

Community Development Reports:

Airport:

**Airport Report  
Garnett Industrial Airport  
March – 2018  
Gary Ecclefield – Manager**

1. Completed March Report
2. Fuel Transactions and Invoices.
3. Sent Weather Data To the N.W.S.
4. March moisture at Airport was 2.28 inches.
5. Seeing Meadowlarks (State bird) on the Airport again.
6. Received 2000 gal. Avgas shipment.
7. Cleaned and reset Vis on AWOS.
8. New date set for restroom flooring – April 20<sup>th</sup>.
9. Mike Brown took Airport measurements.
10. Attended conference call with FAA's Jason Knipp regarding Airport Master Plan.
11. Message to Mayor Cole. Brief message about state of the Airport and future plans.
12. Replaced taxiway bulbs as needed.
13. Brought snow board in and put funnel and tube back in rain gauge.
14. Courtesy car loaned twice this month. Engineering firm working at jail.
15. Spot mowing grass.
16. Replaced 8 4ft. bulbs in terminal building.
17. KDOT Airport pavement study in August.
18. Fire extinguishers inspected.
19. Jerry Miller calibrated the AWOS on Sat. March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Flight Activity**

1. Local pilots flying some cross country trips.
2. Engineers flying in to work at Law Enforcement Center.

**Projects**

1. Restroom flooring
2. City Hangar and Airport Shop roofs.
3. Pave Fueling Ramp.
4. Heights and Hazards. (Trees in approach to runway 19)
5. Pursue Master Plan.

### Economic Development:

While awaiting the determination of an Economic Development Director, we continue updating the LOIS website, city website, answer questions and promoting economic development.

On March 19th we hosted the Southeast Kansas Economic Developers meeting. Discussion was held among the 15 people in attendance on the following (per Susan's notes):

- Reinstating of the Enterprise Zones; job tax credit. Amendment to lower job creation total 5 from 10, and 10 rather than 20.
- Rural Opportunity Zones (we are one). College tuition reimbursement opportunity if out of state for 5 years. May allow in state in some instances.
- Star Bonds legislation may make it harder to achieve Star Bonds in the future due to risky investments in the past.
- Rural Broadband Task Force. It appears KDOT is not allowing but one (1) permit for line.
- Opportunity Zones - We (City of Garnett) submitted a letter of Interest for consideration and received an announcement that we are included in Governor Colyer's nomination for designation. Awaiting more information.
- Some SEK E.D.'s have been helping with farm to restaurants and schools projects, to bring locally grown food to these establishments as an economic and nutritious win/win.
- The U.S. 169 Corridor Coalition is working to get legislators to see the significant need to fund the project between Garnett and Welda, and to also minimize the re-routing time of traffic due to this project and others by letting this project within the same time period as the highway construction plans near Chanute. City Manager Chris Weiner has attended those meetings on our behalf, along with County Commissioner Jerry Howarter. Communities are encouraged to pass a resolution supporting the US Highway 169 Corridor Coalition's mission.
- Business Appreciation Month nominations are due March 30th (we nominated Trade Winds Bar & Grill and Hawkins, Inc.).
- STEP Grant - It is possible to get up to 6 grants at the same time as long as they are for different things.
- Kansas Works - On the job training programs available. Is open to all businesses and information is available on our website. The City of Garnett is currently utilizing this program.
- USDA Grant - \$50,000 Facilities Grant/Loan. On our radar to look into.
- Some communities out west are wanting a bill passed to allow the production of Industrial hemp.
- The Tyson project is looking positive for Coffeyville. Decision could be made in August or September.
- Great Plains, West Star and KCPL are working on a merger. The new name for the company is yet to be announced.
- High tunnels projects through the Kansas Health Foundation Food Coalition are happening in Pittsburg and Labette County.
- Daycare-Childcare, the lack of, was discussed as an issue that hinders new businesses from coming in to a community.
- Value Building Series - Tom Byler, PSU Outreach, has a program that helps business owners who have been in business for many years learn how to determine what the business is really worth when considering selling. This program helps business owners develop a succession plan. We are looking in to seeing if there is interest in having a meeting on this in January of 2019.
- A Cyber Security Forum is being planned on April 25th in Manhattan. You are liable if you are hacked and your business has other people's information and it is compromised.

- Bourbon County (Fort Scott) has a workforce recruitment campaign using social media (we are wanting to learn more about this).
- Tiny House neighborhoods were discussed.
- Housing tax credits were mentioned.
- Next meeting of the SEK Economic Developers meeting will be held in Fort Scott in June.

