

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

09/04/19

RE: Activity Report

- Zoning Appeals
 - Jeff Chandler (property at 1110 E 4th Terr), Allen Modlin & Austin Hess (property at 901 S Oak) have applied for a “Special Use Permits” to permit operation of Wrecker/Towing Services in I-1 (Light Industrial) districts. The Planning Commission has approved these permits and are now ready to move on to the City Commission for review, along with any concerned citizens to review and comment on the Special Use Permits.
- Alleyways and Easements
 - Drive through inspection of the City’s alleyways and easements for excessive brush, weeds or trees that may interfere with a clear drive through for our City vehicles (Police/Refuse & Street Department vehicles).
- 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.

**Airport Report
Garnett Industrial Airport
August 2019
Gary Ecclefield – Manager**

1. Completed August Report.
2. Fuel Transactions and Invoices.
3. Sent August Weather Data to the National Weather Service.
4. Installed Micro Trend Anti-Virus protection on office computer.
5. Reissued fuel card to Lynn Davison. (lost card)
6. Meeting with Trever and Megan from KDOT Aviation on the 8th. In attendance were Gregg Gwen, Mayor, Chris Weiner, City Manager, Pat Schettler, Airport Board Chairman, Travis Wilson, City Clerk, Kris Hix, Garnett Chamber of Commerce and Susan Wettstein, Economic Development Director, Subject was the Kansas Air tour that is scheduled to make a stop at the Airport on September 26. Trever and Megan also discussed Grant opportunities for Garnett Airport thru KDOT.
7. Life Flight helicopter landed due to Fog at their destination Airport at Chanute.
8. Had Syn-Tech reset software in fuel system.
9. City Electric crew replaced bulb on green side of rotating beacon.
10. Tech training for aircraft mechanical at Skyflite.
11. Charged battery and drove Airport Courtesy car. People from Century Link want to fly in and use car.
12. Total moisture received for the month of August was 14.06 inches.
13. With all this rain mowing continues to be the major focus here.
14. City Electrical crew worked on the fuel tank gauge. (8-29-19)
15. Attended meeting with Garver engineering concerning the Airport Master Plan. (8-30-19)
16. Ordered and received 1000 gal Avgas. (8-30-19)

Flight Activity

Flight activity has picked up. The Airport has been very busy with spraying being done by three different companies. There have also been training flights and transient flights landing here for fuel and to visit the City for various reasons. Fuel sales have also been brisk this month. Major projects in the County usually bring more air traffic to the Airport. Engineers and managers for these projects usually fly in.

Recommendations

1. City Hangar and Airport Shop roofs need replaced.
2. Fueling ramp pavement needs replaced.
3. Cracks in Primary runway need repaired.
4. Fuel hose needs replaced before inspection in September.

Community Development Report
 By Susan Wettstein
 For Commission Meeting, September 10, 2019

The equipment has arrived for the speaker system for around the square, but with the recent storms and electric issues, I am not sure how far the electric crew has gotten to install the system. The goal is to have it up prior to the Lake Garnett Grand Prix.

Gary Giczewski, Zoning Official; Pat Tate, Code Enforcement; Chris Wiener, City Manager and I met to review the ordinances and develop a process to address the overgrowth of vegetation and obstructions in alleyways. A news release was sent out to encourage property owners to help us with this issue. Inspection of all the city right-of-ways is underway by Code Enforcement. Personal contact is being made as the first initial process, if possible, and then a letter. During inspection, Code Enforcement will also note city responsibilities so that we do our part as well.

Greg Gwin, Mayor; Chris Weiner, City Manager; Gary Ecclefield, Airport Manager; Pat Schettler, Chairman-Garnett Airport Advisory Board; Kris Hix, City Admin/Director of Chamber of Commerce and I met with KDOT officials at the airport to talk about current grant funding available for airport needs, and to look over the airport. Discussion also was held on the upcoming Fly Kansas Air Tour in which Garnett was chosen as a host city on Thursday, September 26th.

Kris Hix and I attended the SportsKS meeting held in Lawrence recently. While we do not have the budget to “play” (provide incentives), it is still educational and worth fostering good relationships with those that attend and learn how other communities promote and entice sports events coordinators and organizations that host tournaments.

