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## Water Tower work has begun!

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Council is pleased to say that a crew has finally arrived and have begun work on our water tower. The end to our five year project is finally coming to an end! It has been a long and tedious process but, it will all be worth it in the end. A crew from Maguire Iron Inc. arrived the third week of March and began the process of making required safety upgrades to our water tower. At the time of our bi-annual inspection in the fall of 2013, the inspection report indicated a list of certain safety features the state of Kansas now requires to be installed on all elevated water storage facilities. Our water tower for example needed to have the finial ball vent on the roof peak replaced with a different style vent called a fail-safe vent with an upgraded insect proof screen welded into the roof peak. The rolling ladder which allows roof access needed to be welded to the roof. Cable style climb devices needed to be installed to all exterior ladders. Lockable ladder gates needed to be installed at the ground level to prevent unauthorized persons to gain tower access. A larger multi-bolt hatch is needed to be installed on the lower section of the leg column ladder. A new safety rail is to be welded into the tank bottom around the junction of the center riser feed pipe. A larger, upgraded roof hatch with a hinged, lockable lid will replace the existing roof hatch. Once all of these items are addressed, they can begin to sandblast the interior and exterior surfaces and begin to apply a cleaning solution to prepare the surfaces for epoxy coatings. The interior of the water tower will receive two coats of an epoxy material and then will be disinfected and will need to cure for approximately 10 days. This all depends on if the weather cooperates and if it gets too cold this timeframe may be extended. Once the outside surfaces have been sandblasted and cleaned all exposed metal surfaces will receive the first coat of a rust-inhibitive industrial metal priming paint. Then a final coat of Industrial Aluminum paint will be applied.

Council is looking forward to having this project completed and to start focusing on the next project on our long list! Council would like to extend much thanks and gratitude to all our residents for their patience and understanding during this entire project to repaint the water tower.

## What is the Consumer Confidence Report?

Included with this month's newsletter is the 2018 Consumer Confidence Report for the City of Gaylord's Water System. You may remember seeing these reports each year, mailed along with your water bills and do you ever wonder what they really mean? Or why am I getting this? This report is prepared by the State of Kansas for all public water supply systems in the state. It contains all of the most recent testing results for your water supply and informs you of all violations if any within your water system. As you may notice, some dates for the testing results are years older, but please note, not all tests for certain containments are required on a yearly basis. The whole purpose of these reports is to provide information to all consumers to show them what has been tested for, what levels are present, if any violations were present, and most of all to prove the water they are consuming, is safe, and to instill confidence in their water supply. As you will note, on our 2018 Report all tested contaminants are well within the state required limitations and no violations were present in our water supply in 2017. As the report states in the Water Quality Data section, **the bottom line is that the water that is provided to you is safe!**

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like a further explanation of this report please contact the City Office or and City Council member.



## City Yard Waste Disposal Site

Just a reminder as you begin to clear debris from your yards only certain items can be taken to our City Burn Site for disposal. Please place trees, limbs, and shrubs within the pile in the middle and any yard clippings, leaves and small debris within the compost pile in the southeast corner of the dump. Please do not place any debris in bags or boxes and leave in the City Dump. **NO HOUSEHOLD WASTE OR LUMBER IS TO BE LEFT AT THE CITY DUMP!**



## Minutes from the March City Council Meeting

City of Gaylord - Minutes of March 12th, 2018 Regular Meeting

The Gaylord City Council met in regular session in the Community Center at 7:00 p.m., March 12th, 2018.

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

Absent Members: Wendell Felsburg

Presiding: Mayor David Tucker

Present also: City Clerk Aubrey Neussendorfer, Treasurer Crystal Ifland, Utility Superintendent Ed Burt, Fire Chief Adam Ifland, and Kayln Ifland.

Mayor Tucker called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Citizen's Report: Fire Chief Ifland provided to council his annual status report of the fire department. He Sated a FEMA grant for the pumper/tanker was submitted in early February. Five grants will be applied for this spring, for combined funding to purchase personal protective equipment or bunker gear for all 13 department members. The city pumper is still down and waiting for the water pump to be rebuilt and returned. Adam also expressed his concerns for informing all coverage area of ways to notify all residents when burning bans are placed. Adam also asked when the fire hydrants will be flushed this quarter, and was informed this has been completed. A flushing report needs to be given to him.

