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City-Wide Garage Sales

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The City of Gaylord will be hosting city-wide garage sales the weekend of June 17th and 18th, 2017. The city has planned for a two day Saturday and Sunday event and will prepare maps and advertise this event in local papers and through social media. Maps will be prepared by the city office and will be distributed to businesses in the local area. If you would like to add your location, and a brief description of items you will have to sell, please provide this information by **JUNE 8st, 2017** by 5 p.m. to the City Office, by Phone 697-2697 or by email cityofgaylord@gmail.com. The council is asking for a \$5.00 fee to have your site added to this listing to help with advertising costs. Council is offering spots available to sell items in the Community Center during this event. Please contact the City Office about reserving your spot as these will be a filled on a first come, first serve basis and they are filling fast!

Funding Secured for Front Entrance at Community Center

By the end of summer the Community Center will be sporting a new front door! Council has made plans to replace the current front doors with a Wheel Chair Assessable Door with push button operation and to replace a portion of the sidewalk and curb directly in front of the Community Center with a concrete ramp to allow for direct access from the street to gain entrance into our building. Members of council feel this project will vastly improve the accessibility and usability of our facilities to all visitors. Funding for this project was awarded from two local grants and donations from two sources. Grants were awarded from Midwest Energy for \$1,000.00 and from the Smith County Community Foundation for \$5,000.00. Donations have been received from Monsanto from local resident Barb Lehmann as part of their America's Farmers Grow Communities Program for \$2,500.00 and a \$500.00 donation was given from the Cleta True Memorial Fund.

Council asks for your patience and understanding while this project is being completed. There may be short time periods when crews are on-site working in which access to the building may not be possible. Notices will be posted as soon as we are aware of any disruptions to our normal schedule.

Grilling Safety Tips

With the warmer days ahead, many grills will become the standard means cooking our daily meals. Many evenings the aroma throughout town will make any traveler hungry, and all dogs and cats in constant salivation mode. Please remember to practice the following safety practices while using your grills this summer.

- Grill outside and away from any structures. Charcoal and gas grills are designed for outdoor use only. However, more than 27% of house fires start by fires started by outdoor grills located on courtyards, terrace or patios. Also pay attention to overhanging tree branches above your grill.
- Make sure your grill is stable. Only set up your grill on a flat surface and make sure the grill cannot easily be tipped over. Consider using a grill pad or splatter mat underneath your grill to protect your deck or patio.
- Keep your grill clean. Remove grease or fat buildup from both the grill and the tray below the grill. If you are using a charcoal grill, allow the coals to cool completely before disposing of them in a metal container.
- Check for propane leaks on your gas grill. Before you fire up for the first time each season, check the gas tank and hose for leaks by applying a light soap and water solution to the hose and then turning on the gas. If there happens to be a leak, bubbles will appear. Also, never light a gas grill if you smell propane gas.
- If the flame goes out, wait to re-light. If you are using a gas grill, and the flame goes out, turn the grill and the gas off. Then, wait at least five to ten minutes before attempting to re-light.
- Never leave a lit grill unattended. Don't allow kids or pets to play near the grill. Never try to move a lit or hot grill, and remember the grill with stay hot for at least an hour after use.
- Be careful with charcoal starter fluid. If you use a charcoal grill, only use charcoal starter fluid. If the fire starts to go out, do not add any starter fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire. Instead consider using a charcoal chimney starter, which uses newspaper to start the fire instead.
- Wear the right clothing when grilling. Clothing can easily catch fire, so be sure your shirt tails, sleeves, and apron strings don't dangle into or over the flame.
- Be ready to put out the fire at any time. Have baking soda on hand to control a grease fire and a fire extinguisher nearby for other fires. If you do not have a fire extinguisher, keep a bucket of sand next to the grill. Never use water to put out a grease fire!



Minutes from the May City Council Meeting

City of Gaylord - Minutes of May 10th, 2017 Regular Meeting

The Gaylord City Council met in regular session in the Community Center at 7:00 p.m., May 10th, 2017.

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

Absent Members: Gene Casteel

Presiding: Mayor David Tucker

Present also: City Clerk Aubrey Neussendorfer 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 April 12th Regular Meeting were read. Corrections of abandon to abandoned and Barb made the motion to pass not passed Ordinance 368 both are found within the Citizen's Report. Also in the old business section concerning the garage sales her needs to be changed to she. Council Member Felsburg entered the meeting while these minutes were read. Barb made the motion to approve the minutes with the above stated corrections. Jim seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Tucker called for the reading of the bills. Aubrey explained the additional funds added to account for the Water Bond and Bond Reserve Funds for the upcoming water system improvements. After discussion, Barb made a motion, seconded by Wil, to approve payment of bills, including any routine bills outstanding. Motion carried. Bills paid out \$13,686.60.