Pat Schettler and I have met and corresponded by email to develop a plan to host the Fly Kansas Air Tour. Kris Hix and Julie Turnipseed are helping in contacting area businesses to showcase what Garnett has to offer at the airport, among other activities. I am currently working with a bus tour that is looking to host a Mystery Tour bus tour of 54 people to Garnett on September 19th.

Kris and I recently visited with the new owners of the Garnett Inn, which is changing its name to “Garnett Hotel”. A renovation of all the rooms will begin soon. There are no plans to close it for renovation, rather keep some rooms available while renovating others. The owners seem very pro-active in upgrading the facility.

I attended the WorkKeys Community meeting on August 22nd. Julie is going like gangbusters to get industries and businesses to sign-up for this program. Kris Hix will be working to help with promotion and seeking participation with Chamber members. I am excited to see Kansas Works on board. Together, these can be powerful tools for area businesses, and help employ residents and encourage our youth to find employment locally.

City Manager Weiner, Gary Ecclefield, Pat Schettler and I met with Garver last week on the alternative options for the Airport Master Plan.

September is a business month for the City of Garnett, with the Anderson County Fair’s Bull Ride, City Wide Garage Sale Day, City Wide Clean-Up Week, Fly Kansas Air Tour and Cornstock. Not to mention

our promotion of Colony Day, Greeley Smokeoff, and Kincaid Free Fair. The recreation department is very busy with fall sports, and the Rec Center's programs.

Town Talk will be distributed the end of September.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

September 3, 2019

GARNETT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Membership is currently 95 members. We are working hard to meet members' needs, continue with daily operations, and meet our goals for 2019.

The Chamber's last Quarterly Social at Monroe 816 was a great time for those who attended, with a lot of information shared.

Dutch Country Café's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was a success! Cookies and beverages were served, and plans for future promotions were discussed, as well as some photos taken for PR purposes.

In October, I will attend the Kansas Leadership Edge Conference in Wichita. I look forward to the skills and knowledge I will be able to apply to my position as well as share with others. I will also attend the Kansas Tourism Conference with Susan and I am excited to learn more in the Tourism area that I can use to better our community.

The Chamber is also gearing up for the 49th Annual Christmas Parade (we are in the planning phase), and we look forward to seeing the whole community participate. Theme TBA soon, as well as Grand Marshal Nominations.

I will participate in the Morning Mingle's event- "Lunch on the Lawn" to honor our local first responders on September 11, 2019.

I will also join the BTW Trike-In on Saturday, September 7, 2019. for dinner and to share information about Garnett and the Chamber.

Susan has had me assist with several projects, including comment cards for the motels/hotels and the Neighborhood Revitalization brochure, as well as the planning and promotion of some upcoming events.

Working with Susan on promoting events, sending press releases, keeping paperwork current, and as always, learning new skills that will continue to move us forward. Working with multiple departments has been beneficial. I have been learning about what each one is responsible for and assisting them when needed. Community Development is a broad spectrum of responsibility and we have an amazing team!

Weekly eblasts continue. Monthly duties continue, including keeping bank accounts current, social media active, visiting businesses to meet their needs. I will continue to reach out to members, assist with training, websites, and finding the right resources to help them grow and thrive.

Chamber Board and Tourism Board meetings continue, as well as Morning Mingle.

Kris Hix, Executive Director



August 2019 Director Report

- Attended the Jon Schallert Train the Trainer class in Longmont, CO to become a certified trainer in the Jon Schallert Destination Business concept
- Attended County Commission Meeting to update Commissioners on ACDA
- Co-Facilitated Morning Mingle with Chamber of Commerce Director
 - Planning First Responders Lunch on September 11 on the Courthouse Lawn
- Facilitated Jon Schallert Month #4 call to Destination BootCamp attendees
- Attended KDOT Meeting in Independence with City Manager
- Facilitated first Anderson County Work Ready Community Task Force meeting
- Working to educate employers on the Work Ready program
- Working with Kansas Works to help develop the Work Ready program for Job Seekers
- Planning the first Jon Schallert Destination Business Training in Garnett for October 2
- ACDA Advisory Board met with Network Kansas E-Community representative to plan for 2020 E-Community Funds for Garnett/Anderson County.
- Continue to work with potential new and existing business owners.

