

Parks/Recreation/Cemetery

Monthly Report

April 2, 2019

The guys have pretty much wrapped up cutting the brush around the lake for the season. We did make some good progress, but with the weather acting the way that it did we did not make it as far as we had hoped. We will pick up where we left off this fall. There are also several brush piles that are sitting that we will burn this fall when the weather permits.

We have spent some time out at the cemetery this month with several funerals and cremations. We have gone back and tilled and seeded some of the areas and continue to add dirt as the graves settle. With the help of the street department we have also been able to haul some rock and work on the roads that needed repaired with all the snow and rain that we received. Brian has put together a list of stones that are needing vases fixed and stones that need to be leveled or put back up after falling due to high winds and the weather. We will work on these as weather permits but hope to have these in place before the Memorial Day holiday.

Spring is here and we are now focusing on the green areas of the park. We have started mowing certain areas that are high traffic areas the cemetery, ball complex, soccer fields, etc. We have put down fertilizer on all the athletic fields to get the grass off to a good start. We have done this the past few years and it is making a big difference in the appearance on all the ballfields and the football field. The soccer field still needs a lot of work simply because there is not a lot of down time for this area. It is being used at the peak grass growing season, so we are always battling bare spots.

Speaking of soccer, the season has begun. Practices have started and we start games the first week of April. I have selected the coaches and the teams are in place. The new RecDesk program has come in handy in putting the teams together and scheduling practices. It has gone much smoother than in years past. Our numbers are a little lower than they have been in the past, but it is nothing to be concerned about. We have been on the rise the past few years, so a decline was to be expected. I have spent time out on the fields getting them laid out and ready for play. I have been contacting referees and should have those all-in place as well as a field supervisor, so I do not have to spend as much time at the fields as in the past.

Along with soccer baseball and softball season has started at the high school level. Even with the weather that we have been having I have had the opportunity to get the new infield groomer and the fields and see what it can do. I am very impressed with all it can do in just one piece of equipment. We had a chance the other week to hook up the laser level and add some infield material to Field B. In the days after we did this, we received an inch or so of rain and you could see the difference compared to the other fields. It drained much better and there was no standing water on the field. I hope to have some time between high school games to get to the other two fields and get them closer to where they need to be. We have also put up the temporary fences for the softball team and I am working closely with the school to make sure all their needs are met at the sports complex.

We are also entering the baseball and softball season here in the recreation department. Our deadline for registrations is April 8th and after that we will be placing kids on teams and they will be starting practices as well. As you can see, there is no down time between sports, we are busy all the time. There is good news on this front though, I have hired a new Recreation Coordinator to join our team. Tyler Wolken has accepted the position. Tyler has worked for me in the past during the summer marking ballfields and working other aspects of the recreation side of things. He will join the team in May after his graduation from St. Mary University in Leavenworth. We are all looking forward to Tyler coming back to work for the City.

The recreation center continues to stay busy. I would expect to see our numbers decline a bit here in the next month or so if the weather gets nicer, as more people go outside to workout and get busy with outdoor activities. This is to be expected and happens every year about this time. Even with that we still carry many members throughout the summer.

We have made a few changes at the recreation center in the past month or so. We have added a vending machine that will have water and Gatorade available to our members and guests. In the past this has been done on the honor system but by adding the vending unit we will eliminate having to worry about that from here on forward. I have been working at the recreation center a couple days of the week to help give Charley some much-needed time off since we are short staffed with the retirement of Howard. As you know I am working on an idea that will help not only in the staffing at the recreation center but will also increase the programs and classes that we offer at the recreation center. In case you were wondering the current hours at the recreation center are Mon – Fri 2pm-7pm and Sat. 8am-12pm.

Pool manager Deb McMahon and I have also started doing interviews to fill the summer positions at the pool. We have had several applicants and we are looking forward to the pool season. We are looking to hire at least 10 to 12 guards and 5 or so front desk/concession workers. We are looking to an exciting and fun pool season.

Thanks

Phil Bures

Parks and Recreation Director

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

April 2, 2019

GARNETT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Membership-I am currently working on maintaining current memberships and recruit new members. The board will be looking at membership benefits, making adjustments/clarifications as needed.

