



*Small, Serene, Simply Garnett.*

July 31, 2018

City Hall Report

Linda Vestal's last day for the city was on July 6, 2018. Linda was hired as an activities director at a retirement home. We wish Linda good luck.

Along with all city departments, city hall staff has also been busy with the aftermath of the storm that came through Garnett on July 19. The girls worked into the wee hours of the morning manning phones and coordinating the outage list for the electricians. They also continue to field calls for the street clean-up crews.

Sincerely,

Nancy Hermreck  
Interim City Clerk

## **Community Development Departmental Reports for August 14, 2018**

### **Airport Report Garnett Industrial Airport July – 2018 Gary Ecclefield – Manager**

1. Completed Minutes and Report.
2. Fuel Transactions and Invoices.
3. Sent Weather Data to the National Weather Service.
4. Courtesy car used a couple of times.
5. Old wind indicator mounted in front yard for display.
6. Big storm hit Thursday at 4P.M. with 80+ mph winds. Runway end panels were damaged and Terminal Building was without power until Tuesday of the following week. Large tree limb came down on the power line to the building. No fuel sales were possible during this time. Fuel sales are routed through a controller in the Terminal building. Otherwise we faired pretty well. Lots of limbs and debris to pick up much of which belonged to neighbors. Airport Shop roof shingles were blown off. We had one aircraft destroyed, a Cessna 172 Skyhawk 4 place airplane belonging to Dale Pence from Carrollton MO. valued at \$30,000 to \$35,000.
7. Dudley Feuerborn mowed around crop areas and North ditch.
8. Very busy mowing and spraying herbicide to control unwanted growth.
9. The rainfall total at the Airport for the month of July was 7.19 inches.

#### **Flight Activity**

1. Crop spraying by two different companies.
2. Local pilots flying.
3. A few transient flights for business and pleasure.

#### **Projects**

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

**RE: Activity Report**

- Flood Plain Management
  - Awaiting further information regarding new mapping for our city.
- Building Permits
  - Genco is back on track and continuing with their new building addition on East 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, along with the New Life Baptist Church addition on Westgate to accommodate the increase of their congregation. Park Place Properties (Jim Todd & Tom Hollinger) on S. Oak have their building shell and utilities completed and are now focusing on the interior items. It is great to see growth in our community.
- Working with the Planning Commission on the City's Comprehensive Plan
- Inspections & Plan Review
  - Performing inspections and reviews as needed by contractors.
  - Observing properties for city code violations and working with residences to help get them back into compliance when their properties start get out of hand. This remains a priority to make Garnett a community that people want to live in and visitors would recommend.



August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

The evening of July 19<sup>th</sup> was a busy one throughout the city. The windstorm caused damage throughout Garnett with no injuries. The department responded to 10 different calls or calls for service.

No other city fire calls occurred.

The hose and ladder testing was completed. Six sections of hose and one 14 foot ladder failed. The hose was replaced with spare hose. The ladder will be ordered.

Nuisance violations are steady with some repeat offenders. Leniency has been extended with extra brush from the storm.

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# Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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Membership-Did some marketing with businesses this month to recruit new members, and also met with some current members to see what their needs are.

Worked on brochure and flyers for local business. Weekly eblasts/notes are being sent. Learning how to navigate through website to keep information current.

Learning the computer programs the chamber uses in order to keep records up to date and create necessary documents, projects, and miscellaneous information.

Learning the social media marketing side as well as the paper marketing.

Attended Chamber Board Meeting, Tourism Board Meeting, and City Staff Meeting. Plans are in the works for a Chamber Social Event in September, an Ambassador meeting, and will also start the process for the Annual Christmas Parade.

Have been out in the community, taking pictures of vacant business buildings for Susan, and delivered current event info, as well as, business info, to the library and depot. Learning about keeping the many bulletin boards and kiosks current with local event/business info. Assisted with Meals on Wheels delivery.

Have shown office building for possible rental of empty office. Will show again today. Working on estimates for window and building repair.

Kansas City Chiefs promo in place for fundraising. Use the promo code and order tickets online. For every ticket sold, the Chamber receives \$10.

Receiving training/assistance from Susan, as well as the City Hall staff.