Garnett Housing Authority Report

Sept 2019

We continue to be busy keeping up with the lawn mowing, weed eating and edging which needs to be done pretty frequently due to all the rain. We all have pitched in and mowed.

Maintenance in between mowing and all the other maintenance reports continue to work on the vacant apartment in Parkside Place 1 getting it ready for the plumber to put in the walk in shower and the carpet and floors to be installed. As well as working on getting the one apt ready for new carpeting at PPN

Karlyn will be attending the annual Housing conference in Wichita from September 16-19 on those days there will be no office staff in the office, maintenance will continue to check phone messages for any

Park Plaza North has 1 apt available that is in the process of being renovated will be rented once it is ready.

Parkside Place II has all 32 apts occupied.

Parkside Place I has 1 empty apts currently. Is getting a complete upgrade with new flooring, new walk in shower, and new appliances. We have a tenant ready to move in once it is ready.

GARNETT HOUSING AUTHORITY

August 12, 2019

Members present: Ron Zimmerman, Susan Stanton and Betts Abraham. Steve Spring and Butch Rocker were absent. Karlyn Hulett, Housing Director, also attended.

Betts Abraham, Vice Chairperson, presided over the meeting in Steve's absence.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by the board.

Karlyn gave the following report:

- Terry Solander will review our by-laws.
- Ron Zimmerman's term on the board was up on June 28th.
- Auditor came on August 1, 2019.
- Wolken Plumbing and Heating gave a quote for a tub shower conversion for Parkside 1 apt. 100.
- Jim Cooper called wanting to know about the outstanding debt for PPN. He feels due to the waiting list and the amount of property the Housing Authority has, it is vital we build more.
- Karlyn will be attending the Housing Conference on September 16-19th in Wichita.
- Current vacancies #1-1 #2-0 PPN-1 waiting list of 26 (several have stated they just want to get on the list but are not ready to move for at least 2 or more years).

Terry Solander didn't attend the meeting.

The board discussed the need for more apartments and decided we should wait a couple more years before this decision was made.

Ron is interested and agrees to maintain his position on the board.

The board went into executive session at 7:25.

The board reconvened at 7:45.

Ron moved we pay the bills. Betts seconded his motion. It was approved by the board to pay the bills.

Meeting adjourned.

This month seemed slow at times but we did manage to stay busy, we responded to 30 Kansas One Calls marking gas and water lines for our customers. We responded to 5 gas leak complaints. Most of these are after hours, going out to make sure our customers are safe. We did 4 replacement gas line services, we finished out yearly cathodic protection checks. We are continuing to do our yearly walking survey of all the gas mains and service lines. We are continuing to change out old gas meters as well as replace meters that are not functioning properly.

Raymond Arnett

Gas and Water Dept.



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Fire Activity August 2019

Severe Storms were the main cause of activity for August. Anytime Anderson County is placed in a storm watch or warning I notify department heads of the impending storm. We had 5 severe storm warnings last month.

Department responded to 3 fire calls and one medical call.

Anderson County hosted a two day foam class on August 24 and August 25th. Departments from across Anderson County attended.

Garnett Police Department

131 W 5th, Garnett, KS 66032

Activity Totals

08/01/2019 - 08/31/2019

	All Arrests	Felony Arrests	Misd Arrests	Other Arrests	Summons	Traffic	Criminal	Supplement Report	Field Interview	Reports	Total Activity
Totals	15	1	10	4	49	38	11	78	12	30	248

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Agency Statistics

August 2019

Reports Today: 0	MTD Reports This Year: 30
YTD Reports This Year: 295	YTD Reports Unapproved This Year: 6
MTD Reports Last Year: 40	YTD Reports Last Year: 287
MTD Arrests This Year: 15	YTD Arrests This Year: 155
MTD Arrests Last Year: 18	YTD Arrests Last Year: 140
MTD Citations This Year: 49	YTD Citations This Year: 448
MTD Citations Last Year: 41	YTD Citations Last Year: 514



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GPD Monthly Report for August 2019.

August 01, Orschelns reported a check forgery. After investigation, this case was filed civilly with the District Court.

August 06, Officers took a CDP report to the North Lake grass. Unknown persons drove through the wet grass, causing deep ruts. This case is open.

