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Dogs on the Loose

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Members of the governing body would like to ask all dog owners to please keep their pets either on a leash or in a pen. These loose dogs are creating quite a mess all over town, especially on Tuesday mornings when trash is out for our city man to pick-up. Many mornings, Ed has found numerous bags ripped open and loose trash scattered all over. As a result this mess, these loose dogs are creating, is starting to cost us time and money. This is not fair to residents in town who are securely bagging their trash to have wondering dogs come by and tear into them, and spread trash and rubbish all over their yards.

With school no longer in session and children spending hours outdoors playing, and many residents spending time outdoors working in their yards, encounters between these roaming dogs has the potential for events to turn dangerous. Roaming dogs may not see a person in their yard they are wondering in, and become startled when they encounter you, a small child, or your pet and they have the potential to become defensive and someone could get hurt. Nobody wants events like this to happen, especially in your own yard. Also, by keeping your dog confined to your property or on a leash will drastically reduce the chances of your beloved pet being hit by a vehicle. Traffic on many of our roads in the summer time picks up and by keeping your pets contained, will keep everyone safe!

Another good reason to keep your pets confined is with the number of wild animals that happen to find their way into town, have the potential to carry rabies. If your dogs are loose the chances of them having a tussle is higher, and the possibility of them getting bit greatly increases if they are roaming. Or if you have a pet who likes to catch and eat wild animals there is a chance of your pet being exposed to rabies and then bringing this back to you and possibly your children.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOGS ON A LEASH OR CONFINED TO YOUR PROPERTY AT ALL TIMES. Council is asking for all dog owners to please be responsible and keep your dogs on a leash, or in a pen, or at least confined to your own property. Council is asking each person to take care of their own pets and in return the city will not have to begin issuing fines or taking more drastic measures.



Fireworks – Historical Facts

- The earliest documentation of fireworks dates back to the 7th century China. They were invented more than 2000 years ago in China.
- China is the largest manufacturer and exporter of fireworks in the world. 90% of all fireworks originate from here.
- In 1240 the Arabs acquired knowledge of gunpowder. A Syrian named Hasan al-Rammah wrote of fireworks using terms that suggested he derived his knowledge from Chinese sources.
- The first recorded fireworks in England were at the wedding of King Henry VII in 1486.
- Dreaming about fireworks means that you like to be the center of attention and are showing off to others. It also symbolizes enthusiasm and exhilaration.
- The fireworks were used to accompany many festivities, scare off evil spirits and promote prosperity.
- The largest chocolate firework was measuring 3m high and 1.5 m in diameter and containing 60kg of Swiss Cailler chocolates. The firework was released in Zurich on New Year's Eve 2002.
- Fireworks are not fun for animals. Most pets go missing after a night of shooting off fireworks. Make sure all pets are securely locked in pens, have a safe place to hide from fireworks before you begin your activities.
- The largest firework rocket is 13kg and was produced and launched in Portugal in 2010.
- Queen Elizabeth was so fascinated with fireworks that she created an honorary title, "Fire Master of England" for the individual who created the best fireworks.
- The word for firework in Japanese, hanabi, which actually means "fire-flower".
- A rocket can reach speeds of 150mph; however the shell can reach as high as 200 meters.
- A sparkler burns at a temperature over 15 times the boiling point of water. Three sparklers burning together generate the same heat as a blow torch. When your sparkler goes out, put it in a bucket of water.
- The record for the largest firework display consisted of 66,326 fireworks and was achieved in Portugal in 2006.
- Static electricity in synthetic clothing can set off firecrackers. People making firecrackers wear only cotton clothing while working.
- Italy was the first country to truly master and experiment with fireworks in Europe. They were the first to use shells for firecrackers to be loaded into canons and shot into the air.
- Half of all firework injuries are to children under the age of 16.
- The biggest annual fireworks display event in Europe is the International Festival concert held in Edinburgh, Scotland, in which a million fireworks are set off in less than an hour.
- At first fireworks were only orange and white. In the Middle Ages new colors were achieved by adding different salts. The hardest color to create is blue.
- A string of firecrackers that went on and on lasting 22 hours marked the New Year's day celebrations in Hong Kong in 1996.



