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Fireworks Safety/Restrictions

The Governing Body members of Gaylord want to wish everyone a safe and fun Fourth of July, and to enjoy your special events and celebrations. At this time council does not anticipate any burning bans or restrictions to be enforced, as dry conditions are not an issue. If any restrictions or bans are issued, council will pass this information along as soon as possible, so you can adjust your plans accordingly. Council would also like to remind all residents to be respectful when shooting off fireworks, and when you are done, please remove all debris from the roadways.

Fireworks can be dangerous, causing serious burns and/or injuries, so please keep the following safety tips in mind:

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper, as this is often a sign that these fireworks were made for a professional display, and they could pose a danger to consumers.
- Always have an adult supervise firework activities. (sparklers pose the highest threat at they burn at a temperature of 2,000 degrees which is hot enough to melt some metals).
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in a metal or glass containers.
- After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.
- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.

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230 people on average go the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the July 4th holiday.

Often times many pets become frightened or scared when fireworks are in use and run away. If you are uncertain how your pet(s) will react to fireworks, please keep them safely contained in their pen or an area in which they will not be able to run away. Losing a pet can be a traumatic event for all parties involved, especially when children are present. If you know your pet(s) do not handle fireworks well, please make arrangements for your pet to stay in an area where they will not be stressed by the noise of fireworks, or contact your veterinarian and it may be possible to sedate your animal to make it an enjoyable experience for all parties involved.

Water Saving Tips for your Lawn and Garden

Currently the City of Gaylord has not had to enforce any water restrictions, but conserving water usage will help maintain a steady supply of water for Gaylord for a very long time. In the summer months, water usage is at its peak for Gaylord, nearly doubling in July and August when compared to the winter months of October through December. Usage is often higher as water is used outdoors more due to gardens, yards, children's activities, swimming pools, ponds, and due to the heat more showers are taken and water consumed by animals increases.

As much as 50% of all water used outdoors is wasted due to inefficient and poor water methods.

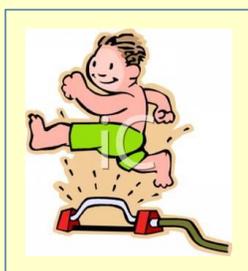
Following are a few garden water-saving tips:

- Plant a garden the appropriate size based on the size of your household.
- Plant the shortest season and drought resistant varieties if possible.
- Know when the critical water times are for each plant.
- Apply at least 3" to 4" inches of mulch.
- Add compost to your soil for added nutrients.
- Remove weeds which steal water.
- Use a water efficient irrigation system.

Following are a few lawn water-saving tips:

- Plant water efficient or drought resistant varieties.
- Replace grass with ground covers, mulches, decks or walkways.
- Adjust water schedules to reflect seasonal changes.
- Water at night between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. as this decreases evaporation and the wind is usually less in the evening to make the most of your watering time.
- Mow lawns at a higher setting as it will slow the growth rate, protect lawn from sunburn, promotes deeper root growth and shades the soil which reduces weeds .

Heat: When things get too warm.



Summer is the time of year when many hours are spent outdoors. Whether it's part of your employment or fun activities, do you know when your body is telling you it's too hot? Your bodies own cooling systems many begin to fail if exposed to hot temperatures and high humidity over long periods of time. This failure many lead to heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Do you know the warning signs of when things are heating up? Warning signs include: weakness, headache, nausea and vomiting, loss of appetite, rapid heartbeat, dizziness and muscle cramping. At the first sign of any of these symptoms while outdoors, please stop and find a cool, shady spot to rest. Drink plenty of water and fan your skin to cool down. Indoors would be the best place to go to cool down, but any shade tree and out of the direct sunlight will do. If your symptoms do not go away, and are still present after an hour or so, you need to seek medical attention. If your temperature stays above 102 degrees after an hour, or you faint or feel confused, you should go to the emergency room. Please remember to drink plenty of fluids while enjoying the outdoors and if you have been or will be for extended periods some type of electrolyte replacement drinks should also be consumed.

Don't forget about your pets and animals kept outdoors as they can suffer from heat illnesses as well. Please make they have plenty of water available to them and a cool, shady spot to lay and cool off outdoors.

Minutes from the June City Council Meeting

City of Gaylord - Minutes of June 8th, 2016 Regular Meeting

The Gaylord City Council met in regular session in the Community Center at 7:05 p.m., June 8th, 2016.

