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Back-to-School Around the World

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Most kids in the United States will begin a new school year during the few weeks before and after September 1st. Just the smell of crayons brings back many memories of my grade school days. When I went to school the “big” items ranged from the “Big Chief” tablets during my early years, and once I reach the end of my grade school days, “Trapper Keepers” were the hot items to have.

Have you ever wondered how kids across the world start their school years? Are there many differences from the United States?

Japan

In Japan, kids carry all of their school supplies in a randoseru. This is a hard-sided backpack which is filled with books; origami paper and a special pencil case called a fudebako. For students who bring their own lunch to school, the tradition on the first day, thought to bring good luck, is to bring a lunch of rice with seaweed sauce and quail eggs. Also, since outdoor shoes are not permitted inside the school, students will bring their own pair of slippers.

Holland

In Holland, bakfietsen, or cargo bikes, are frequently used by parents to take their kids to school. These bikes have a large box that sits on one or two wheels in front of the rider. Bakfietsen owners love that they are eco-friendly and don't require a parking spot. The bikes are so popular with parents that nearly all are used to tote around the kids.

Germany

For 200 years, kids in Germany have been given a Schultuete, on the first day of school. A schultuete, which translates to “school cone” is a large, decorated paper cone filled with school supplies, small presents and sweet things to eat. At times these cones can be as large as the child.

Russia

To celebrate the beginning of a brand new year of learning, the first day of school in Russia is called the “Day of Knowledge.” On this day, children traditionally give colorful bouquets of fresh flowers to their teachers and receive balloons in return.

(This information was obtained from the website www.littlepassports.com)

Grandparents Day – September 10th, 2017

National Grandparents day was founded by Jacob Reingold and Marian McQuade. In 1961, during the White House Conference on Aging, Reingold was inspired to focus on the role of grandparents in society and he subsequently held the first Grandparents Day at his retirement home later that year. By 1961, the New York borough of the Bronx had made Grandparents Day an official holiday. In 1973, the first Grandparents Day was proclaimed in West Virginia and in 1978; a bill to proclaim National Grandparents Day was signed by President Jimmy Carter. According to President Carter, “The elders of each family have the responsibility for setting the moral tone for the family and for passing on the traditional values of our Nation to their children and grandchildren.”

In 2004, the National Grandparents Day Council named A song for Grandma and Grandpa by Johnny Prill as the official song of National Grandparents Day.

The bill to create Grandparents Day was introduced to the U.S. Congress in February of 1977. In 1978, the United States Congress passed legislation to proclaim the first Sunday following Labor Day as the United States National Grandparents Day.

According to the 2013 United States Census, more than 2.7 million grandparents are responsible for providing the basic needs of 1 or more grandchildren under the age of 18 and living with them. Of these, 1.7 million were grandmothers and 1.0 million were grandfathers.

How to Celebrate your Grandparents

Adopt-a-grandparent. By 2030, it is expected that 5.3 million elderly individuals will be living in nursing homes. Of these, approximately 60% of nursing home residents do not receive visitors. Nursing homes often have volunteer programs that match volunteers to residents. Volunteer in a local nursing home to adopt-a-grandparent, and spend time making arts and crafts, reading, or just talking.

Simply take your grandparents out for dinner, shopping, or cook dinner for them in your home and invite their friends and family.

Grandchildren can make gifts for a more personal touch. These items can be used to decorate their rooms in a nursing home or within their own homes if they are still living at home. These gifts can be scrapbooks of family photos, CD's of their favorite songs or make them a scarf, sweater or a blanket.

Have your grandparents tell you a story of what the world was like for them when they were young. Their valuable experiences may be timeless and very helpful today.



Minutes from the August City Council Meeting

City of Gaylord - Minutes of August 9th, 2017 Regular Meeting

The Gaylord City Council met in regular session in the Community Center at 7:00 p.m., August 9th, 2017.

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

Absent Members: Treasurer Crystal Ifland

Presiding: Mayor David Tucker

Present also: City Clerk Aubrey Neussendorfer and City Man Ed Burt.

