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Boil Advisories – Why are they needed?

The City of Gaylord in recent months has been under two different Boil Advisories for loss of pressure within our water system. Leaks caused by broken pipes have been the culprits in both cases which involved Boil Advisories to be issued. When enough water is removed from our system, this allows the pressure to drop below 20 psi. When this happens, our chlorine which is added to water at the wells, can no longer effectively be distributed to levels which are required to prevent bacteria or organisms from growing within our water supply. As a result, this is why a boil advisory is issued. To be safe, all water users should boil their water one minute before using to kill harmful bacteria. Chlorine levels are routinely checked to verify levels are maintained at levels required by the state of Kansas. Ed Burt performs testing every day from various places within town, from sources which do not have a water softener, or Reverse Osmosis or any type of water filtration system in place to make sure the chlorine levels are maintained in our water system. Also each month a total of four samples are sent to the Kansas Department of Health & Environment Laboratories to be analyzed for contaminants of all bacteria and a separate test for E.coli. At this time they also test for chlorine levels. I have enclosed a listing of commonly asked questions concerning a boil advisory and the Center of Disease Control's answers to these questions.

Arsenic System is completed!

During the month of April the final components for the Arsenic Removal System were installed on Well #7 and finally completed. On the last week of April, the new arsenic removal system was in full operation. The arsenic removal system is located within the well house, and a new drainage line into our sewer system had to be installed. After many months of planning and designing this system, then waiting for approval from the State of Kansas, and finally having the system installed have come to an end, as the system is up and running. The type of arsenic removal system the City of Gaylord is using is an oxidation/filtration system and not only does it remove arsenic, but iron and manganese as well. Our system uses a basic three step process to remove arsenic, iron, and manganese from our water. Step One is the Pre-Treatment or Oxidation phase. During this phase an oxidant or chlorine in our case causes contaminants in the water to precipitate and settle out. Precipitated contaminants are much larger and clump together so they can be removed through straining. Step Two is the filtration phase. Water flows through the filter slowly enough, to allow for the contaminants to be removed from the water. Water must not be forced with too much pressure during this phase as it will force the contaminants to breakdown, and thus becoming small enough to pass through the filter resulting in water with the contaminants back into the

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The Egyptians were the first people to have records indicating water treatment methods.

water supply once again. Step Three is the final step and is called the back wash phase. Once a filter is caked full of the sludge of all the arsenic, iron, and manganese it has removed from our water, it needs to be cleaned out itself. A back wash is a forceful flush that removes this sludge. If a filter is not cleaned, it will load up with crud and begin to solidify into a massive chunk of sludge which will eventually stop the functioning of the system as water will no longer be able to pass through. Our system is set-up to directly drain right into our sewer system. Ed Burt performs daily monitoring and testing to verify the system is still effectively removing the containments of arsenic, iron, and manganese. Residents should begin to notice less residues of iron or the red stuff within your households.

There are over 2.6 million miles of underground pipelines in the United States – enough to circle the earth over 100 times.

Also if any resident notices water or running water in any spot where water normally is not pooling or running please let any employee or council member know immediately. The City of Gaylord would like to thank you in advance concerning this matter, as it may prevent having to issue a Boil Advisory in the future if the issue is resolved in time.

Nex-tech – Work in Progress

As you may have noticed many areas in town are highly decorated with numerous flags marking lines for all utilities in town. Nex-tech crews have begun to work in the western half of town already updating and installing fiber optic lines to resident's homes. These crews began much earlier than we first anticipated, and please be patient while this work is being completed as with the addition of fiber optic to all residents within Gaylord. This will continue to improve the quality of service offered to our community from Nex-tech.

Did you know the color of flag represents the type of line they are marking? White flags are typically used to mark the spot in which the work or digging will occur. Red flags mark electric power lines, cables, conduit and lighting cables. Yellow flags mark, gas oil, steam, petroleum or gaseous materials. Orange flags mark communications, cable tv, alarm or signal lines, cables or conduit. Blue flags mark water lines. Green flags marking sewers and sewer drain lines. Purple flags mark reclaimed water, irrigation and slurry lines. Pink flags mark temporary survey markings.



When to Call Dig-Safe

As homeowners we do many projects each year within our yards to aid in the beautification of our community and many times we do this without thinking about calling DIG-SAFE before we begin these projects to insure of an un-eventful project. With many homeowners, if planning a major construction project or hiring a contractor, this step is always a done deal, but did you know even many smaller tasks such as planting a tree, or building a fence also require a DIG-SAFE ticket to be issued? Other tasks such as placing a mailbox, or setting posts for building a deck or even planning larger hedges, also call in for a DIG-SAFE ticket to be issued. If you have any questions concerning if a DIG-SAFE ticket is needed for your project, please do not hesitate to call 811 before you dig.

Minutes from the May City Council Meeting

City of Gaylord - Minutes of May 11th, 2016 Regular Meeting

The Gaylord City Council met in regular session in the Community Center at 7:03 p.m., May 11th, 2016.