August 06, a 55-year-old female was arrested for Driving while Suspended. This case was referred to the City Attorney.

August 08, a report of burglary and CDP was taken at a residence in Garnett. Through the investigation, an 18-year-old female suspect was located and interviewed where they admitted to doing the burglary and CDP. This case was referred to the County Attorney for formal charges.

August 09, Officers were dispatched to a shots fired call at 2nd & Pine. On scene, multiple spent brass was recovered. No damage was located. This case remains open.

August 11, a vehicle was stopped as the driver was known to be suspended. Upon stopping, the driver was tested and determined to be under the influence of alcohol. The 38-year-old male was arrested for DUI.

August 12, Officers were dispatched to a stolen vehicle from Jeff's Towing (formerly Lutz Towing). Numerous items were damaged or missing in the lot, to include a 2004 Dodge Ram pickup. The following evening, Ottawa Police Department recovered the truck. Subsequent interviews led to two suspects (19 and 21-year-old males) being identified with one of them admitting to the theft/burglary/CDP. This case was referred to the County Attorney for charges.

August 13, Officers were dispatched to an address in Garnett for an unwanted person. Upon arrival, the officer located one 19-year-old male, two 19-year-old females, and a 20-year-old female. The four of them were arrested for Minor in Possession of Alcohol. This case was turned over to the City Attorney.

August 15, Officers took a report of a stolen handgun from a vehicle in Garnett. This case is still open currently.

On August 16, Officers were dispatched to a suicidal female. The female was taken in for a mental health screening and released from SEKMH.

On August 19, Officers responded to a stolen vehicle at the Garnett Inns and Suites. The victim, a Pizza Hut driver, was delivering pizza when his vehicle was stolen. The vehicle was recovered the next day in Allen County and returned to the owner. This case is currently open.

August 20, GPD stopped a vehicle for a traffic infraction. The driver, a 63-year-old male, was arrested for DWS 3rd or subsequent conviction.

August 23, GPD took a 58-year-old female into protective custody for mental issues. After screening, she was admitted to Osawatomie State Hospital for further care.

August 24, GPD worked a Hit & Run Accident. During the call, a suspect was named. The suspect, a 30-year-old female, contacted police and returned to the area and was cited for Leaving the Scene and Improper Backing. This case was turned over to the City Attorney.

August 25, GPD worked a Domestic Battery. A 35-year-old male was arrested for Domestic Battery, Criminal Restraint, Violation of Protection Order, and Interference. This case was turned over to the County Attorney's Office.

A subsequent search warrant was executed based on the domestic fight. The same 35-year-old was found to be a Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. This case was turned over to the County Attorney for formal charges.

August 26, GPD was dispatched for a domestic fight. A 26-year-old male was arrested for Criminal Threat and Domestic Battery. This case was turned over to the County Attorney's Office.

August 29, GPD took the report of an Aggravated Criminal Sodomy case occurring within Garnett. This case is currently being investigated.

For the month of August, GPD took a total of 279 calls for service, conducted 88 traffic stops, and had 26 calls of service for animal control.

Kurt King

Chief of Police

Parks/Recreation/Cemetery
Monthly Report
September 3, 2019

The mowing continues and do not seem to see the end in sight. We continue to mow most everyday to try to keep up with the grass. We are doing the best we can but at times must prioritize what we do to make sure the most visible areas are mowed. The guys will also be out this week trimming the cemetery which takes several days to do so that is time that is not spent on mowers but a job that must be done none the less. Hopefully the weather will take a fall like turn and this will help to make the grass slow down.

With the fall comes new sports seasons. This fall we are offering volleyball, soccer, flag, and tackle football. Joining the new league allows us to not have as many kids registered and still play games traveling to the other towns to do so. The response for the fall sports have been a little mixed. Fall soccer did not have as many kids as I expected but we still had enough to form a couple teams in a couple different age groups which is nice. It took a bit, but we finally got enough to make 4 volleyball teams in the two age groups. This will be the first year that we have formed teams and played true games. I am looking forward to seeing how this group does. Tackle football is as popular as ever we have over 50 kids signed up for the two different age groups. In talking to the coaches, we should be very competitive again this year. Flag football we are holding steady with the teams we have had in the past which is good. They are also going to be a part of the new league and I am sure they are looking forward to a few more home games.

