

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

1. Completed August Commission Report
2. Completed August fuel transactions and invoices.
3. Sent August weather data to the National Weather Service.
4. Reviewed and updated Based Aircraft on FAA website. Added two aircraft and lost one.
5. The AWOS system is operating nominally. I think I have the mice under control and so far it is performing well.
6. Dudley Feuerborn's soybeans look great but the pods haven't filled yet. Most of the county's crops seem to be a couple weeks behind.
7. Fuel sales have continued at a good pace. If the covid situation wouldn't have happened I think we would be ordering our second load of fuel already. The airport car is getting more use than it has gotten in the last many years bringing folks to local businesses.
8. Work on the damaged Bonanza is continuing.
9. Looking into setting up an Emergency Contingency Plan and Bird Mitigation Plan to lower Airport Insurance costs. This is a job that I will research and try to implement this winter.
10. I am still working on trying to secure a newer airport car for the airport through a local business. In the meantime, the city is storing their older white Oldsmobile Cutlass at the airport so patrons can use it instead of the 1980 Taurus.
11. Several folks inquiring about flying lessons. We have about 8 that are either looking to expand their licenses or acquiring their Private Pilot.
12. Found out that KDOT is funding 75% of our 10% match for the new runway project. This will definitely speed things up and increase our chances of making this happen.
13. All mowing equipment is working well and mowing was just beginning to slow, but with the needed rains at the end of the month, mowing will be back in earnest.
14. The majority of my airport area spraying should be done for the year.
15. Dale Pense, Lynn Davidson, McElwain Applicators, and a turbine Air Tractor out of Great Bend are all spraying crops.
16. Kept organizing the records. It is going to be an ongoing project.
17. I replaced 2 burnt out fluorescent and 1 burnt out LED bulb with new LED bulbs.
18. I have updated the Garnett Industrial Airport Facebook page with daily Hi/Lo temps and rain totals. Anyone on FB can access the previous days weather, weather totals and the forecast.
19. Total moisture for July was 2.35 inches
20. Average High temp/ Low temp = 86.3/ 64.3
21. I went back 10 years and the highest average high was 98.5(2012), the lowest average low was 62.6(2017). Just looking at the last 10 years, it has been getting progressively cooler in August. As far as rainfall, the highest monthly rainfall was 14.06 inches(2019) and lowest was 0.38 inch(2012). August 2012 was rough!

Flight Activity

Several currency flights by local pilots. A couple Biannual Flight Reviews were completed. Transient flights are very common now. Spray planes are working.

Recommendations

1. City Hangar and Airport Shop roofs. (pursuing grant from KDOT).
2. Fueling ramp and taxiway pavement. (Pre-construction mtgs soon).
3. Cracks in primary runway. (won a grant from KDOT) Repairs will be completed along with Fueling Apron Project to minimize cost.
4. Heights and Hazard documentation for the FAA.
5. Setting up the foundation for a new Runway.

City of Garnett
Monthly Report
Garrett Gross, Building Official, Zoning Administrator

9/1/20

A Zoning Appeal has been made by Derick Hollon to Rezone the Property 602 E. 6th Ave. from its current R-3 zoning to a B-1. After this Appeal was made the public notice was both published in the paper and mailed to all landowners within a two hundred (200) foot radius. This Appeal will be discussed and voted on by the Planning Commission at the 9-15-20 Meeting.

I have been looking into integrating a new software to organize our Flood Plan Management, I will be attending training in the Month of September to familiarize myself with a new Flood Plan Management software that has been popular with other municipalities.

I have continued to assist with answering questions on permit requirements and fees and have been completing inspections and reviews as needed by contractors.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me

Thank you
Garrett Gross
Building official, Zoning Administrator

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

September 1, 2020

GARNETT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Current Member count is 100! I have received more inquiries about membership and our Chamber Bucks Program. I am also connecting with other Chamber Directors to learn about their membership programs, benefits, education, training, and other ideas to create more value for our businesses as members. I encourage all our members to contact the Chamber office if they have specific requests for their business. New ideas are always welcome!

The Community Give Back Program the program will continue until funds are depleted. Totals to date: \$20,950.17 has been spent at local businesses since the program began (this includes non-qualifying receipts received), and \$1360 in Chamber Bucks paid to shoppers. I would like to thank everyone within the community for their continued participation and support of this program. Your support of the local business community is greatly appreciated.

Weekly eblasts and monthly duties continue, including keeping bank accounts current, social media active, and keeping in contact with businesses to meet their needs. We continue to reach out to members, assist with training, websites, and finding the right resources. The Chamber has been working hard to provide information to our businesses, keeping our website updated, and assisting business owners as the opportunity arises.