Mayor Tucker called the 2018 City of Gaylord Budget Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

After discussion, Barb made the motion to adopt the 2018 City of Gaylord Budget as presented. Jim seconded, motion carried.

Citizen's Report: none

The minutes of the July 12th Regular Meeting were read. Correction of Wendell was present at meeting. Wil made the motion to approve the minutes as read, with the stated correction. 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 \$21,856.99.

Mayor Tucker asked for a report of utility arrears: Richard Bose, AMI, Darin Godsey with three accounts, Ron Peterson, Terry Manning, and Mike Fogo. All accounts were paid by the disconnect date.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Updates for the WCA Door Project were made. Aubrey reported the check from Monsanto has been received. Also a window decal and a large check for pictures for the paper have been sent and will need to be used once the door has been installed. An article will also need to be published in the paper once this project is complete as part of this grant program requirements. Gene reported he is working with Center Glass to determine the best time for installation as he needs to be here during this time. It will be in September now when the door will be installed. After discussion council agreed to replace all materials to match as close as possible on the inside once the door is installed. Aubrey will pick out paint for around the doors and windows on the outside of the building.
- Estimates will be obtained for concrete work to be done in front and replacement of sidewalks along the west side of the Community Center for fall grants. Estimates for rock to be placed around the Community Center will also be obtained in the next month. Also council decided to table the playground equipment for grants until early next year.
- Aubrey reported our attorney gave three options of proceeding with the Holme's Addition drainage ditch. 1) Have verbal confirmation from all property owners on either side of Second Street to proceed with easements. 2) Have the area surveyed to determine the boundaries of Second Street and the property line currently where our drainage ditch runs from Second Street west towards First Street. And, 3) If we are wanting to move the location of this drainage area have an Engineer do a study in this area to determine the best route for water to drain. Council asked for estimates for tree removal and dirt work to be obtained in the coming month and report back during the September Meeting.
- Aubrey reported a new bulk water fill station option had been found which appears to have a much affordable option. Council asked Aubrey to find out if they have any customer reviews or a listing of communities who currently use the system we can contact and for Ed to call and review parts listing to determine all components are needed and to verify no additional parts are needed to install into our current system. Also council wished to determine if a credit card option was available and if so the price of this add-on.
- Council was informed of a recent rental of the Community Center the party left the building with the outside and bathroom lights on, ceiling fans left on high speed, chairs were left outside the building, empty alcohol cans in the trash bins, one of our large trash bins was placed in the trash bin outside the building, no trash was removed from the building, and kitchen items used were not put away. This party had signed a rental agreement. Gene made the motion to send the party a letter stating due to the conditions the building was left in and the clean-up costs, if they wish to rent the building again they will need to pay an additional \$100.00 fee along with the rental fee. If they do not wish to pay this additional fee they building will not be rented to this same party again.
- Aubrey reported a recent survey had been sent by the Kansas Historical Society concerning our water tower. After verifying the intention of this survey, it was completed and returned.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to recess at 8:27 p.m. Mayor Tucker called the meeting back to regular session at 8:34 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Aubrey reported she is making progress on scanning in the office. Interesting information has also been learned during this process.
- Aubrey had maps from Prairie Land showing where all city street lights were in town. We are currently charged for 32 and during their audit process they identified 32 in town. Council needs to review these and if we wish to remove or add any lights we need to let Prairie Land know as soon as possible.
- Aubrey reported she had found a few examples of Fire Chief Job Descriptions from departments similar to ours. Council agreed to send these to Stan and have him prepare one for Gaylord and have it ready for our next regular council meeting in September.
- Aubrey asked council if they remember in the past the city doing anything with LIBOR Investments. Council did not know of any other investment other than CD's the city has ever utilized.
- Aubrey reported our 2nd quarter CD interest was \$92.08.