The Chamber Board had a Strategic Planning Meeting on March 21, 2019. Goals were set for this year, and tentatively for 3 years. We are also working on the Ambassador Program, and Business Spotlight.

The Chamber will hold it's Quarterly Social on April 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at 6th Ave Boutique & Bronze. The event will be hosted by their business, with Scipio Supper Club as a co-host.

There will tentatively be a ribbon cutting ceremony for AirMedcare at Anderson County Hospital on May 22, 2019. More information as the details unfold.

Weekly eblasts continue. Monthly duties continue, including keeping bank accounts current, social media active, visiting businesses to meet their needs. Will continue to reach out to members, and offer assistance with training, websites, and finding the right resource to help them grow and thrive.

Chamber Board and Tourism Board meetings continue, as well as Morning Mingle.

Attended the Grant Writing workshop on March 28th with Julie, Susan, and Desiree. There was an abundance of valuable information that could help the Garnett Community in the future, and it was a great learning experience for sure!

Working on City and Chamber websites to make sure information is current. Working with Susan on Community Calendar information, Town Talk, adding new events and updating where necessary. Continue to update www.travelks.com website to get that information current for events and businesses in Garnett. Will be taking brochures and materials to the depot, library and kiosks as well as businesses to make sure city brochures and upcoming event posters are current. Also working on updating welcome bag information to be distributed and working on coupons that will go in as well.

I have been assisting with Nuisance paperwork, and getting familiar with how violations are classified, and what the process is to resolve the problem.

It is always a time of learning new things, because the "to do" list with this group never ends. I could not ask for a better team to work with, to develop my skills, learn new ones, and continue to help grow and improve this community! #teamgarnett

Kris Hix, Executive Director



March Director's Report by Julie Turnipseed

- Surveyed 8 Businesses along with Craig VanWey from the Department of Commerce using the ACDA/Department of Commerce Business Retention and Expansion Survey.
- Continue to meet with potential new business prospects on purchasing property and/or locating a business in Garnett/Anderson County.
- Project 17 Director, Heather Morgan led a Social Media Workshop for Morning Mingles.
- Hosted a grant workshop, sponsored by K-State Research Extension, ACDA and Garnett Community Development.
- Met with Anderson County Mayor's.
- Attended Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Meeting with Jerry Howarter.
- Attended Destination Development Association Webinar "Tourism & Downtown: The Hot New Power Couple".
- Attended County Commissioners Meeting.
- Attended Anderson County Family Coalition Meeting.
- Applied to ACT Work Ready Communities for Anderson County Certification.

City of Garnett
Office of Building and Zoning
Gary Giczewski, City Inspector

4/04/19

RE: Activity Report

- Garnett Emergency Pre-Plan Operations
 - Working with the City Manager other department heads on our emergency disaster preparation and procurement plan. We will be having table top discussions in the coming weeks to put a contingency plan in place.
- Violations and Nuisances City Wide
 - Presently doing a sweep of the City for Code violations, helping them to assess their properties for a good spring cleaning since some just can't seem to do it for themselves.
- Increase Training Opportunities for City Inspector
 - Continuing education in code enforcement and related activities
- Inspections & Plan Review
 - USD 365 has begun work on the new High School Auto Shop north of the Ray Meyer Gym; Maple Street Liquor has started working on their new building; and Short Stop is remodeling the inside of their store to handle new coolers for 5% beer sales.
 - Observing properties for City Code violations

MONTHLY REPORT
April 2 ,2019

Garnett Fire responded to 6 medical calls, one fire and had two training meetings in March.

.Garnett Fire will participate in a joint training exercise along with other fire departments , law enforcement and Anderson County EMS on May 4th.

Jacob Skedel and Marvin Grimes have joined the fire department. Marvin is returning after a few years away.

The new nozzles were placed on the trucks last week after we tested them.

Thanks .