The Chamber is currently offering online advertising on their website, and Business Spotlight opportunity. Contact the Chamber office at 785-448-6767 for more information.

I would like to thank K-State Extension Office, City of Garnett, Garnett Community Development and all who participated in Garnett Farmers Market Week. It was a great turnout, and the community support of the market is appreciated. We currently have 11 vendors that participate. I would also like to thank the local businesses and pop-up shops that remain open on Thursdays, for doing their part to make downtown Garnett lively. Keep up the great work!

Celebration of Service/Libertyfest is this Saturday, September 5, 2020. Programs will be available.

First Responders Lunch on the Lawn, hosted by Morning Mingle, will take place September 11, 2020 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. I look forward to serving those who serve our Community.

September 12, 2020 is Garnett City Wide Garage Sale Day. Contact the Anderson County Review for maps.

The planning the 50th Annual Christmas Parade has begun! Name The Parade Contest forms went to the schools in the district and the Chamber looks forward to a memorable theme. The parade is held in conjunction with Small Business Saturday, so save the date for a day of shopping and deals in Garnett. This year's date is November 28, 2020.

Chamber Board and Tourism Meetings are continuing, as well as Anderson County Covid-19 Task Force, LWL, and Morning Mingle and ACT Work Ready Community Committee.

Currently assisting Susan with welcome bags, printing/distributing of brochures, and social media, and updating kiosks and depot with current flyers and brochures. We are working to update the website and calendar with event changes and cancellations. This month Susan has taught me more in depth on the website, uploading audio and video. We have worked on the weekly work schedule, prioritizing tasks, and completing things in a timely manner. Fall Town Talk will soon be in the works. We will also attend a tourism conference in October.

Welcome bags with Garnett information are being distributed for new residents, events, and the campgrounds. If you have information(businesses) that you would like distributed in these bags, please contact the Chamber office. I

encourage you to participate, whether it is a gift card, brochure, coupon, etc. This is an easy way to market your business. Also, these items are provided upon request when there is an inquiry about your business.

I look forward to more learning, more growth, and a bright future for the Chamber of Commerce, and our city.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kris Hix, Executive Director



Small, Serene, Simply Garnett.

CLERK'S CORNER

August Monthly Report

For the month of August, we had 9 new Utility Customers in Garnett. We had 240 Delinquent Notices mailed out for not paying by the 15th of the month. Out of 240 delinquent notices, we had 12 utility customers who did not pay by the 25th of the month. Out of those, 6 have yet to pay and are still disconnected.

As we move closer to the end of the year, camping is still a hot item. We are close to testing out the online camping reservations on Rec Desk however we still need to add in the Cedar Valley Reservoir spots and a few other things before we open it up. We are hopeful that we can get those items added within the next month and test it out so we can meet our goal of a soft roll out in October/November and full public release January 1, 2021. More to come on that as we get it finalized.

Lastly, I wanted to throw out the idea of an Employee Incentive Plan. I am always looking for ways to improve morale amongst employees and have mentioned a program like this a couple of times in the past. I have done something similar already for my staff where on random days I will go get them cookies from the Dutch Country Café or drinks from Sonic. What are your thoughts, ideas, concerns, questions on something like this? I'm thinking of doing something monthly where if you catch an employee going above and beyond their normal job duties, they get a gift card to a local business, chamber bucks, small cash award, something to say thank you!. I am still working on the specifics. As I have heard from a couple of past employers, people are our most important asset. We need to take care of them. A thank you goes a long way!

Thanks
Travis Wilson
City Clerk/Municipal Court Clerk/HR Director in Training

August 2020

- Working with 9 CDBG-CV applicants to receive funding
 - Two businesses in Anderson County have received their grant checks
 - Two businesses were deemed ineligible
 - Continue working with the remaining five businesses
- Documenting, mapping, and photographing abandoned and dilapidated properties.
- Morning Mingle is sponsoring the following two events:
 - September 11 – 11:00 -1:00 – Lunch on the Lawn – Honoring our First Responders
 - September “Concerts on the Lawn” – Each Thursday in September there will be music on the Courthouse Lawn starting at 6:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Farmers’ Market and the local businesses staying open.
- Love What’s Local Committee is rewarding those wearing the “Love What’s Local Garnett” t-shirts by having a drawing participant can enter when wearing the t-shirt in supporting businesses. The drawing will be held the end of the month and the winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate from one supporting business.
- Worked with Lewis Place to find a buyer for 140 East 5th Avenue as well as researched Historic Preservation grants and programs for Garnett to help support owners of historic properties.
- Kansas Works Mobile Unit is suspended from travel until further notice
- Working to organize Destination Creation Class #3.
- Continue working with potential new businesses
- No new RFI from Kansas Department of Commerce

September 3 2020

Electric Distribution Dept.