Mayor Tucker asked for a report of utility arrears: Richard Bose, Darin Godsey with three accounts, Dyania Palm, Mike Fogo, and Greg Jones. All accounts were paid by the disconnect date. Account 69A collection procedures are continuing and still trying to attempt to find current addresses for both the tenants and property owners as the ones on file have both had mail returned.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Aubrey reported to council paperwork has been received from the State concerning our payment schedule with the bonds for the water system. The current plan is payments every six months and council requested to see if these can be changed to monthly payments instead. Aubrey reported all papers concerning the bonds will be kept in the office and copies for all members will not be made unless requested due to quantity.
- Aubrey reported she had made the request for the additional coverage for the telemetry system and the paperwork adding this had not come back yet. Also she had made the request to cancel the Builder's Risk Policy on the Fire Station.
- Aubrey provided council with a current expenses list for all receipts turned in to date for the Community Clean-Up and Tree Trimming Projects. Current total is \$1562.11 but this does not include any reimbursements for equipment usage for the tree trimming project yet as timesheets still need to be turned in. Other projects of repairs to park playground equipment or repairs and replacement of fence on the north side of Main Street across the road from the Community Center was mentioned. Painting the inside and outside of the bathrooms with in the park was also discussed as options to use remaining allotted funds.
- Aubrey reported grants where submitted for the Wheel Chair Assessable Door Project and the only one we are waiting to hear back from is the Smith County Community Foundation. Aubrey reported a donation of \$500.00 was received from Clea True's Memorial Fund to apply towards this project. Council also discussed having Cameron's Concrete also pour the pad in the back of the Community Center while they are doing the front sidewalk for placement of a back-up generator for a future grant project. Council agreed this would be the best choice for financial reasons to have these projects both completed at one time. Barb reported she has had contact with Monsanto concerning the \$2500.00 donation for this project and they state they are excessively busy and are really behind in processing paperwork.
- Garage Sales where discussed with possible dates of June 10 & 11 or 17 & 18. Aubrey needs to contact interested parties to determine what dates work best and then proceed with sales. Maps will be made in the city office and advertising to local radio, online, and social media along with locally posted signage. The city itself has items for sale and will allow rented spaces in the Community Center this weekend for interested parties.
- Aubrey reported all NIMS applications and pictures have now been submitted except for Wendell's.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Wil made the motion to have Aubrey become a Notary Public and offer this service to our residents. Barb seconded, motion carried.
- Aubrey reported the last quarter's interest earned from our CD's was \$90.96.
- Aubrey showed council a copy of the recent solicitation mailing received by most postal patrons within the city. A book from a religious organization based in Oklahoma.
- Ed reported to council a road grader was found on Nextech from around Horton, KS listed for \$5,000.00. He contacted the owner and it appears it in good running order just an older model. After discussion council opted to look for a box blade or speed mover instead and report back with findings at the next council meeting.

Mayor Tucker called for a recess of the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Mayor Tucker called the meeting back to regular session at 8:07 p.m.

REPORTS:

STREETS: Ed reported he will begin hauling rock again next week and will start on Main Street. With recent heavy rains, culverts are in need of cleaning out again. Ed will work on these in the next month.

SEWER/TRASH: For fuel reimbursement for the Community Clean-Up Project a price of \$40.00 per trip to the landfill was decided on by council.

WATER: Jim reported all seems to be running smooth. Ed reported the last of the current chlorine with the higher priced vendor is about depleted and within the month he anticipates switching to the new vendor. Ed also reported the chlorine tank scales will need to be replaced as the original ones are starting to fail.

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 at the Housing Authority. Barb thanked Wil for all his hard work to the storage room and how nice it looks. Peg boards are still going to be hung. Barb asked the status of the window seals and flood light to be installed out back of the community center. Ed reported both are in the works and once Gene is back these projects will get done.

PARKS: David reported the parks all look nice. Ed reported the toilet needs another piece to prevent it from leaking. Measurements will be taken to purchase new lumber for the seats on a few pieces of playground equipment.

CITY MAN: Ed reminded council he will be attending training in Norton tomorrow the 11th all day. Ed reported he will need to order diesel in the future and council agreed to order 100 gallons. David reminded Ed to flush hydrants and record the flow test results for the fire department records.

TREASRUER: no report

CITY CLERK: Jim made the motion to allow Aubrey to order a second monitor for the computer in the city office. Wil seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Tucker stated the next council meeting will be June 14th, 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:

(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.

Flushable Wipes – Are they really?

