



February 2020 Directors Report

- Currently have 17 Anderson County employers that have agreed to recognize the National Career Readiness Certificate.
- Working with businesses and agencies to create an awareness for job seekers to take the Work Keys tests. Distributed over 3,000 informational rack cards throughout the community.
- Kansas Works Mobile Career Center was in Garnett on February 19 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Six job seekers visited the mobile unit. One job seeker has been hired by an Anderson County employer.
- Destination Creation Class is slated to start on Thursday, March 19 at the Garnett Library Archer Room we have six participants.
- Continue visiting businesses with “Love What’s Local Garnett” committee members educating them on the campaign and inviting them to become sponsors of the campaign.
- Continue to work on business retention and expansion in Anderson County.
- Working with two potential new businesses for Garnett.
- Continue efforts to save the historic building at 140 East 5th Avenue.
- Continue working with Morning Mingle business group.
- Set up a Zoom Land Bank information meeting with ACDA and City and County Commissioners for April 2 at Auburn Pharmacy Corporate Office.
- Continue to answer RFI’s from Kansas Department of Commerce.
- Attended SEK, Inc Day on the Hill in Topeka and SEK, Inc. monthly board meeting
- 2nd Annual Chocolate Walk in honor of International Women’s Day is March 7 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and proceeds go to Wings. The first 100 women that register will receive a Chocolate Walk reusable shopping bag.
- Attended US 169 Ribbon Cutting for highway project
- Continue meeting with representatives from NetWork Kansas & Department of Commerce

**Airport Report
Garnett Industrial Airport
February 2020
Pat Schettler – Manager**

1. Completed February Report.
2. Did fuel transactions and invoices. Learning the FuelMaster system.
3. Sent February Weather Data to the National Weather Service. Contacted Shawn Byrne with the NWS and updated my information. When an official class can be scheduled, I will attend.
4. Don and Sheri Fairfield building lease finalized.
5. Reviewed and updated Based Aircraft on FAA website.
6. I started part time on Tues February 18.
7. Continuing to seek passwords for the AWOS system and other systems.
8. City workers delivered two file cabinets. 1 locking. Also was delivered the airport records from last 25 years.
9. Started organizing the records. It is going to be an ongoing project.
10. Learning the airport budget.
11. Fixed the AWOS phone access system. It had been down off and on for about a month.
12. Readying the airport mowers and equipment for the mowing season.
13. Charging batteries on tractor, mowers and courtesy car.
14. Parks Dept returned Gravely 60" mower doing the 300 hour service.
15. Total moisture for February was 6.61 inches. Total February snowfall was 6 inches.
16. February Average Hi/Lo Temp – 45.2/21.7.

Flight Activity

Several currency flights and flight training being done.

Numerous weekend flights for touch and gos.

Mechanic shop doing a major engine swap on a Cessna 182 Skylane, still in progress.

Several pilots have used the airport car for trips to local restaurants.

Recommendations

1. City Hangar and Airport Shop roofs. (pursuing grant from KDOT)
2. Fueling ramp pavement.
3. Fuel hose is getting critical. It needs replacement.
4. Cracks in primary runway. (won a grant from KDOT) Repairs pending.
5. Heights and Hazards documentation for the FAA.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

March 2, 2020

GARNETT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Membership Renewal is underway. We look forward to continuing to serve our local business community in 2020. We have had several inquiries about membership, and look forward to retaining current members and adding members in 2020.

The Morning Mingle Chocolate Walk will take place this Saturday, March 7, 2020.

I will attend WeKAN! Conference with Susan on March 18th.

Pittsburg State University will be here on March 18th at the Garnett Public Library in the Archer Room to provide a workshop sponsored by the Chamber. This is a NO COST workshop. The topics covered will be Social Media, Online Marketing, and Understanding Financial Statements. The public can contact the Chamber Office for more information.

We currently have a display in our building window on South Oak Street. We are offering an opportunity for businesses to decorate the window and advertise their business, as another benefit of membership. We also encourage Members to utilize the Business Spotlight on our Website.

Weekly eblasts continue. Monthly duties continue, including keeping bank accounts current, social media active, visiting businesses to meet their needs. We continue to reach out to members, assist with training, websites, and finding the right resources. I work with Susan on newsletters, Town Talk, Press Releases, getting information to public in a timely manner, and improving providing detailed information, as well as post-event follow up, keeping websites and calendars current and taking meeting minutes. We are also working on updating the Neighborhood Revitalization Brochure and Travel KS event listings.