Minutes from the June City Council Meeting

City of Gaylord - Minutes of June 14th, 2017 Regular Meeting

The Gaylord City Council met in regular session in the Community Center at 7:00 p.m., June 14th, 2017.

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, City Man Ed Burt and Mary Fogo Griffin

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

Citizen's Report: Mary Griffin addressed council concerning the right-of-way maintenance in front of her father's residence in the 700 block of Main Street. After discussion council agreed to have our city main use the weed eater to trim all the area within the right-of-way as Mary stated theirs is currently being repaired and should have it back in two weeks.

The minutes of the May 10th Regular Meeting were read. Barb made the motion to approve as read. Wil seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Tucker called for the reading of the bills. After discussion, Wil made a motion, seconded by Barb, to approve payment of bills, including any routine bills outstanding. Motion carried. Bills paid out \$11,211.79.

Mayor Tucker asked for a report of utility arrears: Richard Bose, Darin Godsey with three accounts, Kaid Dannenberg, Bobby Kuhlmann, Terry Manning, Mike Fogo, and Greg Jones. All accounts were paid by the disconnect date. Discussion of concerning prior arrangement dates and how many are allowed during a single billing cycle before an account is terminated. Council agreed to allow a user a single arrangement date for each billing cycle before an account would be terminated.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Aubrey reported the bonds payments are scheduled to take place every six months and this cannot be changed. Our first payment is due in May 2018.
- Aubrey prepared a handout for council to review with all the expenses and reimbursement for the Community Clean-up Project. It appears we will be using the entire allotment of \$4000.00. This is with using FEMA rates for the reimbursement figures for the equipment utilized for the tree trimming portion of this project.
- Aubrey reported the city was awarded both grants applied for from the Smith County Community Foundation. \$1900 for an AED machine for the Fire Department and \$5000 to be used towards the Wheel Chair Assessable Door. The crews working the concrete ramp for the Community Center are here now, and expect to be completed by Friday June 16th.
- Garage sales are scheduled for the weekend of June 17th & 18th. Five people have signed up to set-up in the Community Center and three other locations in town have registered to have sales.
- Ed reported to council a speed mover has been found for \$1000.00. It will need some welding work done and Jones stated the repairs will cost \$200.00. The seller agreed to take the repair cost off the price and council agreed to purchase the speed mover for \$800.00.
- Aubrey reported the crews to work on the water tower have stated they plan to be here now sometime in August or September.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Council had no objections to having Tom Carpenter with Mapes & Miller prepare our 2018 budget for the City.
- Aubrey & Ed reported to council there is an issue with dogs getting into trash on Tuesday mornings and its beginning to take quite a bit of time for Ed to pick-up as much of this scattered trash. Council asked for letters to be sent with the July water bills to remind owners to keep their dogs in pens or on a leash especially on Tuesday mornings. Council also asked for Aubrey to research on dog ordinances to see what can be done to control this issue long term.
- Reports of musk thistle in lots within town have been brought to city employee's attention within the past month. Council asked in the future when complaints are received to send a letter to the property owner stating they have 10 days to take care of the thistle or the city will take care of them and costs involved will them be sent to the property owner.
- Aubrey asked if council would like to order the remaining meter pit foam pads at this time or wait till closer to fall. Barb made the motion to wait until fall unless they go on sale to order the remaining 50 meter pit foam pads. Gene seconded, motion carried.

- Aubrey asked council if a partial refund of Hall Rent should be returned to a renter on May 20th as a mix up in communication on our end resulted in the community center not be opened when requested. Council agreed to return \$15.00 of the rent for this mix-up.
- Barb made the motion to order two cigarette receptacles to place around the Community Center. Gene seconded, motion carried.

Mayor Tucker called for a recess of the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Mayor Tucker called the meeting back to regular session at 8:40 p.m.