Parks/Recreation/Cemetery  
Monthly Report  
August 2, 2018

We have continued to stay busy mowing all the parks, cemetery, and lakes again this month. During the short stretch where we did not receive much rain we were able to get out and do some improvements around the parks that maybe haven't been noticed. We have started painting the toadstools in the park. Next time you drive around the lake stop in and take a glance at the ones we have finished. They look great. Along with this, we have taken some time to help out the disc golf guys prepare for a big outing where a couple of professionals are coming down to play the course. We have mowed and sprayed a few trouble spots for them. We continue to spray the shrubs and weeds along the shoreline to insure a good kill so this fall and winter we can clear things up for the fisherman in the spring. Along with this we have added a picnic table to the tot lot that was donated to the Garnett Community Foundation.

With the recent storm we have been picking up limbs and trimming trees to keep the park safe and looking good for the future. Luckily for us the damage was not as bad as it could have been. Because of the storm we did have to close the pool for a day, but it was back up and running soon after power was restored. We will continue to look for dead limbs that we missed and continue to trim the trees in the next few weeks to make sure we have got them all and they do not fall in the next storm

The summer leads to many events going on in the park. Of course, we had to get everything looking good for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration in the park. Other events that we have gotten ready for is a wedding and of course the County Fair. Getting everything mowed up and looking nice takes a lot of work and we take great pride in making sure everything is done for these special events.

The pool season is slowly drawing to a close as well. We have had a great summer so far with attendance and with the pool staff. There have been very few rain days and with the warm weather more people are coming to the pool. The pool staff to have done a great job as well providing a safe and fun environment for kids and adults alike to have some fun. We will keep the pool open through Labor Day for water aerobics. This is a very popular program and a good revenue source for the pool.

Our summer recreational ball season has come to an end and I would say it was very successful. We had a few team in both softball and baseball be successful in the year end tournaments and bring home a trophy. We started the season on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and we schedule games Monday through Friday our season this year was 36 days or roughly 7 weeks in those 36 days we played a total of 216 games! That is an average of 6 game a night. We only rained out 2 days this summer and all those games were made up. So, to say the least, our ballparks were a busy place to be this summer. This also led to a very good year at the concession stand. All we have left is the coed softball league tournament and the complex has been rented for another

softball tournament. After those, we will be able to go out and evaluate the fields and see what will need to be done in the off season to make sure we are ready for next year.

The recreation center continues to stay busy and we will soon be starting up our fall exercise classes for everyone. This is an exciting time for us to see the new faces and see people committed to their health. Also, the 24 access is close. We were excited to hear that we had received a Goppert Grant to pay for the installation of door locks and a new software system to help us take a huge step forward technology wise in how we register people for memberships and our programs. These new additions will allow people to enroll and pay online something they have not had the opportunity to do. I am excited about all the new features and all the new things we will be able to do with these programs.

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

Thanks

Phil Bures  
Parks and Recreation Director

Director of Community Development Report for City Commission  
By Susan Wettstein for August 14, 2018 Commission Meeting

I would like to extend a thank you to the Governing Body for attending the meeting with Governor Colyer on July 18th at EKAE. Filling the room with city and county representatives and community champions said a lot for Garnett and Anderson County in having a collaborative conversation with the Governor about our priorities; business growth, jobs, housing and workforce development. It is still unknown how the new Opportunity Zone designation can best help our city, but I have provided contact information of those invited to this meeting to the Governor's staff. They are planning on keeping everyone informed of the progress of this and when future meetings on the Opportunity Zones may occur.

We also appreciate the Commission's support of our grant request to the Goppert Foundation to assist in the project to provide 24-hour access to the Garnett Recreation/Goppert Wellness Center, which also includes a new software program that will allow users of our recreational facilities to register for both youth and adult programs and activities, reserve campsites and shelter facilities, memberships and fees to the rec center and pool, and the ability to pay online using their mobile or internet devices. Making it easier and more accessible to interact with our recreational facilities has been a goal of Mr. Bures and city staff. The new upgrades are being scheduled to take place but at this time there is no definite time frame for completion. We are at the mercy of the work schedules of the vendors we are using to install equipment. We are hopeful we will be rolling this out during the fourth quarter of this year.

The ACDA Board of Directors and city staff have been conducting interviews for a potential full-time economic development director. I had advertised the position as directed by the Board, as well as helping to schedule interviews and communicating back and forth with the board. Mr. Dennis Arnold was included in the interview process as well.