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

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 April 13th Regular meeting were read. Corrections of minutes included: Mayor Tucker issued notices of disconnect on March 20th not February 20th, and Mayor Tucker attended a Entrepreneurship Meeting on Smith Center on April 14th not March 14th. Barb made the motion to approve the minutes as read, with above stated corrections. Jim seconded, motion carried.

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 \$9,016.00.

Citizen's Report: Crystal thanked council on behalf of Adam Iland for the Thank You card which was sent for spraying the park.

Mayor Tucker asked for a report of utility arrears: Richard Bose, Kaid Dannenberg, Clarence Bollig, Rory Laudry, Dyania Palm, and Greg Jones. Mayor Tucker issued notices of disconnect on said accounts on April 20th.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Police Contract from the Smith County Sheriff's Department was briefly discussed and this matter was tabled until all council members are present to discuss.
- Recent dog complaints were reviewed and council agreed until a written complaint is needed before any action will be taken by council.
- The recent meeting with Mr. Fishburn from MAP was discussed for our best option to fund our water tower project. Council agreed once all grants statuses are known, for a special meeting to be scheduled in order to begin the application with MAP.
- Ed, Jim and David updated all members on the arsenic system as it was completed the end of April and is running smoothly. Ed believes over time once all adjustments are finalized we will be using less chlorine and possible less additives for our Aqua-Mag system to treat for iron. Ed also discussed the different methods for testing daily to achieve the chlorine and arsenic levels needed to verify the new system is working.
- Clerk Neussendorfer reported no new bids for cleaning/waxing/sealing the community center floors have been received as no companies really do this type of work anymore as most businesses do their own, as they have their own equipment. After discussion, council decided to not do anything to the floors at this time and once it really needs attention they would like to look into options to replace the floors.
- Updates were provided for the Nex-Tech project which has begun in town for running new fiber optic lines.
- Ed reported he has not heard from Stan yet as to which fire hydrants can be removed instead of replaced.

Ed reported no grass has been planted in behind the community center as of yet.

Mayor Tucker called for a recess beginning at 7:54 p.m. for ten minutes. Mayor Tucker called the meeting back to regular session at 8:02 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS continued

- Aubrey reported she has taken a copy of our EMC Insurance policy to Byron Fouts with Fouts Insurance. He stated he would review our policy and could make some recommendations such as only carrying liability insurance on vehicles after a certain year moving forward. When our policy renews in April of next year is the only time in which we can change agents and council at this time would like to review this matter again the first part of next year.
- No new progress has occurred on the Fire Truck/Trash Truck conversion.
- Mayor Tucker was able to purchase the 87 Ford Truck for our City Pick-up. Barb made the motion to purchased magnetic signs which will read City of Gaylord to place on the city pickup and magnetic caution lights to place on vehicles when in use. Wil seconded, motion carried.
- Clerk Neussendorfer reported she had received a complaint about non-residents using the City Burn Site to place trees. After discussion council agreed only residents and water and sewer users are allowed to use the City Burn Site unless prior authorization is obtain from city council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Aubrey reported the June Newsletter contained articles over Boil Advisories, the Arsenic System, Nex-Tech Project, When to Call Dig Safe, minutes from our May Meeting, Roaming Dogs and will also have an insert for frequently asked questions concerning Boil Advisories for residents to have on hand for future reference.

- Ed and Aubrey discussed the recent Boil Advisory which was issued on Friday May 6th due to a hose breaking on the arsenic system during its backwash procedure which resulted in the water tower draining and losing pressure within the system below 20 psi. Sample bottles were brought up from Hays, KS on Friday and Mayor Tucker hand delivered them in Topeka on Friday afternoon. Results were obtained on Monday and thus the Boil Advisory was lifted on Monday May 9th. Aubrey asked council when all the invoices arrive for this boil advisory if all should be presented to Boettcher for reimbursement as it was due to the improper installation of a pipe in the arsenic system resulting in the incident. Council agreed to seek reimburse for the expense of the boil advisory from Boettcher's.
- Aubrey reported the last quarters interest on the CD's was \$91.49
- Ed reported he spent an hour of his time helping Stan fix a water leak on his property as it broke while he was removing a tree. After discussion council agreed since Stan paid for all parts to fix the leak and all equipment was Stan's, no charge would be assessed for the hour of Ed's labor.

