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CLERK'S CORNER

December Monthly Report

Hello December! Hard to believe the end of the year is near. For the month of December, we had 13 new Utility Customers in Garnett, 1 of which was a new business. We had 256 Delinquent Notices mailed out for not paying by the 15th of the month. Out of 256 delinquent notices, 17 were shut off due to nonpayment by the 25th of the month. Out of those 17, 2 have yet to pay and are still disconnected, 1 of which is from the previous month.

We are in the process of getting the TimeClock Plus implemented and put in use. The past couple of weeks, City Hall Staff have been the guinea pigs and testing the system out. The biggest challenge is simply remembering to clock in and clock out. Over time I'm confident everyone will get into the habit of it.

During the last meeting, Commissioner Cole asked about the Highway 169 project and what the detour route will look like once construction started. I reached out to KDOT and was told the project would be split into two separate segments during the construction phase. The first segment will be from US59 Junction to the roundabout and the second will be from the US59 Junction to Welda. During the first segment, traffic will allow traffic to still travel on U169, utilizing temporary traffic signals and flaggers to drop the route to one lane where required. The second segment will require the complete closure of U169 from the U59 Jct to Welda. This work will start somewhat later than the work on the north segment, but at this time I am not sure how much later – possibly only a couple months. When the south segment is closed, traffic will be routed south on U59 to Lone Elm and Moran then back west on U54 to U169 at Iola.

Also during the last City Commission Meeting, it was asked how many people were on the Garnett Housing waiting list. I reached out to Director Hulett and she told me Park Plaza North has 29 on the waiting list, Parkside 1 has 2 people waiting, and Parkside 2 doesn't have anyone on the waiting list.

As we close 2019, I can't help but look back on everything that has happened, where we were as an organization, and where we are trying to go. It has brought on a number of challenges however we have overcome and pushed through them. I have no doubt 2020 will have its own set of challenges. I'm hopeful that everyone will have an open mind and be receptive for the things to come.

Thanks
Travis Wilson
City Clerk/Municipal Court Clerk

January 2020 Community Development Report to Commission
By Susan Wettstein

As I mentioned last month, I applied for a grant through the League of Kansas Municipalities to help encourage Garnett and Anderson County citizens to be counted in this year's Census. The grant has been awarded to the City.

Town Talk has been mailed out. The "Simply...Recreational!" insert will be going out next to households within the surrounding zip codes as a stand-alone mail piece to invite our neighbors to join the Garnett Recreation Center's mission to help families achieve healthy lifestyle transformation.

As of this writing, there will be two (2) Transient Guest Tax applications on the Tourism Committee's agenda for this evening (Wednesday, January 8) and will be included in the Commission's agenda for consideration. We have a full agenda for tonight, as I have asked Julie Turnipseed to facilitate a strategic planning process with the Tourism Committee. We had a guest at our last meeting. Krystal Baugher has submitted a Statement of Interest form providing her formal application to be considered to fill the current vacancy on the Tourism Committee. Following the meeting I will be attending the Friends of the Prairie Spirit Trail meeting, where they will be discussing an event at the depot that is a joint activity with a new business in Ottawa that plans bike events on the trail.

The Airport Board meets on Friday. We are actively advertising the Airport Manager's position. I am grateful to city employees and Airport Board members who have stepped up to help with airport operations following the shocking loss of Airport Manager Gary Ecclefield. He is missed every day.

Work continues on some grant opportunities on the horizon.

I am working with Code Enforcement Officer Pat Tate, to ensure that all the city is being canvassed efficiently and timely, and that good public relations is involved from the beginning to the resolution. City Administrative Assistant, Kris Hix, continues to work on the new Neighborhood Revitalization brochure with Gary Giczewski, Zoning Official. An assessment of abandoned structures within the city will be conducted soon. Kris and I are working to update the City's website with new information provided by the Parks and Recreation Department. Phil and I are visiting on various projects and programs, and I encourage the Rec's maximizing the use of RecDesk software. We have created a new URL making it easier to access Garnett's RecDesk website. It is www.garnettrec.com. Economic Development Director Julie Turnipseed continues to work on the strategic plan goals set forth by the ACDA Board of Directors at the end of last year. We are looking for property that is either inside Garnett or within the outer limits of Garnett that while it may not be listed for sale, the property owners may have interest in selling for commercial use. I encourage property owners interested in this to contact Julie. Developing this confidential data base of property is important when receiving business inquiries and for future

growth. We are also encouraging area businesses to strategize for the upcoming construction projects; the Southern Star pipeline and US 169 Highway project. Both projects scheduled to begin soon. We have updated the Garnett/Anderson County Business Directory. It is available on our website and printed copies are available free at City Hall.

The walk bridge near the dam at Lake Garnett has received handrails and has been installed by city personnel. Power Plant employees have worked with Scott Rogers on the welcome signs. Scott is currently working on the north sign. City employees will be finishing the top of the sign with a layer of tin to keep water from damaging the sign's structure in the future. The Electric Department is working on efficient and effective lighting for the signs. Kudos to other city departments for working together to help with these projects that bring a sense of pride to the community.