NUISANCE REPORT
APRIL 2,2019

Eight letters have been delivered to Garnett residents in the last week. Some have chosen to get their property cleaned up upon notice. Others have not. Most of the violations were for brush or debris in the yard. One letter was for inoperable vehicles in the yard and one letter was to USD 365 for a large pile of wooden pallets and a pile of school desks and tables behind the welding shop. Mr. Emerson started cleaning that up.

Weed notices will be sent in the next month for weeds and brush

**Airport Report
Garnett Industrial Airport
March – 2019
Gary Ecclefield – Manager**

1. Completed March Report.
2. Fuel Transactions and Invoices.
3. Sent Weather Data to the National Weather Service.
4. Attended Community Development meeting.
5. Craig Woodley of Woodley Aerial Spray Inc. was in to inquire about crop spraying from the Airport. Says he has local customers to service and has several planes, some turbine and some gas powered.
6. Street Department cleared snow from Runway and Taxiways.
7. Contacted two more credit card processors. They don't service sales after hours. (self service)
8. Charged Batteries on Courtesy car, tractor and two mowers.
9. Reviewed FAA Based Aircraft.
10. City Electric Dept. Fixed Rotating Beacon.
11. City Electric Dept. fixed North runway end light.
12. Jerry Miller (AWOS Technician) repaired and recalibrated visibility sensors.
13. John Miller in about putting up new metal building adjacent to Airport property. (tree trim or removal may be required)
14. Smoothed and respread gravel in parking lot after snow clearing.
15. Fire extinguishers at Terminal Building, Fuel Pump and Airport Shop inspected.
16. March 2019 snow and moisture amount. Moisture =2.15 inches, snow = 2.0 inches.
17. Attended FAA webinar on the 28th.
18. Need to order fuel. (last was 8-21-18 1500 gals. Brought inventory to 2500 gals.)
19. Airport Manager from Miami County Airport called about FuelMaster System. They are losing their credit card processor.
20. Airport farm ground being tilled for planting.

Flight Activity

Chartered flight to Key West, FL. and return.

Projects

1. City Hangar and Airport Shop roofs. (bids received)
2. Fueling Ramp pavement.
3. Heights and Hazards (John Miller building)
4. Pursue Master Plan.
5. Air Fair 2019

From Community Development

The Community Champions and Everyday Heroes, honoring area volunteers and recognizing the community events and organizations, was held on March 6th at the high school. There was a nice turn-out. We did not establish a way to count the number of attendees, but it was 100 people, maybe more. I wished more people could have been there, but I hope the Commission enjoyed it and learned something about an organization or an individual's contribution to the community that they might not have known. We have some certificates and cups to distribute, but the vast majority has now been delivered.

The grant workshop held March 28th went very well. Julie Turnipseed, Director of Economic Development, took the lead in hosting this event on ACDA and the City's behalf. Over 50 people attended the workshop facilitated by K-State Research and Extension. Thank you to Mayor Gwin for welcoming everyone, and special thanks to Fran Richmond, District Director of Community Development for the Frontier League, K-State Research and Extension for co-hosting the event.

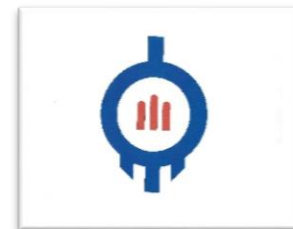
The First Impressions Public Forum will be held at Town Hall Center on Monday, April 15th. The reveal of what the visitation group's findings will be presented by Nancy Daniels of K-State Research and Extension. I am anxious to see and hear their views on Garnett, knowing full well to expect both negative and positive perspectives. I sincerely hope all of the Commission can attend and encourage all our community to pack Town Hall Center. It is time to look at ourselves from a visitor standpoint and allow the citizens to speak their voice as to their perceptions of the community so that we can figure out where do we go from here. I certainly hope we don't file these findings away, whatever they might say, but work towards a plan to make Garnett better for it.