Planning and Zoning:

**City of Garnett**

**Office of Building and Zoning**

**Gary Giczewski, City Inspector**

**RE: Activity Report**

- ISO – Rating Improvement
  - Contacted ISO for delay of the 2018 Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCGEGS) classification
- Review Building Codes
  - Present to the Planning Commission updating building codes to a more current year to enable the City to possibly improve the ISO classification
- Floodplain Management Mapping
  - Continuing to supply Kansas Dept of Agriculture with survey information for the mapping of Garnett
- Working with the Planning Commission on the City’s Comprehensive Plan
- Inspections & Plan Review
  - Performing inspections and reviews as needed by contractors
  - Observing properties for City Code violations

Code Enforcement:

Pat Tate is out of the office due to medical leave. Gary is helping out in the interim. Pat did provide a Fire Department Report before he left, but did not on Code Enforcement.

Parks and Recreation, Cemetery:

Parks/Recreation/Cemetery  
Monthly Report  
April 3, 2018

Pool season is right around the corner and we are trying to finish up patching the bigger holes so we can clean the pool and hopefully get it painted before it is time to open. Of course all of this, like many things we do, depends on the weather. The pool staff is starting to come together. We have had a few new guards get certified over spring break and a couple of our returning guards recertified. Pool Manager Deb McMahon and I will be attending some training

to help with running the pool this season. We are always trying to learn new things to keep the pool a safe and fun environment for everyone.

The guys have spent some time out at the reservoir recently. They have been cutting the brush back on the shore line, most notably between the docks on the West side. They also spent some time cutting brush off the dam. The state requires us to make sure that the dam area is clear of any brush to make sure the root systems do not weaken the dam. We also had a day that we were able to burn the backside of the dam. It was a very good burn and everything went very smooth. Along with the dam they also burned the hillside at the ball complex that we are unable to mow do to the steep grade and how rough it is.

Soccer is in full swing and games and practices are underway. This is our most popular sport by far we have around 230 kids from pre-school all the way up to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade involved. The season will run until the first week of May in which we will swing right into baseball and softball season. Speaking of baseball and softball the deadline to register is fast approaching and we will be sorting out the teams and they will be getting on the fields. I have a couple of league meeting scheduled this month to get things organized.

Like I mentioned last month we have worked with the school and put down 10 tons of new surface material on the ball fields. It has been a very wet and cold spring thus far so we have not really had a chance to use the fields yet but am looking forward to when it does finally dry out. I think that these improvements will be noticed by all who use the fields. We also put up the new batting cage nets and those that have gotten to use them seem to like the new cages.

The recreation center is business as usual. The classes are still going very well and there is still a lot of daily use with the weather being the way it has recently. The quest to become a 24 hour facility is continuing. We are still getting closer to this goal. We are in the process of trying to figure out a door system and a software system that are compatible or if we will have to get two separate operating systems. This is not an easy process and one that we want to make sure we get correct the first time. So we are exploring all our options and this takes some time to do. I have learned that patience is a virtue especially when it comes to this.

The guys have also been preparing for the spring mowing season. In fact we have mowed a few areas once already. We know that when the sun does finally come out that we will be busy mowing grass and preparing for the numerous events around the lake. The first of these events being the go-kart races the second week of April. The guys are ready for a busy spring and summer.

If you have any questions about the parks or the things that we are doing do not hesitate to ask.

Thanks,

Phil Bures

**Tourism:**

Susan visited with Phil Griffin and April Coulter at the Garnett Inn recently. We had a good discussion on ways they might capitalize on activity in the area to bring more overnight stays to the motel. Hopefully they can attract new customers.

We saw a nice crowd of over 500 people converge on the ethanol plant for the Discovery Channel's "American Chopper" TV series unveiling of the Renewable Fuels Association motorcycle. The show will tentatively air the end of June or first of July. Kudos go to Garnett native Robert White, who brought this event to his hometown and to East Kansas Agri-Energy for all their planning and hosting of this event. We did what we could to help publicize the event.

The same weekend saw approximately 200 participants in the Prairie Spirit 100 run stop at the Santa Fe Depot during their journey. Many of the runners have support crew that stage at the depot and wait for their runner to arrive and then continue on the course. There were 40 or so runners that completed the 100-mile race, from Ottawa to Iola and back, with the remaining entrants running 50 miles, from Ottawa to Garnett and back. They have twenty-four hours to complete the race.