Chamber Board, Tourism Board, and Airport Board meetings continue, as well as Morning Mingle and Love What's Local. We encourage ALL businesses to participate in the Morning Mingle and Love What's Local, as there are opportunities for networking, education, and promotions of local business.

Currently assisting Susan with mail inserts, updating brochures, and gearing up for spring events. We encourage all organizations, groups, and businesses to contact us if you have an event that you would like to have added to the calendar for Garnett.

Welcome bags with Garnett information are being distributed for EKAE tours, new residents, and at local events, so we encourage local businesses to bring your brochures, business cards, etc. to the office to be included.

I look forward to 2020 and the opportunity to serve my community through the City of Garnett and the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kris Hix, Executive Director



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CLERK'S CORNER

February Monthly Report

For the month of February, we had 16 new Utility Customers in Garnett. We had 221 Delinquent Notices mailed out for not paying by the 15th of the month. Out of 221 delinquent notices, 14 were shut off due to nonpayment by the 25th of the month. Out of those 14, 4 have yet to pay and are still disconnected.

Cornstock is already off the ground and running and we are already getting phone calls for camping. We are also seeing camping calls come in for people working on the Southern Star Pipeline as well as the Highway project since Freddy Partida's RV Park isn't operational yet. Typically, we don't see camping this early but it's hard to turn those campers away when that is additional revenue coming in for the City. To go along with camping, I would really like to see us open the timeframe we allow campers to stay in our parks. Currently they are only supposed to stay for seven (7) days and then are required to move to a different location. I feel this has hurt us in the past years as we have had more extended stay campers wanting to camp in Garnett. When we get back into discussing the City Code, I would really like us to look at ways we can either improve or change the duration that we allow a camper to stay in one location.

Chris and I met with Thane Stauffer of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management on Friday, February 21st. This meeting starts our sixty (60) day window to compile all information needed to get reimbursed for the damages we had from the 2019 flooding disaster. I've reached out to all Department Heads asking for a variety of things so I can get it all compiled and sent back to Thane. It is a long, cumbersome process but we are working through it like the last one. I am also working on putting together an Emergency Operations Plan as I don't believe we currently

have one. I've reached out to JD Mersman asking for some assistance and he is going to forward me the County's plan and help create one. I've also reached out to the Department Heads and asked them to write down their duties as well as their staff duties in the event of an emergency. More to come on those projects as we plug through them.

We also have reached out to Tyler Technologies regarding email billing for Utilities and have received a quote back from them. The quote came in at \$5,165.00 with an annual recurring fee of \$825.00. What I gathered from the Account Representative I talked to, the program is called Tyler Output Processor and is a separate program from Incode that is for emailing out the bills. It can be used for both external and internal use along with faxing, and documenting archives. It also notifies you on the success and failed emails you have in your system. I'm going to try and make some time to reach out to Tyler Technologies and see if they can put together a demo for us so we can see how the program actually works.

Lastly, the Integration with TimeClock Plus and Incode is almost complete. There have been a few bugs with the process which was expected however we are working with Incode to get them corrected.

Thanks
Travis Wilson
City Clerk/Municipal Court Clerk



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GPD Monthly Report for February 2020

On February 05, a vehicle was stopped as the driver was revoked. On a search incident to arrest, numerous illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, and stolen property were located in the vehicle. The driver, a 39-year-old male, was arrested for numerous drug charges in addition to the driving charges. This case was forwarded to the County Attorney.

On February 06, Officers executed a search warrant for a residence in Garnett for illegal drugs. This case is still pending.

On February 06, a vehicle was stopped for driving infractions. The driver, a 58-year-old male, was subsequently arrested for his 3rd DUI. This case was turned over to the County Attorney.

On February 09, Officers responded to Holy Angels Catholic Church for a past burglary. A report was taken. This case is still being investigated.

On February 09, Officers responded to a fight with knives call. After an investigation, it was determined a group of teenagers got into a fight and two pulled knives on each other. After sitting down with parents of those involved, this case was dissolved.

On February 10, Officers were called to Sonic for a counterfeit bill. After the investigation, the suspect, a 32-year-old male, was contacted and detained. A subsequent search of his vehicle turned up Methamphetamine. This case was turned over to the County Attorney for warrants.

On February 15, Officers stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. The driver, a 19-year-old female, was subsequently arrested for DUI. This case was turned over to the City Attorney.