Town Talk was mailed out the morning of March 29, about the same time as utility bills. *Town Talk* is quite a task. It requires articles from one of the Commissioners, the City Manager, various departments and suggestions from department heads. Information is gathered from HR on anniversaries, new hires, training, etc. Then a sequence of prioritizing what is currently on the City's plate that should be included in the current issue; whether it is city wide clean-up, an infrastructure improvement or recreation information. Then there is the community calendar. The calendar is always changing with different events and civic meetings, but occasionally advisory boards and committees can change the date or times they meet as well, so keeping on top of those changes is a challenge to get the *Town Talk* calendar right. Kris Hix, Administrative Assistant and Chamber Director, assists me with preparing, printing and bundling *Town Talk*. There were 2,257 copies of the 10-page quarterly newsletter printed (in house), folded, bundled, boxed and mailed out, with another 500 copies distributed to the library, depot, welcome bags for visitors to motels and meetings, and of course, made available at City Hall and Chamber Office. This issue of *Town Talk*, along with some of our previous issues, is available for viewing and download on our website, www.simplygarnett.com "Printable Publications". I would like to thank the Commission for providing their articles, and kudos to city departments and City Hall staff for their help with content.

Once *Town Talk* is out, the work is not yet done. The information gathered for the newsletter then becomes what can be obtained on the community calendar on our website. Kris is in charge of keeping that updated. There are subsequent news releases that go to the newspapers, eblasts and social media postings. The Gas and Water Department has required information that must go out in *Town Talk* and made available on our website. We must also show that we have done our due diligence in other ways to get this information to our gas and water customers.

City Flag: Mr. Edward Gruver had attended a City Commission meeting in 2018 and requested the city get a city flag. He was given permission to form a committee, conduct a contest and from this process come up with a city flag. The Garnett City Flag Design Challenge was born from criteria used in cities all over the United States. The entry form was made available for download and publicity was launched through newspapers and social media. The committee met and determined the winning design by first narrowing down the entries by meeting the criteria and then looking at how the description and symbolism within the flag best fit representation of our community. The top three were determined and debated until the final winner was selected.

I think Garnett should be impressed that an 11-year old's concept of our city flag was the winner. The Third-Place submission was from William Xu of Flushing, NY (see photo).



Entry by William Xu

The Second-Place entry was received from Kyle Benton of Minneapolis, MN (see photo).



Entry by Kyle Benton

The winning flag concept was submitted by Emma Self of Garnett, a student at Garnett Elementary School. Emma describes her poster design for the flag saying, "My poster is about how here in Garnett we farm a lot and how when the sun rises and sets in the field how much beauty it has. Will remember how beautiful our town is." (see photo)



Entry by Emma Self

We have 12 flags on hand, of which one of the flags will be signed by the winning designer, Emma Self, and presented to the Anderson County Historical Society tonight (April 4) to be kept as a part of Garnett's history in the museum.

The committee of Eddie Gruver, Kelly Heine, Cindy Moyer, Will Mechnig and Susan Wettstein reviewed the 45 entries submitted. Of those entries, three were from outside the state of Kansas (Minnesota, New York and Illinois) and two were from foreign countries (Czech Republic and United Kingdom). The contest rules and information about the Garnett City Flag Design Challenge are available on our website.

Mr. Gruver is attending college, but once he and the flag design challenge committee members can attend a Commission meeting, we would like to invite Miss Self to attend for a photo op with the City Commission and present her with a city flag. The remaining flags will be flown under or by the United States flags at city facilities. The cost of the flags is \$75 each. Five (5) flag companies were contacted to give us quotes and the one selected was based on durability and price. We are offering that anyone wanting to purchase a flag can do so at the same price the City paid for the flag.

We have 15 banner sponsors this year, bringing the total patriotic banner count to 202, representing 209 individuals. The banner information is being submitted so that the proofing process can begin. The Electric Department will start putting the banners up the first of May. It is a good two-week process to take down the current 40 banners on display and install over 200 patriotic banners.

The Celebration of Service honoring those represented on the banners will be held on Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m. on Oak Street and possibly a portion of the west side of the courthouse. Due to construction we will adjust. The high school auditorium is taken for that evening, so the options were the stadium or Oak Street. We felt Oak Street and within view of some of the banners was the best option. If it were to rain, we will see if the Fire Station is an option, but as of this writing I do not have that verified. Otherwise, it would be cancelled as I do not know of a place that could hold the number of attendees, community band, etc., indoors. Would the Commission like to announce the names as in the past or not? We could call on others within the city or community if you would prefer to only give a welcome. Please let City Manager Weiner know so we can begin making plans.