We are gearing up for a busy tourism season with the Women's Fair, Second Saturdays, City Wide Garage Sale Day, Kart Races, Square Fair and Air Fair. There will also be some class reunions and weddings that will increase visitors on the weekends.

## **Status Report for Brenton Lipscomb, Chamber Director/City Administrative Assistant**

### **For the week of 4/1/2018 – 4/3/2018**

#### **City Projects**

- Completed introduction to County Commission.
- Completed identification of utility tax statute.
- Completed introductions to city directors.
- Completed community city wide advertisement on website.

#### **Chamber Projects**

- Confirmed quarterly social date and sponsorship for April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

- Scheduled and completed solicitation meetings for expired chamber members (in process).
- Scheduled and completed introduction meetings with board directors. (in process).
- Wages for Desiree processed.
- Utility expense processed.
- Youth mentor program- (stakeholders have been contacted.).
- New resources to chamber members have been established and approved.

### **Miscellaneous City Admin Assistant Project**

- Identify lien issues of 140 East 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Garnett, KS 66032 (in process).

#### **Community Development:**

There will be 45 new patriotic banners, along with hardware for installation will be ordered for the PROJECT: Garnett Remembers banner program. Together with the 139 banners we have, the total will be 184 banners, representing a total of 191 honorees to be on display throughout Garnett.

The price of the fireworks has gone up and therefore we are soliciting bids to try and keep the cost down. The date of Libertyfest will be June 30th with the rain date of July 1.

The Community Easter Egg Hunt and activities hosted by the Life Assembly of God Church on the courthouse lawn was very well attended. I was especially pleased to see the number of people who came not only for the hunt, but came early to enjoy the free food, the puppet show, the Christian youth concert, tug-of-war, cornhole games, pictures with the Easter bunny, dodgeball, Jack the Bible Donkey and inflatables. There were several drawings for new bicycles too. A great community event indeed.

The Garnett Community Foundation will be hosting the first-ever 5K Color Splat for runners, walkers and cyclists on April 21st. The event will take place around Lake Garnett and will have 3 locations to be "splat with color" if you wish. Proceeds benefit the Community Foundation.

Chris Klehammer is working on some landscaping concepts for the grassy area between the one-way and 5th Avenue, the Harris Park and the area in front of City Hall.

I recently attended the We-Kan Conference. I continue to watch webinars and learn from the Destination Development Association.

Please note the Airport Board will meet on Wednesday, April 11th at 4:30 p.m. instead of Friday, April 13th. The Tourism Advisory Committee will also meet on Wednesday, April 11th at 5:30 p.m. instead of Wednesday, April 4th.

Please welcome Brent Lipscomb as the new Administrative Assistant for Garnett Tourism and Director for the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce. Brent comes to Garnett with a wealth of

knowledge and expertise. I see his position as possibly morphing into something slightly different as time progresses and welcome his fresh perspective to our Community Development team.

As always, if the City Commission has any questions, suggestions or comments I welcome you to contact me at any time.

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March 29, 2018

Garnett Firefighters have been keeping busy with several grass and brush fires in the county. A city engine was used in Anderson County last week just east of town to fight a grass fire.

The burn ban is currently being changed as needed, sometimes on a daily basis.

Fortunately some rain has eased our danger.

Garnett Fire has responded to 6 calls this month four of which were fires and two medical calls.

Nuisance complaints----Going back over the city again to look at various complaints. At least two issues still pending in court.



**April 3, 2018**

**Gas and Water Utilities Report**

In the month of March, we had a total of twenty-eight Kansas One-Call locates, one bare steel service line replacement at the church on the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> & Pine, and twenty-three work orders from City Hall. The first round of our Line Patrol for the gas distribution system has been performed for the first half of 2018, along with our monthly Gas Leak Survey. I have recently been contacted by the K.C.C. and informed we will be receiving our annual inspection in the month of June. While they will be evaluating our entire operation, their main focus this year is on Operator Qualification. This means we will have to be sure all our records are up to date, and any and all tasks that must be reevaluated on a yearly basis have been done by that time. So, there will be a lot of focus on that prior to our upcoming inspection. I am confident we will be well prepared for this inspection when it arrives. Nick Galey and myself attended a KMEA meeting in Humboldt last month, where discussions are being made on the possibility of a state wide OQ plan that is more comprehensive and recognized by more than just our local gas department. We will be returning to discuss this further, in Humboldt, next week.