Present Members: Barb Lehmann, Wil Neussendorfer, Jim Muck, Wendell Felsburg

Absent Members: Gene Casteel

Presiding: Mayor David Tucker

Present also: City Clerk Aubrey Neussendorfer, Treasurer Crystal Iland, City Man Ed Burt

The minutes of the May 11th Regular meeting were read. Corrections of minutes included: The grant received by the Gaylord Housing was for reverse osmosis systems for all apartments. Mayor Tucker stated the purchase price of the city pickup was \$600.00 not \$580.00. Barb made the motion to approve the minutes as read, with above stated corrections. Wil seconded, motion carried.

The minutes of the Special Meeting on May 26th, 2016 were read. Barb made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Wil seconded, motion carried.

Citizen's Report: Fire Chief Stan Horning reported to council the fire department recently was reviewed for insurance purposes, to reevaluate the departments Fire Rating, which helps to determine premiums for homeowner's insurance, for residents within the area the fire department serves. Fire Chief Horning was pleased, as the department moved up from an 8:9 to a 6:6 rating. He needed to clarify additional details with ISO, the company who performed this evaluation, but believed these new insurance rates would apply towards policies starting in 2017. He also stated a few minor additional items such as flushing all hydrants more often would allow the ratings in the future to improve the ratings even more.

Fire Chief Horning also reported the progress on the Fire Station is currently stalled. Summer activities and other obligations do not allow for much free time of members to work on the inside, which still needs to be completed. The grants awarded this spring were needed, and will allow for the completion of the interior. They plan on beginning to work on the fire station as time allows when things slow down for members. Outside work for landscaping will be completed later on this year and will try to keep weeds and the grass mowed and/or sprayed during the summer months.

Mayor Tucker called for the reading of the bills. Barb made a motion, seconded by Wil, to approve payment of bills, including any routine bills outstanding. Motion carried. Bills paid out \$8,703.94.

Mayor Tucker asked for a report of utility arrears: Richard Bose, Brett Pletcher, Rory Laudry, Dyania Palm, and Greg Jones. Mayor Tucker issued notices of disconnect on said accounts on May 20th, 2016. Accounts #6 and #27 were disconnected on May 25th, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Police Contract from the Smith County Sheriff's Department was briefly discussed, and Aubrey reported, Gene had discussed with Lebanon's Mayor how this process worked and their thoughts on the matter and they were pleased with the services provided by the sheriff's department for the costs involved.
- Phillip Fishburn from MAP was here on May 23rd, and work was done to apply for a grant for the water tower and telemetry system. Aubrey was later informed then the repairs for the water tower due to a maintenance restriction do not qualify for this grant. Mr. Fishburn will need to come back and the loan application will be started for our water tower project.
- Ed reported the Arsenic System is once again, up and running. Many components ended up begin replaced/repaired after the hose failed on the arsenic system in early May.
- The Nextech Fiber Optic Project was discussed and council asked Aubrey to send a letter to Nextech addressing the issues of: not properly informing individual residents with either a town meeting as promised or when crews were working talking to homeowners, taking our employees away from their daily tasks to help with their different crews on site, and also not informing the City as to when they would officially begin to work in town and just arrived.
- Council was informed from Chief Horning during his report he has provided the listing of fire hydrants which could be removed to Gene and Ed. Stan will touch base with Gene when he returns, and will also see if he still has this list himself, and will drop by the City Office.
- Grass has been planted behind the Community Center.
- Aubrey reported the new magnetic signs, and caution light for the City Pickup and Trash Truck have arrived and are in use.

- Mayor Tucker reported the millings from KDOT are available for \$8.00/ton and the city would need to load and haul for this price. He will also keep trying to get pricing information from the Smith County Road Department for current prices of rock from their pits.
- Wil made the motion to purchase the 1989 Ford from David Tucker to use as the city pickup for \$600.00. Barb seconded, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Aubrey reminded council if they want to place a burn ban or fireworks restriction, to call a special meeting as soon as possible before the 4th of July. If not, the way they current ordinance reads, if the county commissioners place a burn ban, the City of Gaylord is automatically in a burn ban as well.
- Ed reported Charlie, the sewer representative from KRWA, was here on June 3rd and measured the lagoons again to determine the sludge status. Ed was happy to report the amounts in the lagoons are less than they were a few years back, and our current practices are helping to reduce the sludge. Relining and de-sludging the ponds at this point will not be needed for ten to twenty years, as long as nothing major occurs, but begin budgeting for this expense. Also after discussing the reason behind performing a smoke test, Charlie did not feel it would be worth the money, unless the city is having major problems within the sewer system.
- Jim made the motion to have Tom Carpenter with Mapes & Miller prepare the 2017 budget. Barb seconded, motion carried.
- Aubrey reported Shawn with NetBidz sent an email stating he would be having an online Consignment auction in July. Wil made the motion to place the two Chevy pickups on this consignment auction with NetBidz. Jim seconded, motion carried.
- Aubrey reminded council to begin thinking if any of our upcoming projects would be good candidates for applying for fall grants.