We have sent out bid proposals for Libertyfest fireworks. Companies have until April 15th to respond.

We have sent out Transient Guest Tax applications to all event planners who have special events on our calendar. I have emailed reminders to them also and spoken personally to a few to remind them. So far, we have received requests from three entities.

Scott Rogers called me recently to tell me that he will be taking down one of the welcome signs at a time to paint and put back up. The boards and frames will be removed, cleaned, painted and put back. The Garnett Rotary Club and Lions Club are donating funds for the maintenance and repair of the welcome signs. I know there has been some discussion about replacing or updating the signs. Anyway, if you see a sign missing you will know it's just Scott! We appreciate him volunteering to take on this project.

Code Enforcement: Kris Hix and I, along with Gary Giczewski have started to help Pat Tate in canvassing the city. This is not only to find nuisances, weed violations and dangerous structures, but to all see where limbs need trimmed in lines or alleys, street issues and things the City needs to take care of at our facilities. We hope to encourage people who have items to dispose of on their property to set them curbside or alleyway so that the City can haul it off for free and save them the time, hassle and cost to haul it off themselves. We walk a fine line between making people angry and improving the safety, wellness and appearance of our town but if we can have support and work together as a community, we can make Garnett a place to be proud of.

Thank you to the Commission for meeting with Phil Bures, Director of Parks and Recreation on his request to add a Health and Wellness Coordinator to his staff. While I know this request seems sudden and brings questions, I see many benefits. The Recreation Coordinator position has been filled and it was not budgeted to hire additional help beyond that. However, in the interview process a rare opportunity has presented itself that relates to an initiative that began back in 2012. At that time City Manager Joyce Martin was attending an Anderson County Health Initiative Coalition that was started by the Anderson County Hospital-St. Luke's Healthcare System, and monthly gathered together the Health Department, SEK Mental Health, Senior Center, Anderson County Extension, the USD 365 school nurse and city and county representation. I was brought to the meeting to form a website (www.goandersoncounty.com). From that, hospital representative Karen Wood worked to create a health and wellness collaboration with the city as the recreation center was new. The Anderson County "Biggest Loser" contest was one of the activities we offered to inspire people to work on a lifestyle change. With representative changes at the hospital and others involved, the "Go Anderson County" the volunteer participants of the health initiative has not met in quite some time.

During interviews, one of the individuals for the Recreation Coordinator position brought a valuable skillset of both health and wellness training, nutrition and leadership training that would be beneficial as

we work to keep members engaged at the Rec Center and grow our programs to maintain the center fiscally stable into the future. I believe vetting the pros and cons of this concept is good and with the county statistics out on where we fall among other counties on wellness brings home this opportunity if we can prove to the governing body its value is worth funding. My goal is to look for ways to sustain/grow membership and program participation, and users of the recreation center throughout the year, avoiding loss of momentum during the summer months, and foster a long-term health and wellness strategy that will start more individuals and families on a path to a better quality of life right here in Garnett.

Friday, April 5th, we are hosting the League of Kansas Municipalities City Clerk Workshop. There are 23 city clerks representing other Kansas cities attending the workshop being held in the Archer Room at the library. We are setting up for the meeting and providing refreshments. Our City Clerk, Travis Wilson, will be attending also. We are always looking for ways to welcome visitors to Garnett.

Upcoming dates to remember:

Monday, April 15 – First Impressions Public Forum, Town Hall Center, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 23 – Celebration of Service commemorating the patriotic banners, Oak Street/west side of courthouse, 7 p.m.

Thank you,

Susan Wettstein
Director of Community Development



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GPD Monthly Report for March, 2019.

On 3/3/19-3/7/19, Officer Baumgardner attended the Basic Narcotics Investigators Course in Mulvane, Kansas.