The water plant is doing as well as expected, and in full compliance with all sampling and water test results. My operator in training continues to progress on his schooling, and I am hopeful that I will soon have a second operator in training, as I do not want to put the future of our ability to operate our plant on a single individual. This is a goal I seek to fulfill as soon as possible, as anything less would not be a responsible decision. On that note, I have recently returned from a three-day KRWA conference in Wichita, where I managed to attend seven classes offering water plant certification credit, obtaining nearly twelve certification hours. I currently have enough credit to test for a Class III water license, and will be doing that on April 18, in McPherson, at KMU. This opportunity has also broadened my connections with individuals throughout the state, so that should I run into situations above my abilities, I will have the resources to call upon to address them properly. Credit goes to Mr. Weiner for stressing to me the importance of making connections with others in the industry, which in turn opens my options for assistance in becoming a more effective leader.

I would like to thank Jake Wettstein, Roy Salazar and Shawn Bond of the Street Department, for answering the call when I requested assistance in cleaning up the waterway behind Dairy Queen and the laundromat. This area seems to be a catch-all for all trash down that stretch of Maple, and no one relishes tromping through all that mud to hand pick bucket loads of trash out of it. But, it's an eye sore, so again, thank you. There are numerous, cross department "chip-in" jobs that go on within any given month, and while I don't personally log them all down, I appreciate every instance of it. Whether it's the trimming of trees, burning brush off the Cedar Creek dam, or myself, fixing a toilet at the local library, I think we've come a long way towards a more cohesive work force in the three years I have been with the city. I believe it will only get better as we move forward.

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Amaya

## March Report – 2018

I wanted to give an update on the belt-press and vac-bed repairs, as I reported in the February report the poly-blend unit malfunctioned, and the vac-bed system had not been repaired from the electrical mishap last year. When we went to get parts for the poly-blend unit, it was found the company had sold and was moving from Pennsylvania to California, this would mean a 2-3 week delay in getting the parts, with only 4-5 days of wasting left, this was not an option. I then called the vac-bed repair person, I felt he was very pricey, So I contacted 5 Star pump, after checking the control panel it was found that the transformer had been damaged, and both soft-starts were burnt out. He said he could get a transformer the next day if they had one, and we could safely run the unit on hand until further repairs could be made. I then called Tom Lasser with Hawkins, he told us about a simple unit that was developed by Mark Allen at the MDCPUA water plant (Paola-Louisburg Water District) and wanted to show us the unit. After looking the device over we found one could be built for 1/10<sup>th</sup> the price of a new poly-blend unit which would cost about \$10,400. Mark then said he would loan us the

original prototype to see if it would work on a sludge belt-press. We brought it back and Mr. Lasser, Eric and Les installed the unit in a few minutes, the next day the unit was tested and found to work as well as the original one. Mark gave us permission to use the unit for the next few weeks to get us caught up. After looking the unit over, Eric thought we could build one with the parts we already had. He is now building one of our own, and being there is only one moving part (a simple, buy anywhere solenoid) it should run for years to come, we are not expecting to spend more than \$25 with the parts we already have to make our own unit. If everything works out we will save over \$10,350, thanks to Tom Lasser and Mark Allen.

After running the unit that Mr. Allen loaned us for several weeks we are now sure the unit will do the job, So Eric's project was installed and so far is working perfectly.

After several years of off and on trouble with the sewer system at the Depot, we had Farrel and his crew cut and remove the cement over the drainage line, we found a

fitting had been knocked out of line and pulled apart by the crew pouring the cement years ago, thus roots found the water source and clogged the line. All has been repaired, and the problem solved. We will replace the cement this summer when time permits.

The replacement engine for the International trash truck has been delivered, Jason said he would start on the installation when time permitted, he is now getting equipment ready for the city wide cleanup in April.

John L. Olson



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### **GPD Monthly Report for March, 2018.**

On 3/2/18, GPD was dispatched to a domestic disturbance with a man with a gun that was waving it around and threatening to do harm to others in the front yard of the residence. When GPD arrived the subject left on foot after a search of the area for about two hours GPD and ANSO were unable to locate the suspect.

On 3/2/18, GPD was dispatched to a domestic violence call where the male subject had struck the female several times in the face and attempted to choke her. The male subject was arrested and charges are pending.

During the course of this domestic call, the subject with the gun had returned to the other call that happened two hours earlier. By the time GPD arrived the subject had fled on foot again and after several hours of searching for the subject again he was not located. The cases were sent to the County Attorney for review and possible charges.