Kayln Ifland asked council for usage of the Community Center for one day a week for four weeks in the month of June for an hour or so for her to host a Summer Reading Program for the youth in Gaylord. She will be using this program as part of her 4-H Reading Project. Barb made the motion to allow Kayln Ifland to use the community center at no charge for her Summer Reading Program. Wil seconded, motion carried.

The minutes of the February 14th Regular Meeting was read. Barb made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Jim seconded, motion carried.

The minutes of the February 28<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting was read. Barb made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Jim seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Tucker called for the reading of the bills. Council review the proposed 2018-2019 EMC & VFIS Insurance policies, and requested adjustments to be made to the property values. Wil made the motion to adjust the property values as follows: Old City Shop from \$33,099 to \$10,000, with contents from \$7,350 to \$2,000, Old Firehouse from \$65,183 to \$30,000 with contents from \$2,100 to \$5,000, Lift Station from \$52,500 to \$30,000, Water Tower from \$164,666 to \$200,000, and the Pole Shed from \$16,467 to \$12,000, and to carry only liability coverage on the 1987 Ford City Pickup. Barb seconded, motion carried. Barb made a motion, seconded by Wil, to approve payment of bills, including any routine bills outstanding. Motion carried. Bills paid out \$29,727.76.

Mayor Tucker asked for a report of utility arrears: Richard Bose, Darin Godsey with three accounts, and Ron Peterson. No accounts were disconnected.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Aubrey reported our attorney is working on the easement and will need to have David Horning provide a death certificate for Donna before this can be completed as she is still listed on the deed for the property. Our attorney also recommends we sent letters with a final date to act as a deadline if no objections are presented in a written manner then the city can proceed with this project. Aubrey will prepare these letters and mail in the next week.
- Ed & Gene reported to council examples of the bulk fill water system is still not working at 100%. Ed reported he will call Keith and Sargent Drilling to see if he has any suggestions on this system or with the interaction with the VFD, and if nothing is resolved council agrees we need to have a representative from Johlin come here and get things figured out.
- Maguire Iron expects to have crews here to begin working on the water tower March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Gene made the motion to accept the proposed Water Leak Incident Report Form as presented and begin implementing the usage of this form with all water leaks moving forward. Wil seconded, motion carried.

Mayor called the meeting to recess at 8:15 p.m. Mayor Tucker called the meeting back to order at 8:27 p.m.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Gene reported he had met with Andy from Kirwin Irrigation District to discuss the condition of the bridge which supports a sewer line over the canal west of 6<sup>th</sup> street. Gene states currently the bridge has a 3-inch sag and the handrails are in need of attention. Council agreed after discussion to have the clerk send a letter to the Irrigation Office and see if there was a written agreement outlining the responsibilities of both parties when the canal first was placed through town. If they have nothing on record, council agrees we should begin the process of determining what party is responsible for what, as far as maintenance and repairs.
- Council discussed what water projects they would like to consider to complete with any remaining funds after the water tower project is complete. If the bottom portion of the bowl does not need to be completely re-steeled, then council would use a majority of the remaining funds of \$21,000 to the fire hydrants. Three fire hydrants will need to be replaced with new hydrants, and three will need

- to be removed and capped. Gene had obtained a recent estimate from Kingsbury Plumbing for this task and it was estimated to COST \$20,186.41. Council would also like to purchase enough water meters to replace all old meters currently in use and asked Ed while he is reading meters in March to make a listing of all meters that need to be replaced.
- Gene made a motion to purchase a new copier and fax machine for the City Office. Barb seconded, motion carried. Council agreed to donate the old copier to the Fire Department.
- Aubrey reported on the last extremely windy day the front door at the community center was blown open and it broke the door stop for a second time now. A new door stop has been ordered and this one will be attached to the concrete slab on the outside and should provide a more permanent option moving forward.
- Aubrey reported during the Monday and Tuesday of the very high winds, pieces of tin from the abandoned trailer house just north of the community center had become detached and hit vehicles and the front of the community center. It did not appear to have caused any damage at this time but council agreed we should consult our attorney for options of how to prevent this in the future, or what to do if damages would occur.
- Aubrey reported there is another option for the purchase of the pumper/tanker for the fire department we could apply for this year of the Community Block Development Grant from the state of Kansas. This grant would be available before the FEMA grants would start again for next year.
- Aubrey reported the Strategic Planning group, who is working on the Grade School Project were going to meet at the Community Center on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. All members of council and the public are invited to attend.

