

The City of Goodland



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JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

Kansas Begins Here!



The City Offices will be **closed** on January 2nd for New Years Day and January 16th for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Note that the commission meetings will be on Tuesday the 3rd and Tuesday the 17th due to the holidays.



***FREE TAG DAY ***

FOR PETS

JANUARY 17, 2023 ONLY!

OWNERS MUST

PROVIDE CURRENT PROOF
OF RABIES VACCINATION.

Looking for a way to get involved in the community?

Consider filling a position on our Planning Commission! A Board Interest Form may be obtained from the City Office at 204 W. 11th St. or online at www.goodlandks.gov



Happy Kansas Day! - January 29th

High Plains Museum News



The museum will be hosting the traveling exhibit "In the Fields of Time" from the Kauffman Museum starting **January 6 and running until March 12**. This exhibit explores the impact of two Kansas boys on American archeology.

We will also explore the underwater history of Western Kansas with the help of the Fick Fossil Museum and the Trego County Historical Museum.

Our Kansas Day celebration will take place on **January 28**, with Jeff Broome our guest speaker. Mr. Broome will discuss the Kidder Massacre and we will honor Doug Whitson with an unveiling and dedication of the Kidder Massacre collection he donated to the museum.

From all of us at the City of Goodland, I would like to wish you a Happy New Year!

As we enter 2023, here is a short review of projects and problem solving that was successful in the past year as we have been responsible stewards of your tax dollars.

This past year, the City completed and rebuilt with concrete pavement and concrete curb and gutter work on 17th from Center Av. to a spot just west of Kansas Av. with a grant from Kansas Department of Transportation. City crews also rebuilt the curb and sidewalk in the 1300 block of Broadway as preparation for the annual chip and seal with a fog seal overlay on several streets in the City.

The airport had a major project funded by the FAA. So big that it shut down all flights at the airport for about 3 weeks in June. The crosswind runway, Runway 5/23, was rebuilt with concrete and the runway extended another 500 feet to make it 4000 feet long. Even though the airport does not have commercial service, it is a critical asset to the agricultural sector as well as general aviation.

Due to a series of critical system failures, serious renovations have occurred at the wastewater treatment plant. Replaced 3 motors in the pista grit machine, rebuilt the air diffuser, replaced blower motors, rebuilt the skimmer arm, replaced the wastewater weirs and gasket and then sandblasted and painted the clarifier and numerous other parts of the treatment plant. All these repairs, replacements and rebuilds occurred while still operating in some fashion. Wastewater plant is back to normal operations now.

Electric Department staff finished installing additional street lights on Hwy 24 with 28 new lights all the way out to Exit 19 on I-70. They also started a project to add power transformers and change some other parts of the system to serve the new addition to the diesel technology building at Northwest Kansas Technical College. As with many other sectors, staff has dealt with supply issues that often delay delivery of specific items for 20 and even up to 52 weeks.

Our park system had one large project that may not be noticeable yet; but, city staff installed a new irrigation system at Phillips Park which will make a difference in the appearance of the turf in 2023. Smaller projects to install power access allowed concerts in the parks to occur at Gulick, Chambers and Steever Parks this past summer. Look for them to return in 2023 with the oversight of Sherman County Community Development. The High Plains Museum also completed a major renovation project in their back gallery. If you haven't visited since it was completed, it is worth a visit.

Policing becomes more demanding each year. Policing will always face constant pressures: to respond to emergencies, to prevent crime and maintain order, to secure justice, to reassure, and to seek out and address harms that affect the most vulnerable in society. I would urge you to thank our law enforcement officers throughout the area every opportunity you can as they put themselves in harm's way for you and your loved ones. There are numerous other projects, repairs or fixes that occurred but we are only able to get these done because of city staff members. Their dedication, professionalism and experience keep Goodland city services operating at a high level.

I would also like to thank Commissioners Aaron Thompson, JJ Howard, Ann Myers, Brook Redlin and Jason Showalter for their willingness to step forward and make decisions for the community. Being a City Commissioner can at times be a difficult and thankless job, but they provide the leadership and direction to staff to handle challenging issues that our community faces. Again, Happy New Year from the City of Goodland – let's make Goodland a better home city in 2023! – Kent Brown, City Manager