3/3/18, GPD officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic infraction and the male passenger in the car had a warrant for a felon in possession of a firearm. During the course of the traffic stop, officers located methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia that is commonly associated with distribution of narcotics. The female driver was charged with possession of methamphetamine with the intent to sell and the male subject with the warrant was also charged for possession of methamphetamine.

3/3/18, during the course of the above traffic stop, GPD noticed an individual inside of Short Stop gas station that had an active warrant through the City of Garnett. Also while both of these events were taking place GPD was dispatched to a residence where a homeowner had someone at gun point who he thought was breaking into his house. When officers arrived on scene, the subject was highly intoxicated and had urinated on the side of the homeowner's residence and fell against the window of the residence. The subject was arrested and transported to the Anderson County jail. All this took place in a 30 minute window with just two officers working.

3/8/18, GPD was dispatched to NAPA for a criminal damage to property. Kim Wittman reported that someone was cutting donuts in the back parking lot area of NAPA and the Railroad right-of-way and throwing rocks all over her car breaking out the windows. One witness reported seeing a short bed, single cab, red Dodge truck leaving the area. No suspect has been identified at this time. This case is still under investigation.

3/11/18, USD 365 reported being the victim of Criminal Damage to property at the Ray Meyer Gym. Unknown person(s) scratched on the bricks, windows and damaged the guttering and the lights on the flag pole. The estimated damage cost is \$380.00. No suspects at this time. The case is still under investigation.

3/19/18, Garnett Police Department arrested an individual for Burglary. The individual was living in a garage with no utilities and broke into the vacant house beside the garage and hooked up an extension cord for electricity and stole several other items from the residence. This case was turned over to the Anderson County Attorney office for review.

3/22/18, GPD was dispatched to a burglary in progress. After a search of the area by GPD, ANSO, and Wildlife and Parks, the suspect was located. During the course of this investigation, a young child was bit in the face by a pit bull at the original residence. A garage was damaged but nothing stolen. The suspect that was arrested was charged with Possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine with the intent to sell and criminal damage to property. This case was sent to the County Attorney for review.

3/29/2018, GPD was asked to assist Franklin County with an Ex Parte Order for a 3 day old child. After hours of investigation and searching, the child was located at a residence in Garnett where the parents left her to a third party. The child was placed in Police Protective Custody and turned over to Franklin County per the Ex Parte Order.

GPD made 8 narcotics arrests for the month of March. Over the past month the GPD as seen a drastic increase in burglaries and property crimes. We have also had a large volume of prowler calls late at night as well.

On March 5th through the 9th 2018, Sgt. Mike Carpenter attended 40 hours of training on Crisis Intervention Training. This course covered a wide variety of topics, but focused on the wide range of mental illnesses that Law Enforcement deal with on a daily basis, and the best practices on how to deal with the issues at hand.

On 3/30/18, I attended 4 hours of Training put on by the League of Kansas Municipalities on the of Hiring Public Safety Officer and retention. Most of what I learned from the training was outlined in my 5 year strategic plan. The statewide trend is showing getting qualified officers is getting harder and harder, causing agencies to improve pay and retirement benefits in order to get the quality applicants.

GPD has posted the open position for a Patrol Officer which was set to close on 4/1/18. We have had only 8 applicants and out of the eight, only three or four of them will even qualify to make it to the next step in the process and typically 2 or 3 of them will not qualify past the rigorous background portion of the process. Based on the low number of applicants, we are forced to leave the position open a little longer.

For the month of March, GPD took a total of 212 calls for service, conducted 92 traffic stops, and had 21 calls of service for animal control.

Kurt King  
Chief of Police

# Garnett Police Department

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Agency Statistics

March 2018

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Reports Today: 1	MTD Reports This Year: 38
YTD Reports This Year: 95	YTD Reports Unapproved This Year: 4
MTD Reports Last Year: 42	YTD Reports Last Year: 129
MTD Arrests This Year: 17	YTD Arrests This Year: 48
MTD Arrests Last Year: 29	YTD Arrests Last Year: 78
MTD Citations This Year: 57	YTD Citations This Year: 156
MTD Citations Last Year: 98	YTD Citations Last Year: 215

# Garnett Police Department

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## Activity Totals

03/01/2018 - 03/31/2018

	All Arrests	Felony Arrests	Misd Arrests	Other Arrests	Summons	Traffic	Criminal	Supplement Report	Field Interview	Reports	Total Activity
Totals	20	9	11	0	56	36	19	82	16	39	288