#### REPORTS:

**STREETS:** No report from commissioner. Ed reported he needs weights on the speed mover at times to achieve the depth he would like. Council agreed when he is placing millings on Main Street to place these from the east side of the library to the west side of the community center and to extend them at least a vehicles length into the street so when people are existing their vehicles they are not in the dirt/mud.

**SEWER/TRASH:** Gene reported he has spoken with Mr. Hickman and the lift station from Manhattan will be available in the next few weeks. We can pick it up and if we would receive grant funding he will either come and install for the \$7500 or funding is not received he will then come and pick it up from us. Gene made the motion to reimburse mileage for the person who will travel to Manhattan, Kansas to pick up the Lift Station and bring it back to Gaylord for installation at a later date. Wil seconded, motion carried.

**WATER:** Jim had no report as all known issues had been discussed.

**FIRE:** Wil reported the department had been on two runs in the past month. Trash fire at Tom Bose's and a mutual aid call to the Home on the Range site for a large grass fire. Wil reported the shared laptop was ordered and has arrived. Adam went and picked up the new fuel barrel and has it his place until the site at the pole shed is cleared and prepared.

**HOUSING/COMMUNITY CENTER:** Barb reported 8 units are rented at the Housing Authority. They will have their next meeting on Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup> and the rented units may change at this time.

**PARKS:** Ed reported he has been painting and replaced various wooden components of the playground equipment at the City Park. David has brought paint from the landfill to use for this project.

**UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT:** Ed asked council concerning the vacation policy and if more hours can be carried over. Council stated the current policy is that one can carry hours over but the maximum hours one can have is 96 total hours. Any extra hours he would need to use before his hire date. Ed then asked council if in the next six weeks he can use his extra vacation hours at his discretion so he would not lose any hours. Council agreed to allow him to use these vacation hours as he wants as long as his regular duties are completed or made arrangements to cover them. Ed stated he will be gone on vacation from May 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> and will seek out someone to cover his trash route for the two Tuesdays he will be gone.

**TREASRUER:** no report

**CITY CLERK:** no report

Mayor Tucker stated the next council meeting will be April 11th, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Gene made the motion to approve the purchase of fill sand to use during water leak repairs to have on hand. Barb seconded, motion carried.

With no further business before the council, a motion was made by Wil and seconded by Barb to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting so adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City Clerk)

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Mayor) (Date)

## Burning Ban is lifted!

**As of Monday, March 19th, 2018 the Smith County Commissioners lifted the burning ban they had previously placed in Smith County, Kansas in a burning ban.**

**Advice from the Kansas Forestry Service states while most of the region has received moisture please be cautious if you choose to burn. Most people assume after a rain, the fire danger is gone or significantly reduced. These little amounts will not stop the drought and Kansas wildland fuels of grasses and shrubs are "One-Hour Fuels" meaning within an hour of a weather change they can be ready to burn again. When the sun and wind are back, fire danger will be as high as it was before the rain, but now will be even more dangerous as the ground will be muddy and make the firefighting efforts more difficult as trucks can get stuck. DO NOT LET YOUR GUARD DOWN!**



## News from Gaylord Parkview Manor

The Manor has 9 apartments rented at this time, with several more prospects on the waiting list. Check out the remodeled apartments on the [www.gaylordkanas.com](http://www.gaylordkanas.com) website. Much effort is spent making our rentals appealing to potential future renters. Again, if anyone has used furniture that is no longer needed, some residents could always use extra dressers, end tables, beds and mattresses, etc. Call Sue Kirchhoff 785-697-2690 at the Manor if you have anything to donate.

## Why Do I have no Water Pressure at my House?

You may notice at times here lately when using water within your house the pressure seems to fluctuate. Please do not be concerned as while the water tower is drained, during periods when water usage is high, like in the morning when many are starting their days, or in the evenings when many families are cleaning up from the day, the demands to our water system are at its peak. With the water tower drained we no longer have water stored to re-fill the system as water is used. When the water tower is empty this now means the pumps at both of our wells must begin pumping to accommodate these high water demands. Council again asks our residents to be patience and understanding and know these conditions are only temporary while the water tower is being worked on. If you experience extreme fluctuations in water pressures in your house please contact the City Office 697-2697, as there may be other issues that need to be addressed.