The July 19th storm put a wrench in the schedules of just about every city department. A great deal of my time was spent on social media and keeping area radio stations and newspapers informed as to what city crews were dealing with and focusing on. I used this opportunity to build relationships with those who follow us on social media by keeping them aware of what city crews were working on. It is important that the citizens see how hard our employees work; around the clock when necessary, to care for the safety and well-being of our citizens. Our field crews put their lives on the line during storm situations. The office staff make calls to people that they know have medical issues to be sure our utility customers are safe. If power is going to be out for an extended period of time in which the area these citizens with medical issues live, we encourage them to find somewhere to go or to perhaps seek help with the Anderson County Hospital. It is always paramount to us that our citizens are taken care of to the best of our ability. We hope we made you, the Commission, proud of how we handled this.

My time recently has been spent helping with the FAA grant, learning, gathering and filing information concerning the Vested Water Rights and our new metering methodology for our annual reports, and acclimating our city administrative assistant, Kris Hix, with her new responsibilities. She is catching on well to our social media, e-blasts and workings of our website. She is currently assisting with the calendar of events portion of the fall issue of *Town Talk*.

Mr. Pat Schettler, Chairman of the Airport Advisory Board, will be attending the 4 States Airport Conference this month. There are to be a lot of good break-out sessions in the conference schedule that will be useful for our airport, such as research on managing small airports, asphalt runway rehabilitation projects, airfield lighting, AIP Process, stretching dollars to fit your budget, and upcoming changes to airport construction standards. It is important that someone from Garnett attend and we are lucky to have Mr. Schettler available and willing to attend.

Student intern, Brody McClain, has spent most of his summer internship carefully scanning each city ordinance, excluding claims ordinances, since the City of Garnett was founded (1861). Per Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss' request, I will begin the process of uploading each of the more than 2,000 documents to the city website. It will take approximately 150-200 hours or more to complete this task, depending on interruptions, but once completed the original, historic documents will be online for all to view and download. Kris may assist in this task, but since I am a salaried employee my time after hours to complete this task is most likely more beneficial to the City, as there is little time in a regular day to add this project to someone else's workload and would require additional time teaching about website design. The searchable city codes via [garnettks.citycode.net](http://garnettks.citycode.net) is still the best source

for those looking for current codification. However, this internet site of Garnett municipal codes has not been formally approved by the Governing Body yet.

I have turned over all the entries of the Garnett Flag Design Challenge (Contest) to Edward Gruver. Awaiting his direction on what steps he would like to take on this project.

I have met with Wes Skillman, who is the local contact for the upcoming sprint kart races (Sunday, August 19). I continue to have communication with members of the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival, to help them with helping them to find local resources to plan a successful event. Along with these and other August events, we are gearing up for the huge special event month of September, where there is something going on every weekend, and Fall Clean-Up Week. Helping promote these events and scheduling work orders keeps our crews busy in addition to their normal work.

The Parks Department is mowing and trimming the disc golf course area today for a scheduled disc golf tournament in which pro golfers are to participate in tomorrow, Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Tourism Committee is meeting tonight (August 6<sup>th</sup>) to review and make a recommendation on the request by the Friends of the Library for transient guest tax funds to advertise the Holiday Homes Tour. This meeting is a rescheduled meeting from August 1<sup>st</sup>, due to the lack of a quorum.

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August 7, 2018

#### Gas and Water Utilities Report

This past month we have had at least thirty-eight Kansas One Call locates, over two dozen callouts or work orders from City Hall, two gas leak complaints due to storm damage which required a meter setting rebuild at one of those locations, and three bare steel service line replacements. We also had to replace a section of water main in front of City Hall that broke under the street in the middle of the night. As we are all well aware, this past month brought a lot of additional work beyond the usual scope of our operations after we were hit with a damaging storm. This has placed a lot of departments behind in keeping up with their personal job requirements as we assist other departments in clean up, repairs, etc.

Our water plant, for the most part, has not had any issues as of late, and the drag chain that runs our sludge removal system is working smoothly. We are currently operating under our annual free chlorine burnout, and I am hoping by weeks end I will have the majority of the one hundred ninety-one fire hydrants, along with the water mains, flushed clean.