Water damage issues at the depot are being looked at, as well as some other concerns. Hopefully repairs can be initiated in time for spring.

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

01/08/20

RE: Activity Report

- Zoning Appeals
 - Dr. David Henderson (property at 241 W. 3rd Ave), regarding a Special Use Permit to allow an 8 ft fence to surround a storage shipping container to remain in the west side yard of his property. The Planning Commission has approved unanimously (6-0) the Special Use Permit and now moves it on to the City Commission for review and recommendation.

- Comprehensive Plan Review
 - Review of optional changes for this coming 2020 plan review.

- Inspections & Plan Review
 - Performing inspections and reviews as needed by contractors
 - Observing properties for City Code violations and working with residences to help get them back into compliance when their properties start getting out of hand.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

January 8, 2020

GARNETT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Membership Renewal is underway. We look forward to continuing to serve our local business community in 2020.

Planning for the GACC Annual Banquet has begun. The banquet will take place on January 30, 2020 at the Garnett Knights Hall. Social Hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. The Love What's Local Committee will give a presentation. Keynote Speaker will be Jay Selanders. The meal will be catered by Dutch Country Café`. There will be a live and a silent auction. Tickets are available now, and we encourage the community to attend, and celebrate the accomplishments of 2019.

Weekly eblasts continue. Monthly duties continue, including keeping bank accounts current, social media active, visiting businesses to meet their needs. We continue to reach out to members, assist with training, websites, and finding the right resources. I work with Susan on newsletters, Town Talk, Press Releases, getting information to public in a timely manner, and improving providing detailed information, as well as post-event follow up, keeping websites and calendars current and taking meeting minutes. We will attend the SEKTR meeting in Pittsburg on January 16. We area also working on updating the Neighborhood Revitalization Brochure and Travel KS event listings.

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

I have also been involved with the ACT Work Ready Community committee and SNAC. These are great opportunities to get involved with the community and assist where needed.

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

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Kris Hix, Executive Director



December 2019 Directors Report

- Continue to meet with potential ACT Work Ready Community Employers. Currently have 17 Anderson County employers that have agreed to recognize the National Career Readiness Certificate.
- Working to become an ACT Work Keys Test Administrator.
- Working with ACT Work Ready Community staff to look at our goals on the recommendation of Jack Allston. They are adjusting them to better fit our community demographics.
- Working with agencies to create an awareness for job seekers to take the Work Keys tests. Created an informational rack card to distribute about taking the tests.
- Attended SEK, Inc. board meeting. I have been invited to become a board member starting in 2020.
- Completed the first Jon Schallert Destination Creation Class in Anderson County. Second class will begin early in 2020.
- Continue visiting businesses with "Love What's Local Garnett" committee members educating them on the campaign and inviting them to become sponsors of the campaign.
- Continue to work on business retention and expansion in Anderson County.
- Continue efforts to save the historic building at 140 East 5th Avenue.
- Continue to work with Morning Mingle business group.
- Setting up speakers from Pittsburg and Atchison Kansas to present the Land Bank information to City and County Commissioners

Parks/Recreation/Cemetery
Monthly Report
November
January 8, 2020

Basketball season will start on January 11th for the 3rd-6th graders and on the 13th for the pre-school kids. I am very pleased with the number of participants we have this year. We have four 3rd/4th grade teams, six 5th/6th grade teams, and we will right around 30 kids in the little dribblers program. Over all that is around 115 kids playing basketball this season. Needless to say the gyms around town will be very busy for the next couple months. I would also like to add we would not be able to do this without our relationship with the school and them letting use a couple of their gyms for the next couple of months. In a town our size we have to work with the other entities to overcome areas where we do not have the resources to provide them ourselves. All of the teams will be playing in a league with Osawatomie and Louisburg which adds more competition than we have had in the past and also adds a tournament at the end as well. I am looking forward to a great basketball season.

It seems this past month that we have had quite a few funerals and graves that needed to be dug. With the weather being as it has that means a lot of planking in and out to get to graves to prevent leaving ruts in the cemetery. It is a lot of work for the guys to lay out these boards for both the backhoe and the dump truck to dig the grave then remove them before the service then place them back after to fill the grave. This is a very labor intensive process that can make digging one grave take the better part of one day and most often more. There was a point in time this month where we had three graves open at once. This is also done regardless of weather or calendar date. The guys do a great job in keeping the cemetery looking good even in the winter and they should be commended for that.

As predicted the numbers at the recreation center are on the climb over the past month. People are working on their New Year New Me motto and we are enjoying seeing new faces at the recreation center. We hope that they all stick around for the months to come and become long standing members of the recreation center. With the influx of people using the recreation center comes its problems as well. This puts much more added stress on the equipment, in which some is in poor condition to begin with. We have a few pieces that need to be replaced as soon as we can work out a plan to get them replaced. We have been lucky to receive a few donations over the past month of a treadmill, some weights, and a piece of equipment from Wolf Creek as well. This still does not address the issue at hand in the age and reliability of the equipment we have right now. Many of these items will need to be replace with commercial grade equipment in the near future and there is no way around that.

