931 - Scarface Al Capone found guilty of income tax evasion.  
Oct. 18, 1898 - The US formally takes possession of the Island of Puerto Rico.  
Oct. 19, 1947 - US minimum wage is raised to 40 cents per hour.  
Oct. 20, 1973 - Sydney Opera House opens.  
Oct. 21, 1944 - First Japanese Kamikaze Attack  
Oct. 22, 1914 - First Income Tax laws are passed.  
Oct. 23, 1963 - "Doctor Who" first appears on British TV.  
Oct. 24, 1929 - Wall Street Crash (Black Thursday)  
Oct. 25, 1952 - The Mousetrap Open s in London's West End  
Oct. 26, 1956 - Hungary October Revolution  
Oct. 27, 1904 - The New York Subway opens.  
Oct. 28, 1965 - The Gateway Arch in St. Louis is completed.  
Oct. 29, 1948 - Donora Pennsylvania Deadly Smog Cloud  
Oct. 30, 1938 - War of the Worlds Radio Play Causes Mass hysteria  
Oct. 31, 1941 - The Mount Rushmore sculpture is completed.

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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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## Water Tower Update

End of September through the first of October is the newest timeframe the crews have stated who will be working on our water tower. We will keep you updated as soon as we are made aware of any changes to this schedule.

## Public Notary Services – Now Available

Our City Clerk, Aubrey has now received all the necessary documents to allow her to officially notarize documents. City Council will not charge for this service, and are glad to offer this additional service to our residents.

## 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 many 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

Fall has arrived! Curl up with a good book, a warm blanket, and a warm cup of your favorite drink. 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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