Now the labels may claim these wipes are flushable, this may be true but these wipes are not biodegradable and are wreaking havoc on city's sewer systems nationwide. Even in Gaylord, our Waste Water Director, Ed Burt, has seen evidence of these causing problems within our system. The disposable wipe has been around for many years, but mainly has been used on children in their early years of life. During this time diapers are also worn and typically these wipes are disposed of with the diapers and are treated as solid waste sent to a landfill, not flushed down and into the septic sewer system of a city. Now that these wipes have expanded their usability, they are commonly used by people of all ages. What happens once these wipes are flushed is they do not break down readily and cluster together along with congealed fats from foods and form large blockages known as fatbergs within sewer pipes. In 2015, a 10-ton lump was removed from the London sewer system which cost them over \$516,000.00 to fix the damage done in this incident. But unlike toilet paper, wet wipes fail to disintegrate and once they enter the city sewer pipes they redirect stagnant wastewater to back towards houses. Once this occurs, sewer systems must be shut down and manually removed. When sewage pumps are pulled, large stringy masses of these wipes are removed. Ed Burt has seen evidence of this within our system, "They look like large dirty mop heads". So please be careful when you are purchasing your wipes and make sure they are not only flushable but biodegradable. Or better yet, go a step further and just toss them into the trash instead.

Gaylord & Christ Lutheran Cemetery's Memorial Day flowers will be left in place for 10 days after Memorial Day. At this time they will be picked up.

The Cemetery Board



THANK YOU

*To everyone that helped get the
Gaylord & Christ Lutheran Cemeteries ready for Memorial Day!
The Gaylord Cemetery Board*

Gnats and Fruit Flies in your Home

One pest which seems to always make its appearance in the summer months is gnats or little fruit flies! With more fresh produce brought into our homes, these little pests seem to flourish. These pests like to live the following areas within your home: poor-quality soil, dirty dishes, damp areas, and open trash cans. While not all of these problem areas can be resolved, keeping these areas clean and free of debris will help. Soil of house plants should be changed on a yearly basis. Once flies have established within your home there are different means to deal with them. Below are a few methods to try if these pests have established themselves within your home:

- Create a trap by mixing apple cider vinegar with a few drops of dish soap.
- Create a trap by pouring leftover red wine into a jar and topping with plastic wrap, then poking holes with a tooth pick.
- Mash up a banana in a jar and cover with plastic wrap. Use a toothpick to poke holes in the top.
- Pour bleach solution into the bathroom sink. Do not mix bleach with ammonia.
- Use an insect fogging product if you are dealing with a large-scale infestation.
- Place rotten fruits into a jar to attract the gnats and fruit flies.

June Bugs – What is their purpose?

June bugs are commonly seen in many areas in the United States, as well as other regions of the world. The original June bugs belong to the genus Phyllophaga, which being a very large genus, consists of more than 260 species. The name Phyllon, means leaf in Greek, and phagos, which means eaters. The adults are termed chafers, while the larvae are called grubs. The grubs feed on the roots of grass and plants, whereas, the adult bug feeds on the foliage of trees and shrubs. There are four main types of beetles which are popular are June Bugs; Chafer Beetles, Japanese Beetle, Ten-lined June Beetle, and Green June Beetles. Out of these, the two most common ones are the Chafer and Green June Beetle, as these two in particular come out in swarms in late May and early June. June bugs have a very interesting life cycle. Their size ranges from 12 to 35 millimeters, and their color is blackish to mahogany. They lack any kind of marking, and their underbodies have more of a hairy texture. They are commonly referred to as “backyard pests”, as they destroy vegetation, and their larvae eat up the roots of plants. These bugs are nocturnal and are attracted to light. June bugs can fly and you will see swarms of these near street lamps. The “Green June Beetle”, is typically active during the daylight hours. Its head and underbody are shiny green, while its wings are a dull metallic green. There’s a slight gold contrast to its sides. These bugs are mainly found from Maine to Georgia with a few sightings as far west as Kansas. These bugs feed on fruits and berries and can tear up a garden pretty good. The larvae can destroy lawns or turf almost overnight. The life cycle of both of these beetles is similar. The female lays about 60-75 eggs underground during the mid-summer. The egg laying is done in a two week period. The eggs change from elliptical to a more spherical shape and the larvae inside develop. After around day 18, the eggs start hatching, and the grubs start to come out. The grubs are white in color and have a brownish-black head with spiracles along their body. The larval period is divided into 3 stages. The last larval stage, which is about 9-10 months long, ends with the larvae pupating. The larvae molt twice before this. Pupation takes place in earthen hollows under the ground. This stage lasts for three weeks, during which, the brown pupa transforms to the adult form of the June Bug. Finally, the adults appear during late spring.



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 memorandums 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

Beat the summer heat with a good book from your local 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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