- Aubrey discussed possibilities for future grant projects for council to think about so in the next few months preparation can be done for fall grants. Playground equipment, generator for the community center, and landscaping projects in front of the Community Center and landscaping around the archway in the park were all discussed.
- Gene discussed the current waterway which runs south of Second Street between Gaddis, Godsey and Everett's properties south towards highway 9 and then runs east just north of Horning's property towards 1st street. This area was originally free of trees and had a small ditch which allowed for proper drainage of water from north on 2nd street. With the over growth of brush and trees the water is no longer draining and is pooling around Wendell's house. Research has begun to see what needs to be done to obtain the proper easements for the city to always have access to clean this waterway out in the future. Also it seems it may be a better option for this eater way instead of draining east into 1st street to direct this was straight south and drain directly into the ditch along Highway 9. Gene will check with the Kansas Department of Transportation into what it takes to make this possible. Aubrey will check with our attorney to gain advice on how to proceed with easements.
- Aubrey asked council for a priority list for projects to begin researching for the remaining water system funds. Council agreed the first priority is to install a system on the meter maid so water is no longer free. Council would like to look at systems in which prepaid cards are used or a pin number is entered and charged to each users account. Council also asked for Aubrey to see if this project would qualify for any type of water conservation funding as water.

REPORTS:

STREETS: Ed reported he will be hauling rock next week and after he will begin working on cleaning out culverts again.

SEWER/TRASH: Ed reported the Lift Station will need a mechanical seal. Council agreed to have Ed order the necessary parts to fix the lift station.

WATER: Jim reported all seems to be running smooth. Chlorine scales were discussed and council agreed before anything is purchased for Ed to check with Doug to see what he recommends.

FIRE: Wil reported the department had no runs during the past month. Wil also reported the fire department is looking into selling the City Fire Truck and purchasing a dual purpose truck of a pumper and a rescue truck for the department.

HOUSING/COMMUNITY CENTER: Barb reported 6 units are rented at the Housing Authority. Barb reported the picnic table was put together by Wil and Dennis. Ed reported the Water Heater has begun leaking at the community center. Gene and Ed will try to fix the leak first, if this is not possible council agreed to have the water heater replaced.

PARKS: David reported the parks all look nice. Ed reported there is a tree at each park which still needs removed.

CITY MAN: Ed reported he was able to order diesel this past month.

TREASRUER: no report

CITY CLERK: no report

Mayor Tucker stated the next council meeting will be July 12th, 2017 at 7 p.m.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

(City Clerk)

Approved:

(Mayor) (Date)

Disclaimer: These minutes are unofficial and not official until the Gaylord City Council approves them and are signed by the Mayor.

Community Center Door Project

The first phase of our Wheel Chair Assessable Door Project has been completed at the Community Center. The week of June 12th crews were in town and have re-done the concrete sidewalk from the street to the door to create an easy access ramp for all to gain entrance into the community center. The door has been ordered the first part of June and will be here and installed the first part of July.

Council would like to remind everyone this new CONCRETE RAMP IS NOT TO BE DRIVEN ON BY ATV'S, MOTORCYCLES, VEHICLES, ETC. This ramp is to be used for wheelchairs and associated equipment only! Council also once all work is complete to the door will be doing some new landscaping around the front entrance and asks for all to no longer drive on the sidewalks and grass when using the facilities at the community center. Arrangements can be made by calling ahead before your come and a representative from the city can meet you at your vehicle out front of the community center to conduct your business.



Musk Thistle

Musk thistle is a noxious weed in the state of Kansas and unfortunately it seems to grow anywhere and everywhere. Musk thistle is a biannual weed that reproduces only from seed. Germination and seedling establishment are correlated with moisture and light. Thus, more seeds germinate and establish plants in open areas or areas in which the grass is not disturbed with regular maintenance such as mowing. The best method to control musk thistle is to prevent seed production. Musk thistles can be sprayed early in its growth cycle before any buds or flowers emerge with Tordon, Transline, Perspective, Vanquish/Clarity or 2,4-D in the spring or fall. If flowers are present Escort or Telar need to be used. If flowers are already present, these flowers need to be cut and stored in an airtight container to be destroyed. It only takes 7-10 days from the time a flower is present, until it releases its seeds. Musk thistles are very prolific seed producers as a single plant can set up to 20,000 seeds. However, usually only one third of these seeds are viable. It's also possible for a single plant to produce up to 100 or more flowering heads. Most seeds are dispersed within the immediate vicinity of the parent plant thus creating large clusters or clumps of the plants together. Wind and water are also good means of spreading the seeds. Also the plant itself needs to be dug and can be left to die or needs to be picked up and properly disposed. Many musk thistles can be controlled by regular maintenance or mowing of your property. Regular mowing prevents the plants from ever establishing any type of growth.