On 3/4/19, GPD responded to a past burglary of a residence in the 300 Block of East 7th Ave. The owner of the residence reported several guns, ammunition, collectable coins, electronics and gold stolen from his residence that was valued at approximately \$6,000. This case was turned over to investigations. Sgt. Johnson and Lt. Turner then conducted their investigation which lead to a search warrant in Ottawa, Kansas and recovered some of the stolen property. Based on the investigation with over 100 hours dedicated to the investigation four (4) people have been arrested. This case has been turned over to the Anderson County Attorney Office.

On 3/5/19, GPD officers were dispatched to the 500 Block of W 4th Ave in Garnett for an intoxicated female walking in the middle of the road. Once officers arrived on scene the female became combative with the officers. After a short struggle, the female was arrested. Officers spoke with the female about where she was staying and with who. GPD officers then proceeded to the residence where the female was staying and arrested two (2) subjects, one for an active arrest warrant through Anderson County District Court and another male subject on drug charges.

On 3/6/19, a GPD officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop and the driver failed to stop for the officer. The vehicle pulled into a residence and four (4) males ran out of the vehicle into a residence. The driver finally came back out of the residence and was arrested for Interference with a Law Enforcement officer and a traffic violation. This case was sent to the City Attorney Office for review.

On 3/8/19, GPD officers were dispatched to the 300 Block of Washington St. in Garnett for a violation of a Protection from Abuse Order. After an investigation, a 26 year-old male was arrested for violation of a PFA. On 3/9/19, The same 26-year-old male had bonded out of jail and was later arrested for possession of drugs. The 26-year-old male was booked back into the Anderson County Jail. Both cases were turned over to the Anderson County Attorney Office for review.

On 3/11/19, a GPD officer conducted a traffic stop for a moving violation. After a record check on the driver it was discovered that the driver was a registered sex offender from Oklahoma that was out of compliance. The officer conducted an investigation and found that the driver, a 32-year-old male, had been living in Garnett and in Anderson County for the past five (5) months. The 32-year-old male was arrested for failure to register as a sex offender in Kansas. The driver was arrested and taken to the Anderson County Jail. The case was turned over to the Anderson County Attorney Office and charges have been filed in Anderson County District Court.

On 3/14/19, GPD arrested 21-year-old male for a warrant from of Miami County for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. The arresting officer later learned that the suspect was living and working in Garnett. Based on that information the suspect was directed to also register as a sex offender in Anderson County. The suspect was booked into Anderson County jail on the Miami County warrant and charges were filed with the Anderson County District Attorney office for failure to register as a sex offender in Garnett.

On 3/15/19, a GPD officer responded to the First United Methodist church for a past burglary. It appeared that unknown persons entered the church and stole a TV and other items that valued over \$1,000. This case is still under investigation currently.

On 3/17/19, GPD was dispatched to the 1200 block of South Walnut for a past burglary. The victim reports that unknown person entered his residence and stole a gun from his residence. This case is currently under investigation.

On 3/18/19, GPD was dispatched to the 1200 block of S Walnut for a past burglary. The owner of the residence reported that an unknown person entered his residence and stole a rifle. This case is currently under investigation.

On 3/21/19, GPD officer responded to the First United Methodist church for a past burglary. It appeared that unknown persons entered the church and stole computers, a gaming system and other items that valued over \$1,500. This case is still under investigation currently.

On 3/21/19, GPD responded to Third Avenue and the Rail Trail for a dog attack. Two Pitbull's attacked a puppy that was walking with the owner. When the owner tried to stop the two pitbulls the owner was then attacked and suffered an injury to their arms and hands. The puppy was killed in the attack. The owner of the pitbulls was issued multiple citations and the case was turned over to the City Attorney. Garnett Municipal Court will decide what is in the best interest of the public with regards to the pitbulls.

On 3/24/19, GPD was dispatched to the 100 block of W 13th Ave for a past physical altercation. A 32-year-old female was arrested for striking another female in the face while holding a child. The suspect was arrested for Battery and booked into the Anderson County Jail. The case was sent to the City Attorney for review.