The Water Plant had a chemical feed pump failure at Cedar Creek Pump Station. We were asked if we could install a receptacle that would become energized when the pumps were called on to pump raw water from Cedar Creek as an alternate method in case of another chemical pump failure. This way the plant operator could install a simple chemical pump in a short period of time. We are working with the contractor that installed the Variable Frequency Drive's (VFD's) back in 2006. VFD's are a very complex piece of equipment. We are wanting to accomplish this by using a relay that would not interfere with other operations of the VFD's. We were able to install a different chemical feed pump at Cedar Creek Pump Station, and able to wire it into the SCADA system. The Water Plants SCADA system communicates with the Water Towers, Valves, and Cedar Creek Pump station by a computer for various operations in the water production. Andy Modlin did an outstanding job researching form manuals online for the old chemical pump and the new chemical pump. Because of his research and studies we were able to get the new pump wired properly. We have printed off multiple manuals for future reference and documented our work at the pump station.

Replaced 2 poles on West Outer Circuit, set new anchor.

Trees cut on:

300 block of W 9th, 7th & Spruce, 300 block of E 6th, 11th & Hayes

The line crew has been mowing the block where the South Sub is located once a week.

The Parks Department contacted us that the lift station in the North Park, by the stadium was having problems. We have replaced the float and rewired the controls to simplify lift station operations. Replaced relay for the exhaust fan for the woman side.

Brain Maloan called me to help with the Sluice Gate on the overflow tower at Cedar Valley Reservoir I had replaced a bolt in the valve stem back in April of 2006. Butch Rockers had showed me a drawing back then. Called Butch to ask him where this drawing was filed and he was able help me locate the drawing. Today we have put these drawings with blue prints in the detail drawing section & a file in city hall. It is my belief that there is something partially lodged in the sluice gate or wedged up against the gate not letting it close completely. I think the bolt that I replaced back in 2006 has sheared off also and need to be replace again. We were able to take some video of the water come through the sluice gate from inside the tower.

Electric Dist. Supt.

Troy S Hart

Parks/Recreation/Cemetery
Monthly Report September 2, 2020

Fall is creeping up on us and we have begun the fall sports seasons. We have teams playing in Flag and tackle football, soccer, and have some kids registered for volleyball. We are moving forward with all of these sports except for volleyball and I will explain why in a bit. We have had to shift this season around a bit because of the way the different towns are handling their sports. With that being said we are playing in the same tackle football league minus a couple towns that are doing their own thing. We have moved our younger soccer and flag football to play with Ottawa as the towns we normally play with are doing everything in house. The older kid's soccer are where we have played in the past. As for the volleyball we are looking to push it back for the simple reason that we are not allowed to use the school facilities and the recreation center is not built to really house volleyball due to the ceilings being so low. We hope to however play a later season and the schools will let us in, if not we will try to do things out of the recreation center and do the best we can.

The guys are still on the mowers trying to keep up with the growing grass. We seem to be doing a good job on getting everything mowed in a timely manner. In the spare time we are spraying and trimming areas that need to be touched up. As usual we are also dealing with things that brake or need repaired in the parks as they come up as well. We have had a few burials this past month and that keeps us busy as well. With the upcoming sports seasons that will lead to a little more attention to the sporting fields with extra mowing and painting the lines on a regular basis.

The recreation center keeps plugging along and memberships are holding steady. All of our classes our on a break until after the Labor Day weekend after that we will bring them back and run things a little differently to assure that those programs are not losing any money for us. We are also looking to add a few new programs so be on the lookout for those coming up.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me

Thanks
Phil Bures
Parks and Recreation Director



Community Development and Tourism Report
By Susan Wettstein

Here is my report for the Garnett City Commission and Tourism Committee as of August 31, 2020:

I participated in Kansas Tourism Huddle on August 12th.

I sent out a personal email to as many organizations as possible to apply for Spark funding through the money provided to Anderson County (Covid-19 Cares Act). Received a good response from most everyone and the County received information from many organizations. Additional grant opportunities will be announced by the County in September for businesses and non-profits. We have been helping Julie get information out about grant opportunities, Morning Mingle information, etc.