I am also very pleased to announce that our new employee Sami Jo Peine has been using her talents and degree in Health and Human Performance to create a couple new programs that will be offered after the first of the year. She will be offering a nutrition class to help people learn what and how to eat to support their metabolism, and also a weight training class for women to help them get used to the gym atmosphere and learn how to work out without the intimidation that comes with coming to a gym for the first time. I hope to see a lot more programming from Sami in the future though her time is limited as she is only a part time employee and does not have a lot of time currently to spend on creating these programs. I would love to see her become a full time member of our team to really use her skills in a manner to both benefit the recreation center and the community as a whole. Along with these classes we will be bringing back ZUMBA and a full

body toning class as well. We are always trying to improve and diversify what we offer to keep people coming back.

As far as the new HVAC system goes it has been installed and the patrons are loving it. It is now comfortable in all the rooms of the facility which leads to better workouts and happier people. Which in turn leads to renewed memberships and more revenue for the recreation center.

We did receive another shipment of trout on December 4th. This is our second of three shipments the third will come in February. I have talked to a few anglers and have been sent a few pictures of the fish that they have caught. There are some nice fish that we have stocked and hopefully all the anglers are happy not just the ones that I have spoken to.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Thanks

Phil Bures

Parks and Recreation Director

Garnett Power Plant December Monthly Report

Rebuilt the Disc Golf Bridge and installed and painted new Handrails

Working on installing new Sump pump and piping in the basement of the power plant to help prevent future flooding

Repaired Library book drop in ally behind Library and reinstalled

Help clean up yards for Code Enforcement

December, 31 2019

Street department Report

This month has been super busy, with vehicle maintenance, pot holes, alley/gravel road repair, we have been cleaning the brush dump when we can find time, hauling the leftover from burning to land fill. There is still a lot to do out there. Have helped on some weed notice cleanup. Cleaned the weeds and other debris on ivy terrace, among other roads, as well as some ditches. Obviously salting and cleanup of snow.



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GPD Monthly Report for December 2019

December 04, Detectives worked multiple controlled buys for narcotics. Pending lab reports, this case will be sent to the County Attorney.

December 12, after a week-long investigation, a 34-year-old male was arrested for two counts of Violation of Offender Registration Act (3rd offense). This case was turned over to the County Attorney.

December 13, a search warrant was executed in the 200 blk E 2nd Ave. During that search, numerous drug items were discovered. After another search warrant was obtained, the residence was searched. From that search warrant, four adults were arrested for charges of Distribution Opiates, Possession of Opiates, Possession of Stimulants, Possession of Hallucinogen, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Criminal Use of Weapons. This case was forwarded to the County Attorney for formal charges.

December 14, GPD responded to a call of shoplifting at an area business. When officers responded, they arrested the suspect with stolen property from the store. A subsequent search of the vehicle led to two other arrests. From that call, three adults were arrested on outside warrants, Possession of Opiates, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Theft. This case was forwarded to the County Attorney.

December 19, GPD stopped a vehicle for a traffic infraction. The driver was arrested for traffic related offenses. The passenger was arrested for Possession of Stimulants and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. This case was forwarded to the County Attorney.

December 27, GPD assisted the Kansas Highway Patrol and Anderson County Sheriff Office with a vehicle pursuit on US-059. When attempting to deploy spike strips near the round-a-bout, the suspect vehicle drove through the ditch to avoid the strips. This pursuit was ended when a county unit struck the unattended vehicle in the middle of highway US-169. The driver is outstanding currently.

December 29, GPD stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. Upon the stop, the driver was tested and arrested for DUI Drug. A subsequent search of the vehicle located Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia. The 18-year-old driver and passenger were arrested for

Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. This case was forwarded to the City Attorney.

December 29, a 49-year-old male was arrested for Domestic Battery at a residence in Garnett. This case was forwarded to the County Attorney.

December 30, officers took a report of a burglary at a residence in Garnett. This case is still open currently.

GPD made 12 warrant arrests and issued 66 citations during the month.

For the month of December, GPD took a total of 286 calls for service, conducted 82 traffic stops, and had 11 calls of service for animal control.

Kurt King

Chief of Police

Garnett Police Department

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Agency Statistics

December 2019

Reports Today: 1	MTD Reports This Year: 46
YTD Reports This Year: 449	YTD Reports Unapproved This Year: 5
MTD Reports Last Year: 30	YTD Reports Last Year: 407
MTD Arrests This Year: 30	YTD Arrests This Year: 254
MTD Arrests Last Year: 19	YTD Arrests Last Year: 225
MTD Citations This Year: 66	YTD Citations This Year: 669
MTD Citations Last Year: 68	YTD Citations Last Year: 772

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Activity Totals

12/01/2019 - 12/31/2019

	All Arrests	Felony Arrests	Misd Arrests	Other Arrests	Summons	Traffic	Criminal	Supplement Report	Field Interview	Reports	Total Activity
Totals	30	5	15	10	66	52	11	83	11	47	330