On 3/25/19, GPD conducted a search warrant for stolen property in the 100 block of South Hayes. While searching for stolen property drugs were also located in the residence. A second search warrant was issued, and a 44-year-old male was arrested on drug charges and 32-year-old female was arrested on theft and drug charges. Based on this investigation a young child was removed from the home as a Child in need of Care.

On 3/29/19, GPD noticed a suspicious vehicle in the area of the 300 block of East Fourth (4th) Avenue in the alley. Officers contacted the people inside the vehicle. The female inside the vehicle was arrested on drug charges. This case was turned over to the City Attorney for review.

For the month of March, GPD took a total of 223 calls for service, conducted 78 traffic stops, and had 24 calls of service for animal control.

Officer Baumgardner's last day as a full-time officer with the GPD is April 13, 2019. Eric Dickenson will be starting with the GPD May 6, 2019. Dickenson has one year of Law Enforcement experience from the Johnson County Sheriff Department and is currently living in Garnett.

Kurt King
Chief of Police

Garnett Police Department

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Activity Totals

03/01/2019 - 03/31/2019

	All Arrests	Felony Arrests	Misd Arrests	Other Arrests	Summons	Traffic	Criminal	Supplement Report	Field Interview	Reports	Total Activity
Totals	23	5	14	4	60	41	11	122	26	41	347

Garnett Police Department

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Agency Statistics

March 2019

Reports Today: 0	MTD Reports This Year: 38
YTD Reports This Year: 107	YTD Reports Unapproved This Year: 6
MTD Reports Last Year: 38	YTD Reports Last Year: 91
MTD Arrests This Year: 24	YTD Arrests This Year: 62
MTD Arrests Last Year: 17	YTD Arrests Last Year: 46
MTD Citations This Year: 60	YTD Citations This Year: 153
MTD Citations Last Year: 57	YTD Citations Last Year: 150

4/2/19

Electric Distribution Department

The Green Spring Banners are all up. With the Courthouse being remodeled some of our community special events are being moved. The Easter Egg Hunt has been to the football stadium and tennis court basketball court at the north park. We do have some permanent electric on the stadium wall in front of the grandstands. It is somewhat limited. These outlets were installed for a public address system for graduation ceremonies and fair parades. Nothing to the extent of their needs for this event. We do have 240 volts on each of the west poles in front of the grandstand that we will be able to hang some temporary electric service boards. On the north end of the field we do have a street light circuit (120 volt) that will support small temporary electric service boards. The tennis court, basketball court has one outlet inside the tennis court area.

I have a meeting with Jeni Meyers later this week to discuss options for BPW's Square Fair this year. Keeping the Square Fair on the downtown area may involve some creative thinking. I'm hopeful this will be an achievable goal.

We have made street light repairs throughout town. We also started replacing the lighting in city hall with LED lamps. These new lamps don't require a ballast as they are 120 volt lamps. We have installed close 50 lamps now. With the new lamps the lighting kilowatt usage will be cut in half with the same amount of lumen as the older fluorescent lamps.

Camping season is almost here and some of the RV pedestals at our lakes were in need some repairs. We replaced GFIC breakers, 120 volt 30 amp receptacles, and the 240 volt 50 amp receptacles.

Earlier this month the line crew did an excellent job maintaining and securing the pole that was struck by a delivery truck. They efficiently secured and maintained the scene to insure that there was no more damage and all public safety hazards were secured before pole replacement could begin. The pole was very complex. It had 3 phase overhead primary, one single phase transformer, 5 single phase services to downtown businesses, an overhead guy supporting a larger 3 phase 4 wire open to the next block west, cable tv, and telephone. The line crew worked long into the night to complete the replacement and restore power.

Cutting trees back from primary power line and electric services is an important part of our maintenance. The trees are starting to bud and new spring growth is starting to mature.

Removed tree at 2nd & Pine

Removed tree on N Oak south of Ray Meyer Gym

Removed trees at 1st & Elm

Removed tree from electric lines behind 7th& Hayes

Cut on trees north of 1st on Cleveland

Helped the Street Dept. with a tree removal at 212 W 7th.

Power Plant Monthly Report

Working with Pat Tate to come up with a good emergency operation procedures (EOP) for the city. So in the event of an emergency staff will know what to do. We are hoping to have a table top exercise in the near future.