The Department of Commerce announced the Back-to-Business Spark grant funding. This is different from the grants the County has but is from the same federal funding mechanism (CARES Act). There are 11 grant areas and the businesses must directly apply online through www.kansascommerce.com/covidrelief. Funds will be awarded on a rolling basis; meaning, if you complete the application correctly and address all the requested information, the funds can be awarded to the first applicants meeting the requirements. The money is available until funds have been expended through the award process. So, it is important that every business in need make application directly online with the Kansas Department of Commerce, even if they have applied through Anderson County or through the ACDA – Anderson County Economic Development. I asked for and received a marketing toolkit from KDOC for these grants and are pushing the messages out to our community.

Due to Covid-19, the WeKan Conference has been made an ongoing, virtual series of webinars. I attended on August 5th – Preview, August 12th – Fundraising, and listened while on vacation to the recorded August 19th “Live Sales: Keep your business going and expanding your client base with Live Facebook Sales”, and Thursday, August 27th – How to plan for a splashpad. There are several webinars; perhaps 12-18 more, to happen in the next couple of months.

We have created an Autumn special events calendar that focuses on September, October and November’s events. We are in the process of seeing what alternative Halloween activities are being planned. We are hoping to revise our calendar soon and help promote more confirmed events. We can’t count how many calendar changes we have made this year, but we roll with it!

We met twice with the Anderson County Covid-19 Task Force (August 5 and 19). We continue to post KDHE's data and SEKMCH information when they provide it. We anticipate a rise in testing and cases as schools open and more people return to work. I am wanting to pursue a health initiative similar to the "Go Anderson County" that I participated in a few years ago. It is important as we transition into winter with flu and pneumonia season adding to the Covid-19 issue, that we should promote action that our citizens can take to ward off sickness, i.e., boosting immune system, diet and exercise, creative ways to stay on a path to a healthy environment for family, co-workers, classmates, etc. I hope to work with members of the task force, and some advisory committees, and city staff to see what we can accomplish, if everyone is willing to participate.

We promoted National Farmers Market Week and encourage everyone to go to this link and vote for the Garnett Farmers Market. There is a \$10,000 cash prize available to the market garnering the most votes. Link to vote: https://markets.farmland.org/market/garnett-farmers-market/?fbclid=IwAR1AtDGHw-GOzNxdomb5sYV-vlflqmoG6a_vbf4RxS1fpSnyalkFkgAEd4 Kris made 50 farmers market giveaway bags in which we donated 5 water bottles, 5 certificates for a Simply Garnett t-shirt and 5 free one-day individual Rec Center admissions. The bags were a hot item on the Thursday of National Farmers Market Week and were completely gone within the first 30 minutes. Kudos to Kris Hix for her work with the vendors and her promotion of the local farmers market.

We have been working hard to promote, encourage and remind everyone to complete the 2020 Census. The deadline date has been moved forward and the Census count will end on September 30, 2020. The State estimates we can lose \$2,000 per Kansan, per year for the next 10 years in federal funding for each man, woman or child not counted. It is a quick and easy thing to do. The direct link is www.my2020census.gov. As of today (August 31) the national average response rate is 64.9%. The overall state's average is 68.6%. Anderson County's is 66.7%. The City of Garnett's average response is 70.8%. Garnett ranks 96th out of 614 cities, but we seriously need to work towards the 80-plus percentile by the end of the month.

We have rescheduled Libertyfest to Saturday, September 5th. Therefore, we are calling it "Libertyfest-Labor Day Fest". The Celebration of Service will be held in conjunction on the east side of Lake Garnett. The community fireworks display will be held courtesy of Wald Fireworks. The fireworks are made possible by the donations of many generous businesses, organizations and individuals. We have recognized those who have donated prior to the event by listing them on the www.simplygarnett.com website and social media. The Garnett Area Community Band will help with music during the service and continue with a concert after the service is over. Many thanks to Everett Cox, who is always on standby ready and willing to play music. Others coming to help are guest speaker, Chelsey D'Albini, who spent a lot of time preparing a story to tell for this event. This year's story honors Paul Drum. Also, thanks to Pastor Chris Goetz, Commissioners Jody Cole and Greg Gwin, City Manager Chris Weiner, City Clerk Travis Wilson, and gate

volunteers – Greg Gwin, Jody Cole, Travis Wilson, Monica Hill, Nancy Hermreck, Pat Schettler, Brittany Wiener and family. Thanks go to Administrative Assistant/Chamber Director Kris Hix for all her help, and Troy Hart for organizing the American flags to be exhibited on U.S. Highway 59 and 4th Avenue for Labor Day weekend and the branch flags on display at the event. Special recognition to these departments: Parks and Recreation, Street, Refuse and Electric. The volunteer firefighters with a truck on standby are also very much appreciated. I wish to recognize my husband Don Wettstein, for his patience and help where needed on a weekend like this and his willingness to put up and display a large American flag at Lake Garnett.