## CITY OF GAYLORD Consumer Confidence Report – 2018 Covering Calendar Year – 2017



This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. If you would like to observe the decision-making process that affect drinking water quality, please call DAVID TUCKER at 785-697-2697.

Your water comes from 2 Ground Water Wells.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in sources water before we treat it include:  
Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, livestock operations and wildlife.  
Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.  
Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.  
Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.  
Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system is required to test a minimum of 2 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public.

### Water Quality Data

The following tables list all of the drinking water contaminants which were detected during the 2017 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1- December 31, 2017. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old. **The bottom line is that the water that is provided to you is safe.**

### Terms & Abbreviations

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL):** recommended level for a contaminant that is not regulated and has no MCL.

**Action Level (AL):** the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.

**Treatment Technique (TT):** a required process intended to reduce levels of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Non-Detects (ND):** lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

**Parts per Million (ppm)** or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

**Parts per Billion (ppb)** or micrograms per liter (µg/l)

**Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L):** a measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Millirems per Year (mrem/yr):** measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

**Monitoring Period Average (MPA):** An average of sample results obtained during a defined time frame, common examples of monitoring periods are monthly, quarterly and yearly.

**Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU):** a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is not regulated for groundwater systems.

**Running Annual Average (RAA):** an average of sample results obtained over the most current 12 months and used to determine compliance with MCLs.

**Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA):** Average of sample analytical results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location during the previous four calendar quarters.

## Testing Results for: CITY OF GAYLORD

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
ARSENIC	4/10/2017	6.5	5.1 - 6.5	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits
BARIUM	2/9/2015	0.18	0.18	ppm	2	2	Discharge from metal refineries
NITRATE	3/13/2017	1.3	1.3	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use
SELENIUM	2/9/2015	6.5	6.5	ppb	50	50	Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts	Monitoring Period	Highest RAA	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	2017	37	37	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	2017	90	90	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2013 - 2015	0.225	0.011 - 0.3	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing
LEAD	2013 - 2015	3.7	2.1 - 5.3	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Secondary Contaminants-Non Health Based Contaminants-No Federal Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) Established.	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	SMCL
ALKALINITY, TOTAL	2/9/2015	300	300	MG/L	300
CALCIUM	2/9/2015	150	150	MG/L	200
CHLORIDE	2/9/2015	78	78	MG/L	250
CONDUCTIVITY @ 25 C UMHOS/CM	2/9/2015	1100	1100	UMHO/CM	1500
CORROSIVITY	2/9/2015	0.58	0.58	LANG	0
HARDNESS, TOTAL (AS CaCO <sub>3</sub> )	2/9/2015	440	440	MG/L	400
IRON	2/9/2015	0.7	0.7	MG/L	0.3
MAGNESIUM	2/9/2015	17	17	MG/L	150
MANGANESE	2/9/2015	0.38	0.38	MG/L	0.05
PH	2/9/2015	7.5	7.5	PH	8.5
PHOSPHORUS, TOTAL	2/9/2015	1.6	1.6	MG/L	5
POTASSIUM	2/9/2015	17	17	MG/L	100
SILICA	2/9/2015	39	39	MG/L	50
SODIUM	2/9/2015	73	73	MG/L	100
SULFATE	2/9/2015	170	170	MG/L	250
ZINC	2/9/2015	0.085	0.085	MG/L	5

**Please Note: Because of sampling schedules, results may be older than 1 year.**

During the 2017 calendar year, we had no violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

**Additional Required Health Effects Language:**

While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

## City Council

The Gaylord City Council meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in the Gaylord Community Center. The public is *always* invited and can attend the entire meeting, except during Executive Session. If you wish to discuss a particular concern, please let our City Clerk, Abby Neussendorfer; know by the first Friday of the month, so she can add your name to the monthly meeting agenda. We WELCOME the public, and wish we had more citizens attend our meetings. The City Council does their best to address the issues of our citizens, and tries to provide our citizens with a healthy, safe environment with the funds available. Please join in and help our decisions. Please do your part to maintain the quality of our community.

## Contact Information

Please make sure to keep your contact information current with the City Office, as when events occur such as Boil Advisories you can be informed as soon as possible. By which ever means you prefer to be contacted: phone, text message, e-mail or via Facebook, please keep this information current with the City Office.

## Gaylord Library

Stop in and see the latest additions. We also have a great traveling book selection. Gaylord Library Hours are 9am to 11am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

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