- Aubrey reported if anyone is planning on attending the KLM Annual Conference to let her know as she has papers to fill out for them to be a voting delegate.
- Aubrey reported packets have started to arrive concerning the 2020 Census and wanted to verify with council if we want to fill all of these out. Council agreed to fill these packets out as they arrive.
- Ed reported the sewer system was recently inspected and the only items we need to address at this time are to keep the lift station locked and remove a tree within the fence line of the lagoons. Both items have been corrected prior to the council meeting.
- Aubrey reported a letter has been sent from the Kansas Attorney General concerning roofing contractors and recommends all cities to issue building permits to help protect your residents from unlicensed roofing contractors especially during the summer or storm season.
- Ed reported the battery backup in the town siren is no longer working. Council asked Ed to clean the ends and to try battery grease before any replacement or repairs are done.
- An ISO meeting will be held in Junction City on August 23rd from 4-8 pm. Aubrey and Fire Commissioner Wil plan on attending this meeting.
- Wil made the motion for the city to subscribe to GrantWatch.com for \$199.00 for one year. Barb seconded, motion carried.
- Aubrey reported the shredding truck will be at the Smith County Bank on August 12th from 10-11 am.

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.

SEWER/TRASH: Gene asked council if they would like to extend the renting of the ball diamond for city use for another year. Council agreed to renew the rental for the ball diamond for an additional year.

WATER: Jim reported all appears to be running well. Jim asked council about his garden meter as he knows he had usage but was not recorded by the meter. After discussion council agreed this was our error in not catching the non-working meter and we are out the usage charges.

FIRE: Wil reported the department had one run during the past month. The electrical substation was sparking at the junction of Highway 9 & 281. New pagers are in and are currently being programmed.

HOUSING/COMMUNITY CENTER: Barb reported 5 units are rented at the Housing Authority.

PARKS: Ed reported he had made arrangements with Adam and Dennis concerning the dead tree at the City Park and whoever could get there first would cut this tree down. Ed would then remove the tree. Ed had watered the city park. Ed also reported council should begin to consider replacing the current city mower.

CITY MAN: Gene asked council to allow Ed to purchase new pipe wrenches as the current ones are no longer safe to use. Council agreed to purchase new pipe wrenches.

TREASRUER: no report

CITY CLERK: Aubrey asked if our ID Cards have been completed yet. Mayor Tucker would check on them.

Mayor Tucker stated the next council meeting will be September 13th, 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.

Community Center Door Project

The Wheel Chair Assessable Door has been ordered and is tentatively scheduled to be installed during the first half of September. Delays in ordering the door have put us behind in our installation schedule. Arrangements have been made to not have this installation in process during any previously booked rentals during this time. For all residents who routinely obtain water from the Community Center please keep in mind the building may be unavailable for a short time period while the door is being installed. Signs will be posted on the Community Center windows once an exact date has been set.



Noxious Weed Policy

Council has approved plans to begin implementing our Noxious Weed Policy during 2018. Council has received numerous complaints concerning musk thistle this past year and in order to start controlling their population within town council has researched our current codes concerning noxious weeds and will begin to implement these procedures. Any property owner who is found to have noxious weeds on their property and are not themselves taking any measures to address the problem but cutting, spraying or destroying the weeds will have a letter sent to them. This letter will clearly state the weeds in violation, and the property the weeds are growing on. The property owner will have 10 days to address the violation but cutting, spraying, or destroying the weeds in violation, or within 5 days of the violation, to request a hearing before council. If the weeds are not cut, destroyed, or sprayed or a hearing requested within the allowed time the city will then cut or destroy the weeds and assess the cost of cutting or destroying the weeds, including a reasonable administrative fee, against the owner, occupant or agent in charge of the property. This fee will be payable to the city within 30 days, and if not paid during this time it will then be added to the property tax as a special assessment against the property. First Time Offense Fee will be \$50.00, Second Time Offense Fee will be \$100.00, and the Third Time and each offense after will be \$150.00. In addition to the fee a \$25.00 per hour, with a one hour minimum, fee will apply for the length of time it takes the city employee to cut or destroy the weeds.

If you have any questions concerning this policy please do not hesitate to discuss with any council member or contact the City Office.