We have updated the Retail, Restaurant and Special Events brochure. Working with Pat Schettler to provide welcome bags and tourism related information at the airport. He is a great ambassador for the City. We will be creating a new airport brochure for 2021.

Kris and I have registered to attend the Kansas Tourism Conference in Liberal, October 19-21. The registrations have been waived via a grant.

I participated in the Kansas Rural Prosperity Statewide virtual meeting on Saturday, August 22nd. I shared my notes from the meeting with City Manager Wiener, Economic Development Director Julie Turnipseed, Zoning Official Garrett Gross, and Admin/Chamber Director Kris Hix. There was a lot of great information provided and the meeting. Since then, the regional virtual meetings have started. All materials and video featuring the Office of Rural Prosperity virtual tour meetings can be viewed via: <https://www.ruralkanprosper.ks.gov/meeting-materials/> The Southeast meeting will be held on September 9th at 5:30 p.m. You can register (free) by going to: <https://www.ruralkanprosper.ks.gov/2020-tour/>. Participating is recommended, as you can ask questions that may not be addressed if you wait and watch the video later.

I helped connect a magazine with the Dutch Country Café for a special fall issue article.

I attended a virtual meeting with Destination Development on August 12th.

I forwarded information I requested from Economic Development on the Spark grant funding to the Review and updated that information on our website.

I have spent time updating some tourism related pages on our website, as well as some changes to the website's homepage. I want to revamp the tourism, special event and attraction pages on our website this fall to coincide with an upcoming campaign for 2021.

We have a couple of weddings going on at the South Lake shelters this weekend (Sept. 5th). Due to Covid-19, the Veterans Memorial Park (South Lake), makes a great small, outdoor wedding venue. I have had the pleasure of helping coordinate one of these.

We have worked on a social media event campaign to encourage Fall City Wide Garage Sale Day on Saturday, September 12th. Without the normal lean-Up Week to follow, it has been a challenge to get potential garage sale participants to commit. It doesn't take rocket science to realize the impact garage sale day makes on Garnett economically. Restaurants and businesses, along with residents may need that extra income during this time. The Review has been accommodating to create a garage sale map through their newspaper to help this cause.

I am running all the local special events through a "Special Events Calculator" that KDWPT has. I hope to soon give you an overview of what the economic impact of these events are or would have been in 2020.

I submitted a request for quotes to replace the first, original banners that were purchased in 2005. Once a company is determined we will be gathering photos, taking photos, and working on the graphics with the company so that we can get these ordered, as this was a budgeted project for this year. Our goal is for the banners, our 2021 brochures and print advertising, website design, social media and city merchandise (shirts, etc.) all have a trending brand that is long-lasting and shares a fresh perspective of Garnett and energize citizens and visitors to seek out the "Simply Garnett" they see on the banners.

Kris and I will be visiting the geocache sites soon and replenishing them. The ones at Greeley particularly have been visited the most in the recent month. I receive emails when someone finds one of our geocaches.

We will be bringing forward a rendition of a Transient Guest Tax Grant Application with the suggested changes during our strategic planning. This will be completed within the next month.

Administrative Assistant Desiree Donovan brought to my attention the terms of Susan Caron and Travis Wilson expiring the end of the year. I will ask them if they wish to renew. We continue to advertise for persons interested in serving on any advisory board to please complete a Statement of Interest application. Desiree has made it a fillable form, making it easier to do.

The Character Generator for the Government Access Channel, Channel 20 (available on Vyve Cable) has "died". Please give a moment of silence for this 1999 model piece of equipment that has been in operations for the City of Garnett since 2001. To replace this equipment would be costly; approximately \$20,000, in comparison to the current percentage of resident subscribers of around 100 households. Therefore, the City will most likely do away with this channel option on cable television. I have been the content creator for Channel 20 since its inception. The equipment was made possible through the first cable television franchise agreement.

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August Wastewater Report

We hauled 21.69 tons of sludge to the Anderson County Transfer Station. We've been running the belt press. Rusty went to Emporia to take his Wastewater Operator Class 2 test and passed. I helped on the trash truck when they were down a man due to an injury.

We ran the camera in the Water Plants back wash discharge line from 2 Manholes and from the lagoon. I also helped the Parks Dept. out at the reservoir by running the camera down to see why the valve wouldn't close all the way.

We had a UV unit go down, when our repairman came and put our comlink controller back in we had him repair the UV unit also. It had the connector block go bad.

Eric Trammell

Wastewater Supervisor