As we move into the final part of the year I will need to ensure we have the time and manpower required to stay on top of all surveys, inspections, and getting paperwork completed to keep our gas department in compliance. I would also like to see several needed upgrades in the system completed by years end, but budget constraints will dictate exactly what we will be able to accomplish in that time frame. While we can keep maintaining as needed, without any serious upgrades, replacement of old lines, or failing tools and old equipment, we will be running the risk of placing ourselves in a situation where too little was done during too long a time. At this point I will prioritize to the best of my abilities as to exactly what we can realistically complete.

Sincerely,

Kenneth J. Amaya



## **Garnett Police Department**

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

On 7/2/18, GPD took a report from the 600 Block of E 2<sup>nd</sup> of a burglary of a motor vehicle. The owner reported that two vehicles were damaged in order to make entry into the vehicles and items were stolen out of both vehicles.

On 7/7/18, GPD conducted a traffic stop and arrested a 50 year old female for possession of methamphetamine. The female was taken to the Anderson County Jail. The case was referred to the Anderson County Attorney's Office.

On 7/9/18, Officer Baumgardner completed all of his Drug Recognition Expert classes and is now certified as a DRE.

On 7/13//18, GPD contacted an intoxicated individual in the roadway. During the contact, GPD located Opiates and Paraphernalia on the 37 year old male. The case was referred to the Anderson County District Attorney office.

On 7/14/18, GPD arrested a 38 year old female for trying to pass counterfeit money at Sonic. The female was booked into Anderson County Jail and the case was referred to the Anderson County District Attorney office.

On 7/18/18, At 1:09 AM, GPD attempted to stop a vehicle on the 400 block of N. Maple Street in Garnett. The driver of the car fled the scene on foot. GPD chased the suspect for 3 blocks before losing sight of the suspect. It was later determined that the car was just stolen from a residence in Garnett immediately prior to when it was stopped. After an investigation, a 15 year old juvenile was arrested in reference to the case. The case was turned over to the Anderson County Attorney office for review.

On 7/18/18, GPD assisted the Anderson County Sheriff Office with apprehending a runaway from Topeka at a rural Anderson County residence.

On 7/21/18, GPD was dispatched to the South Lake in Garnett for people swimming. Once GPD arrived, and they could smell burnt marijuana coming from the area of the people swimming. A 29 year old male and a 20 year old female were summoned for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

On July 27, 2018, GPD arrested a 25 year old male for possession of Marijuana, drug paraphernalia, no Driver's license and no proof of insurance. The case was turned over to the Anderson County District Attorney's Office.

For the month of July, GPD took a total of 214 calls for service, conducted 73 traffic stops, and had 13 calls of service for animal control.

Kurt King  
Chief of Police

# Garnett Police Department

131 W 5th, Garnett, KS 66032

## Agency Statistics

July 2018

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<b>Reports Today:</b> 3	<b>MTD Reports This Year:</b> 38
<b>YTD Reports This Year:</b> 249	<b>YTD Reports Unapproved This Year:</b> 12
<b>MTD Reports Last Year:</b> 47	<b>YTD Reports Last Year:</b> 299
<b>MTD Arrests This Year:</b> 15	<b>YTD Arrests This Year:</b> 121
<b>MTD Arrests Last Year:</b> 29	<b>YTD Arrests Last Year:</b> 167
<b>MTD Citations This Year:</b> 56	<b>YTD Citations This Year:</b> 474
<b>MTD Citations Last Year:</b> 119	<b>YTD Citations Last Year:</b> 649

# Garnett Police Department

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## Activity Totals

07/01/2018 - 07/31/2018

	All Arrests	Felony Arrests	Misd Arrests	Other Arrests	Summons	Traffic	Criminal	Supplement Report	Field Interview	Reports	Total Activity
Totals	15	2	9	4	56	38	9	74	12	38	257

## July 2018 Report

The Sewer Dept. has been busy processing and hauling sludge this month. Now that we have a third person to help (Dever Scott) we have caught up on numerous projects. Also Eric and Dever will be attending the Waste Water School at Lawrence the last week of this month.

The Street Dept. has finished the sidewalk at Parkside 2, as well as the usual motor pool jobs that arise. They were patching pot holes until the storm hit. They have completed picking up limbs on the parking and will start working the alleys next, there will be some places where people will still be putting limbs out on the parking, and we will be getting those as we pick up in the alleys. We thank all the other Departments that helped with the street clearing and hauling.

The Refuse Dept. has been running smoothly this month, no break downs and with weather as of late cooling down, the work will be a little easier to do.

John L Olson