Fall is also the time where we get to most of our field improvements and maintenance. I am looking forward to getting the field maintainer on all our fields and getting them leveled. Once we do this you will see a vast improvement on their playability and how fast they recover from the rain and whatever else mother nature has in store for us. We will also be reseeding and overseeding many of our athletic fields. These include both soccer fields, football field, and as many of the outfields we can do with our limited budget.

We do still have a couple events at the ball complex this fall. The PTO uses the fields for a kickball game and with the rain we have had to postpone the Clay Yoder Memorial Tournament until October. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for both events and we will get them in with no issues.

We are also in the process of preparing for the two biggest events that are held around the lake the first being Cornstock. With not only the concert on the hill there will be a disc golf tournament and a few other things taking place in and around the parks that we will need to prepare for. The next is the Grand Prix.

Pool season has drawn to a close and we will be draining the pool and making any repairs need from the pool season. One of which is to replace the main drain cover in the pool. With the new law in place this must be done on a regular basis and this is the year we need to get this done. We will also be patching any holes or cracks that might have opened during the pool season. This is routine fall maintenance for the pool especially with its age. It seems like each year there is a little more to do in the fall to keep the pool in good shape.

The recreation center and its membership are growing this time of year as per usual. The kids are back in school and the structure is back in place and people are coming back. The 24-hour access really helps with this and it is for sure paid for itself in the almost a year that we have had it in place. In the next year we need to look at ways to expand what we offer to keep these members coming back and renewing their memberships. I

would hate to see us come this far to offer great things and must stop because there were no resources, we could use to upgrade our programs, equipment, or the overall appearance of the recreation center.

I had mentioned it earlier that we have formed a new league with Osawatomie and Louisburg. This is something that all three towns will truly benefit from and is great for not only our programs but our community. In having this league, we will be bringing other teams into town and that should relate to more revenue for the city when they shop at our stores and eat in our restaurants. These are the type of things that I hope to continue and to grow over the years so we can all see the true benefits of parks and recreation. I would like to think that when people look to move to a new community Garnett in general, they find what we offer as far as recreational opportunities and the quality of these opportunities helps make their decision to move that much easier.

Thanks

Phil Bures

Parks and Recreation Director

Garnett Nuisance Activity

August 2019

Weeds are still the main concern with 8 letters issued. Most have complied.

Sight Obstructions are becoming an issue. 4 letters were sent concerning sight becoming obscured at intersections by brush or weeds.

Three vehicles were found noncompliant . Two have been moved

One letter was sent for trash in the yard.

At least 5 more letters will be sent or delivered this week..

Garnett Power Plant Monthly Report

We have been doing a lot of mowing for Pat Tate we have mowed 15 yards this month

Finished up rebuilding the playground Fire Truck ready to be installed

Built a gate for the south end of the Reservoir to be able to block off south end and still allow camping

Starting to rebuild dumpsters again for the Refuse Dept. We save anywhere from 1-2 thousand dollars on each dumpster we rebuild

Repaired damage to the Caboose on the trail

Cleared all the brush from behind the Power and Water plant

Cleared brush from the rail trail

August 2019 Report

We got our liftstation by the swimming pool running with both pumps. We had a Solenoid go out on our number 1 pump. We had an Analog card go out in our Influent Flow Recorder, waiting on a new card to get it up and running again.

After 17 yrs the expansion tank on our water line started leaking, had it replaced. Also our air conditioner had an issue, the contactor welded itself together, had it repaired now working like it should.

We started with the bidding stage on our point repairs for our sewer mains. We will be opening the bids on Sept. 24.

Eric Trammell

Intern Wastewater Superintendent

September 4, 2019

Street Department Report

We have been non-stop picking up brush either for storm damage, work orders, or for code enforcements. The reservoir roads have been repaired several times and still needs more but is just too wet too cleanup grass areas. Culvert at 2nd and main is installed, ditches dug and ready for blacktop. Genco/Centurylink ditch has been completed. the edges of 2nd have been graded for runoff. Hopefully washout problem is solved! Had maintainer out repairing alleys got several repaired. Replaced transmission in our service truck. Loader tires where changed, several tire repairs and new tires installed.

Sincerely,

Jason Wettstein