On February 15, Officers were notified of a potential rape case. Upon investigation, 61-year-old Barry Weber was arrested for Rape and three counts of

Aggravated Indecent Liberties with a Child. His bond was set at \$1 million dollars.

On February 16, Officers stopped a vehicle for numerous traffic violations. During the investigation, the driver, a 25-year-old female, was arrested for DUI. This case was turned over to the City Attorney for prosecution.

On February 21, Officers were called to a house fire for drugs being seen in the home. A 23-year-old male was subsequently arrested for Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. This case was turned over to the City Attorney.

For the month of August, GPD took a total of 204 calls for service, conducted 55 traffic stops, and had 18 calls of service for animal control.

Kurt King

Chief of Police

Garnett Police Department

131 W 5th, Garnett, KS 66032

Agency Statistics

February 2020

Reports Today: 2	MTD Reports This Year: 28
YTD Reports This Year: 58	YTD Reports Unapproved This Year: 8
MTD Reports Last Year: 34	YTD Reports Last Year: 66
MTD Arrests This Year: 11	YTD Arrests This Year: 26
MTD Arrests Last Year: 16	YTD Arrests Last Year: 37
MTD Citations This Year: 37	YTD Citations This Year: 72
MTD Citations Last Year: 38	YTD Citations Last Year: 93

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Activity Totals

02/01/2020 - 02/29/2020

	All Arrests	Felony Arrests	Misd Arrests	Other Arrests	Summons	Traffic	Criminal	Supplement Report	Field Interview	Reports	Total Activity
Totals	11	2	7	2	37	31	4	98	18	28	238

March 2020 Community Development/Tourism Report to Commission
By Susan Wettstein

There are two (2) Transient Guest Tax requests from the Anderson County Fair to be considered at the March 10 City Commission meeting.

Work continues on the speaker system to get it in working condition by Square Fair. We are getting artwork on the patriotic banners to the production company so the proofing process can begin with banner sponsors and then they will be ordered. Plans are in the works to promote this year's Celebration of Service and Avenue of Flags. I received a phone call as of this writing on the possibility of the Kansas Army National Guard Band playing on Saturday night in Garnett, location TBA.

Thanks to Bob Mills and Power Plant personnel for working on the kiosks in the city parks. Kris has been doing a great job keeping the kiosks and visitor locations updated with current posters and brochures.

The calendar for March is very busy. Just check out our [bulletin board](#) and [community calendar](#) on our website. The [special events calendar](#), as you know, is about full of activities.

Kris and I will be attending the WeKan! Conference on Wednesday, March 18 in Newton and then host the Southeast Kansas Tourism Region on Thursday, March 19 in Garnett. The meeting will be held at the Dutch Country Café on March 19 in a meeting room from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (including lunch). There are approximately 20 people anticipated to attend. If any of the Commission would like to attend, if only for lunch to meet the tourism promoters of other communities, please let me know. I will be extending an invitation to our area attractions to attend as well.

We will be bidding fireworks for Libertyfest this month and continuing our marketing plan for new historical brochure and revamping the Garnett brochure in-house.

Kris was able to attend the US 169 Construction Project groundbreaking event. We will be working to help provide information as it becomes available on what travelers might expect during the construction phases along this corridor.

Town Talk will be mailed out the end of March. It is Mayor Brecheisen-Huss' turn to provide an article, but if any Commissioner has information to include please do not hesitate to email your information or suggestions to us.

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February Wastewater Report

Tom Adams has finished the point repairs and has replaced 4 of our old flush tanks. He also did the concrete work around 2 of new manholes he put in when he took out the flush tanks.

We have had our sludge pump on our belt press fixed and have been running it every day. We hauled 47.3 tons of processed sludge to the Anderson Co. Transfer Station this month. We've been busy with rodding some sewer mains around town. We helped the Street Dept. and the Gas and Water Dept. put in the sewer line for the new RV Park.

Eric Trammell

Wastewater Supervisor

Garnett Power Plant February Monthly Report

Worked on plugged intake coolant water line for #4 engine. Pumped water out of man holes behind Power Plant to open a valve to redirect water to pumps

Put boards back on North Welcome to Garnett sign

Still clearing brush and trees from around the South Lake

Hosted EMP1 meeting in Garnett on Feb 25th, we had 20 people representing the seven cities in EMP1 and KMEA staff members