REPORTS:

STREETS: Wendell asked if all the millings piled at the Fire Station, would end up being used there, or if any could be used elsewhere in the city. Ed believed all would be used at the fire station, but if any was left he would use to patch holes on the west end of Main Street. Wendell reported he was still searching for an affordable option for sand and/or rock to use on the streets.

SEWER/TRASH: Gene was absent. Ed asked to have a reminder placed in the July newsletter of making sure residents place trash in secure bags or boxes and any loose trash will not be picked up. Especially trash in a container needs to be in a bag as the containers cannot be lifted into the truck and dumped.

WATER: Jim reported all things are going well.

FIRE: Wil reported the department had two runs this past month, a grass fire and a truck accident.

HOUSING/COMMUNITY CENTER: 8 units are rented. Barb asked if the ditches along Main Street can be weed-eated, and then sprayed to keep the weeds down which are located in areas a mower is unable to reach as currently the ditches are an eyesore.

PARKS: David reported the park will need watered if it does not rain.

CITY MAN: Ed reported he had received a complaint about musk thistle from a resident concerning the lot owned by Dennis Lehmann by the water tower. Barb reported these have been sprayed and the heads were cut off.

TREASRUER: no report

CITY CLERK: no report

Mayor Tucker stated the next council meeting will be July 13th, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Wil asked Ed if the meter pit could be lowered to ground level at Dennis Lehmann's shop to prevent further damage. Ed said he would be able to do this and would take a look at it this week.

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)

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

Construction Zone

Spring and summer is often the times when many homeowners have improvements completed to their homes. Some homeowners may do the work themselves, but if the idea of adding a deck, or house addition, or installing a new roof or siding to your home gives your nightmares, you may need to hire a contractor or construction company to complete the task for you. Here are a few things you should consider while looking for someone to complete your project. Know exactly what you to have done before you begin looking. You need to have an idea and plans of what you looking for in your project, and the type of materials to be used, before you know what type of contractor you need for the job. This way they will be able to give you the most accurate estimate for your project. Once you know what your project entails, begin asking your friends, family, community members for recommendations. Once you have names of different companies, narrow your choices down to at least three, obtain estimates, and meet with each one of them. With at least three options to consider you can get a pretty good idea of cost and time your project will entail. Be prepared as a good contractor will usually be busy, and have a waiting period before they would be able to start on your project. Ask if any part of the project will be done by sub-contractors, and if so, which companies will be used. Make sure you hire a contractor who routinely does work which includes the type of work your project requires. You don't want a contractor who does tile work routinely, placing shingles on your roof. Check the contractor's references and subcontractors he will be working with to verify prior work and to make sure their accounts are kept current, and bills are paid in a timely manner. Also ask for your contractor's license and insurance information. Also verify with the appropriate agencies this information is current and correct. Also check with local registries to see if any legal action, and why type has the contractor been involved with.

By doing your research you should be able to avoid any major issues with your project and have a completed project you can be proud of!

Council – Housing Board Special Meeting

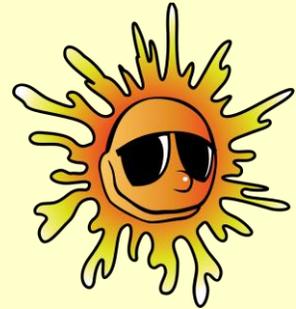
A joint special meeting was held between the Gaylord City Council and the Gaylord Parkview Manor Housing Board on May 26th, 2016. This meeting was called by city council as an informational meeting, as council had numerous questions on different policies and procedures the Housing Authority follows, and felt a meeting with all members present would address all issues in the most effective manor.

Fire Department receives grant

Congratulations to the Gaylord Volunteer Fire Department as they have received a \$3,000.00 Grant from the Rathert Foundation to help with expenses on the new Fire Station. This brings the total for the department to \$16,200.00 in grants this year to apply for expenses on upgrading equipment and completing the Fire Station.

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.



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.

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

With summer break in the near future, if your children are looking to continue their love of reading, please remember our Library is open every Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 to 11 am. Donna has a great selection of books for children of all ages.

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Have a Safe and Happy Fourth of July!!

WATER BILL IS ENCLOSED IN THIS NEWSLETTER!