- Aubrey report Pastor Jim from Harlan would like use of the city park for at least two Saturday's in June for kid's activities which would be like Bible School from approximately 10:30 am to 1 pm. Aubrey stated she had told Jim she would need to run this by council first and also check with our Insurance Company to find out how events like this are covered. Aubrey stated she has contacted our Insurance agent and found out a copy of the groups Liability insurance would be needed for them to host these activities in our park. Council agreed that as long as they provided the necessary paperwork for insurance they could use the park as many Saturday's in June as they wanted. Council also discussed cleaning and making minor fixes to have at least one functioning bathroom at the City Park so when it's used access is available.
- Aubrey reported a priority list is needed for Mr. Fishburn to begin working on other projects for the city to aid in future planning for budgets and projects. Council agreed the list which was prepared by Aubrey would be ideal for our priority list.
- David reported on the E-Community Meeting he had attended and did not sound like it would be anything the City of Gaylord would be able to be involved with and was not very organized or presented well to understand the true benefits of the program.
- David also reported he had discussed with the Mayor of Lebanon about a recent ordinance they are working on to restrict people from bringing in campers or mobile homes and would require the only way these could be brought into the city moving forward, is they would be required to be placed on permanent foundations. Council agreed this is an area they would like to review once Lebanon has an ordinance in place.
- David reported he was able to purchase the 1987 Ford Pickup for \$580.00 and it will need a new exhaust and u-joint.

REPORTS:

STREETS: Wendell asked Ed to begin filling some of the larger pothole within town. Ed reported he will need more rock. Prices of sand and millings were discussed. A complaint was received on Third Street from Rob Gillis old house to Highway 9. David will call KDOT in Phillipsburg to see if they have any more millings from the state the City could have or purchase to use on the roads in town.

SEWER/TRASH: Gene was absent. Ed reported the Sewer Representative from Kansas Rural Water will be here June 3rd to re-measure the lagoons to see the current levels of sludge and will give us names of contractors who do the de-sledging of the lagoons and re-lining.

WATER: Jim reported all things are going well except for the arsenic system at this time.

FIRE: Wil reported the following two grants have been received by the Fire Department: Smith County Community Foundation/Hansen for \$10,200.00 and Bill & Julia Thomas Trust for \$3,000.00.

HOUSING/COMMUNITY CENTER: 10 units are rented. Barb discussed the discrepancies they are currently having with the restrictions for applicants and are trying to figure how what rules need to be applied to be able to filter out some of the applicants for the housing. Barb also reported the Housing had received a \$5,000 grant to apply towards the construction of their outdoor covered area which will contain a permanent grilling area, benches and a smoking area for all residents to use.

Barb also asked Ed when mowing at the Community Center to make sure any grass clipping are removed from the sidewalks to prevent them from being tracked into the hall.

PARKS: David reported the park currently looks nice and will need to have one tree removed.

CITY MAN: Ed reported the new locator works well for detecting metal only. Midwest Energy is trying to get a different locator which will work better for higher depths and other types of metal such as copper and our tracer wires. Ed stated the tractor still needs looked over.

TREASRUER: no report

CITY CLERK: no report

Mayor Tucker stated the next council meeting will be June 8th, 2016 at 7 p.m.

David also asked is the cluster flies were still an issue at the community center. Aubrey reported they were not and after discussion council agreed if they did become a problem to go ahead and order the products necessary to take care of the problem.

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.

Who let the dogs out?

As the summer season approaches and many kids are now out of school for the summer, and spend many hours outside with activities, council would like to remind all dog owners in Gaylord to please keep your dogs on a leash when walking them or confined to your property while outside. Dogs running freely can cause many problems for residents, and by keeping them on a leash, within a pen, or with the aid of electronic fences within your property lines, many of these issues can be prevented. Roaming dogs can tear into trash bags and create a mess for not only Ed who is picking up our trash on Tuesday mornings, but for our residents who are left picking up the pieces. Also dogs who are allowed to roam are more prone to running in packs and can easily get into dog fights or as a group will attack other dogs, even small children, or other animals located within town which may even be in pens and are not able to escape. Roaming dogs that are also not spayed or neutered are more likely to continue to increase the problem by having more litters of puppies. Please make sure your dogs are current on their vaccinations, especially rabies. If your dog would by chance be involved in a biting incident, their rabies vaccination status will determine what will happen to your pet. A standard practice according to the Center for Disease Control's website is to quarantine a dog for 10-days after a biting incident to observe the animals for signs of rabies. It also is a possibility after this 10 day period, testing may still need to be done, and this may result in the animal having to be put down as brain tissue is needed for this testing.



Five Reasons to leash dogs

1. *It keeps your dog safe.*
 2. *It keeps other dogs safe.*
 3. *People have the right to enjoy walks without your dog bothering them.*
 4. *You could lose your dog.*
 5. *It keeps the peace.*
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Gaylord Parkview Manor receives grant

A Smith County Community Foundation Grant was awarded to the Gaylord Parkview Manor for \$5000.00. This grant will aid the installation of a Reverse Osmosis system to give access to all residents a higher quality of water in their apartments.

Fire Department receives grants

The following grants have been awarded to the Gaylord Fire Department for completing the Fire Station project. A Smith County Community Foundation/Dane G Hansen Grant totaling \$10,200.00 and a Bill & Julia Thomas Charitable Trust Grant for \$3,000.00.

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

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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