Will be going over a proposal for a new Scada System for our electrical system with Chris & Troy. Will be setting up a meeting with Mid-States Energy Works and KMEA for Q&A in the near future.

Had our yearly fire extinguisher inspection for All City facilities and equipment

Built protective boxes for fire extinguishers so the Police Dept. could carry in trunk of cars

Built shelves at the drive up window at city hall to put cash box and modem on

Prepping mowers and equipment for the mowing season

Still rebuilding dumpsters for the Refuse Dept.

March 2019 Report

Wolken Plumbing & Electric has finished installing our heating & cooling unit. John Olson retired this month. We have also helped with Harvesters.

We helped the Street Dept. by cleaning a culvert out on E. 4th Ave & have had to rod 2 sewers out.

We have been trying to get the digester pumped down so we will be ready for the Ethanol plant shutdown/clean-up in May. We've hauled 4 loads of sludge to the transfer station so far. The new truck hauls about the same amount as the older truck did.

We've started installing the blower. Once we get it installed we will take the Third one out and send it in for repairs. We have our mowers ready for the mowing season, hopefully we can keep up with the growing season.

Eric Trammell

Intern WasteWater Superintendent

April 2, 2019

Public Works Report

The Gas Department has completed the first of seven sections of their annual gas leak survey for the year. I have also completed the first half of Line Patrol inspections required for this year. With Spring finally here we have already noticed a large increase in Kansas One Calls, service line replacements, and general work orders from City Hall, and I only expect things to increase from this point forward. Our new service truck should also enter service this month as the crew is almost finished with modifications and tool transfers from the old service truck.

I would like to thank Nicolas Menacho for his half year of service with the Gas and Water Distribution Department. Unfortunately for us, Nick has taken another job which better suits his personal financial needs. I wish him the best.

The Street Department is also busy as ever with the coming of fairer weather. There has already been a huge increase in all tasks required by this four employee crew from stump removal, drainage ditch repairs, culvert replacements, tree and brush removal, road grater work in alleys, storm drain cleaning, street sweeping, street sign replacements, vehicle and equipment repairs, endless pothole patching, and a plethora of other tasks I could fill this page with. We also have a fairly large project that will need to be addressed this spring out at the reservoir.

I would like to make a comment on the pothole issue. If anyone has been paying attention to the news, potholes are not just a Garnett specific issue, or even a statewide issue. It's a national issue. This winter was harsh on our already over-aged streets with the constant freezing and thawing during an overly wet season. The amount of new potholes that have appeared over the last two months is disheartening. In some areas we'd no sooner get a hole patched only to have the surrounding asphalt crumble away, leaving just the latest patch in its place. In the last month alone we used almost three dump truck loads of cold patch, knowing we will need to address it again in a few weeks. We have also had entire sections of roads crumbling away, and will be looking at more permanent fixes in some of our worst areas. One such area is the section at 1st & Spruce. Over the years, constant overlaying buildup has changed the way normal storm water should be draining from any given area of town. Causing a lot of areas to hold water rather than allow it to drain away. Add the fact that over half a blocks length of curbing has sunk far below grade and you end up with a standing pool of water which is rapidly deteriorating the road away. Yesterday, in attempt to provide a decent temporary fix until we can have that entire section rebuilt properly, we cut out that large potholed area and filled it with AB3 gravel. This will allow us to maintain that area in the interim, keeping it smooth for traffic. And this is just one of many areas. Budget, weather and time constraints, as usual, will dictate just how much will get addressed this spring and summer.

The Water Plant is doing well for the time being. I have just recently returned from the annual KRWA conference in Wichita, once again acquiring all the credit hours needed for my Class III certification. On the water distribution side, I was recently informed by KDHE that Garnett will be required to perform Lead and Copper sampling this year in the month of June. I will address that issue further during that time.

In sanitation, our 06' International was towed yesterday to Topeka for a repair we cannot perform in-house. In the meantime our 98' Ford back-up truck, still in need of hydraulic replacement, will be used until we get the 06' back.

Sincerely,

Kenneth J Amaya