How the World Changes in Autumn

- Squirrels become smarter. A gray squirrel during the fall begins to gather and bury nuts and seeds in hundreds of scattered locations to serve as emergency winter meals. A typical squirrel shows a 15% increase in the size of their hippocampus the memory and emotion center of the brain compared to the rest of the year.
- According the UK Department of Education, human children born in September through December are more likely to excel in school.
- A study conducted at the University of Chicago showed children born between September and November are more likely to live to be 100.
- New England is known for its beautiful colors of fall leaves and reports nearly a 3-billion dollar business per year is made off tourists coming to view the show.
- Monarch butterflies use autumn as their migratory season, flying south from American to Mexico and parts of California. They will travel at speeds of 12 to 25 miles per hours and will migrate up to 2,500 miles for nicer weather.
- Autumn used to be called "harvest." The full moon closest to the autumn equinox is known as the harvest moon. Before cities became electrified, the bright night of the harvest moon was essential for farmers harvesting their late-year crops.
- The Autumn Equinox which occurs on September 22, 2017 is one of two days a year when the sun is exactly in line with the Earth's celestial equator. As a result, Earth receives exactly 12 hours of light and 12 hours of darkness.
- Studies have shown during the fall and winter months as the days are shorter we are exposed to less sunlight and thus we have lower levels of Vitamin D. A lack of vitamin D is thought to reduce fat breakdown and trigger fat storage, leading to an average of weight gain of two to four pounds each year during autumn and winter.
- No film with "autumn" in its title has ever won an Oscar.
- Autumn is a season enjoyed by many but in a few tropical areas near the Equator, like the Caribbean islands, weather stays beautifully mild all year long.



30 Days of September Facts

Sept. 1, 1799 - The Bank of Manhattan Company (now Chase Manhattan) opened in New York City.
 Sept. 2, 1789 - The United States Treasury Department was established.
 Sept. 3, 1928 - Baseball Hall of Famer Ty Cobb got his 4,191th and last career hit.
 Sept. 4, 1781 - The City of Los Angeles was founded.
 Sept. 5, 1966 - The first Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon raised \$1,002,114.
 Sept. 6, 1620 - The Pilgrims sailed from Plymouth, England on the Mayflower to settle in North America.
 Sept. 7, 1963 - The Pro Football Hall of Fame opened Canton, Ohio.
 Sept. 8, 1930 - "Blondie" newspaper comic strip debuted.
 Sept. 9, 1850 - California become the 31st state.
 Sept. 10, 1945 - Mike the Headless chicken survived his pre-meal beheading, living another year and half without a head.
 Sept. 11, 1950 - Dick Tracy debuted on ABC.
 Sept. 12, 1954 - Lassie premiered on CBS.
 Sept. 13, 1972 - The Walton's premiered on CBS.
 Sept. 14, 1814 - Francis Key Scott wrote The Star Spangled Banner which later became the US National Anthem.
 Sept. 15, 1949 - The Lone Ranger premiered on ABC-TV, starring Clayton Moore.
 Sept. 16, 1908 - William C. Durant founded General Motors.
 Sept. 17, 1947 - Jackie Robinson was named Rookie of the Year by the Sporting News.
 Sept. 18, 1964 - The Adams Family debuted on ABC.
 Sept. 19, 1928 - Mickey Mouse's first screen appearance.
 Sept. 20, 1960 - The Flintstones debuted on ABC.
 Sept. 21, 1970 - The first game of NFL Monday Night Football was played between the Cleveland Browns and the New York Jets. Browns won 31-21.
 Sept. 22, 1789 - The U.S. Post Office was established by congress.
 Sept. 23, 1642 - Harvard College in Cambridge, Massachusetts, had its first graduating class.
 Sept. 24, 1948 - The Honda Motor Company was founded in Japan.
 Sept. 25, 1981 - Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as the first women to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.
 Sept. 26, 1962 - Beverly Hillbillies premiered on CBS.
 Sept. 27, 1908 - Model T #0001 came out of the Henry Ford's car factory today.
 Sept. 28, 1955 - First MLB World Series color TV was broadcast on NBC. Yankees beat the Dodgers.
 Sept. 29, 1966 - The Chevrolet Camaro was introduced.
 Sept. 30, 1949 - The Berlin Airlift came to an end.

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.

Water Tower Update

September 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 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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