Facts about Kansas Wheat

- On average, Kansas is the largest wheat producing state. Nearly one-fifth of all what grown in the United States is grown in Kansas. This is why it's called the "Wheat State" and "Breadbasket of the World."
- Kansas has about 60,000 farmers, and close to 20,000 of them grows wheat.
- Annual average wheat production in Kansas for the past five years has been about 328 million bushels harvested from an average of 8.5 million acres.
- All the wheat grown in Kansas in a single year would fit in a train stretching from western Kansas to the Atlantic Ocean.
- Kansas stores more wheat than any other state.
- On average, Kansas ranks number one in wheat and wheat products exported. Half of the wheat grown in Kansas is used in the United States; the other half is exported.
- Six classes of wheat are grown in the United States; Kansas produces three of them:
 - Hard Red Winter (95 percent) – High in protein and has a strong gluten. Used for yeast bread and rolls. Grown in all Kansas counties. Kansas is responsible for producing 40% of U.S. Hard Red Winter wheat.
 - Soft Red Winter (1 percent) – Used for flat breads, cakes, pastries and crackers. Grown on the eastern part of Kansas.
 - Hard Winter (3 percent) – Used for yeast breads, hard rolls, tortillas and noodles. This new class of wheat is grown in the west and central parts of Kansas.
- Kansas grows winter wheat that is planted and sprouts in the fall, becomes dormant in the winter, grows again in the spring and is harvested in early summer.
- Russian Mennonite immigrants introduced Turkey Red wheat to Kansas in 1874. This hardy variety, which could grow in Kansas' dry and cold weather, is the ancestor of all U.S. Hard Red Winter wheat.
- Wheat is a grass whose seed belongs to the cereal grains group. It contains gluten, the basic structure in forming the dough system for breads, rolls, and other baked goods. Other grains have gluten, but not as much as wheat.
- Kansas is number one in flour milling in the United States.
- One 60-pound bushel of wheat provides about 42 pounds of white flour, enough for about 70, 1 pound loaves of white bread.
- Each American consumes about 134 pounds of wheat flour per year.
- A bushel of wheat makes about forty-five 24 ounces boxes of wheat flake cereal.
- One bushel of wheat contains approximately one million individual kernels.
- One bushel of wheat yields approximately 42 pounds of white flour.
- One bushel of wheat yields approximately 60 pounds of whole-wheat flour.
- There are approximately 16 ounces of flour in a one and a half pound loaf of bread.
- A one and a half pound loaf of commercial bread contains 24 slices.

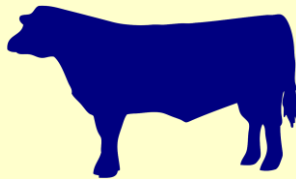


Water Tower Update

August or September is the newest timeframe the crews have stated who will be working on our water tower. We will keep you updated as soon as we are made aware of any changes to this schedule.

Smith County Free Fair

Members of the governing body would like to wish all area children involved in 4-H the best of luck with all your exhibits and projects during the county fair July 20th - 23rd, 2017. We hope all the hard work you and your families have put into your projects, pay off with great honors and awards at our local fair.



Smoking Receptacles

Council has also purchased two smoking receptacles for cigarette butts to be placed in. One will be placed in front and the second will be placed in back of the community center. Council is hoping with the addition of these receptacles, butts will be placed into them and not tossed onto the ground around the building.

Please remember to have all trash in secure boxes or bags placed out for pick-up on Tuesday mornings. Any loose trash in containers will not be picked up and left in the container.

Public Notary Services

During the May City Council meeting council gave the approval for our City Clerk, Aubrey Neussendorfer to become a Public Notary. Council feels this added service will benefit our residents and is a service they would like to offer. This process has been started and should be complete the first part of July.

Community Calendar

We would like to add a calendar to this newsletter each month containing local birthdays and anniversaries for area residents and their families. We would also like to include, upcoming local events. In memorandum of loved ones may also be included. Please submit your information to Abby at the City Office at any time, but no later than the third Friday of each month, so this information can be placed in the following month's newsletter. You may submit your information by calling the City Office at 697-2697, mail to: City of Gaylord, PO Box 548, Gaylord, KS 67638, drop in the box located in the City Office, or e-mail to cityofgaylord@gmail.com.

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

Beat the summer heat with a good book from your local 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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