

public notice

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1617

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS RATES PROVIDED TO CITIZENS BY THE CITY OF GOODLAND AND AMENDING AND REPEALING CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 17-401, 17-402 AND 17-403 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GOODLAND AS IT PERTAINS TO LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF CITY OF GOODLAND, KANSAS:

ARTICLE IV

LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

SECTION I Electric Utility Rate

Any household whose total annual income is \$15,000 or less shall be eligible for a monthly low income electric rate, which shall be charged as follows:

Energy Charge: \$0.091 per KWH.

Customer charge: None

SECTION II Water Utility Rate

Any household whose total annual income is \$15,000 or less shall be eligible for a monthly low income water rate. The monthly low income water utility rate shall be 15 percent lower than the monthly water rates currently set out in the Code of the City of Goodland, Kansas. There shall be no meter charge for low income customers.

SECTION III Application

Any member of a household, which qualifies hereunder may make an application with the city clerk to be approved for low income electric and water rates. Said application shall be on a form prepared by the city clerk and the city clerk shall be authorized to solicit such information on said form as may be necessary to properly evaluate said application. The annual gross income is defined to mean the full 12 calendar months immediately prior to the filing of an application with the city clerk. Said application form shall contain an authorization, to be signed by said applicant, authorizing the city clerk to verify the information set forth in said application. Said application shall be duly subscribed and sworn to by the applicant.

Upon receipt of an application, the city clerk shall have fifteen 15-days in which to approve or disapprove an application. In the event of a disagreement between the applicant and the city clerk, the applicant shall be entitled to appeal the decision of the city clerk to the city commission, which shall make a final determination upon said application.

Approval of an application shall be for a twelve 12-month period. However, if during said twelve 12-months period, the total annual gross income from all members of a household shall exceed the sum of \$15,000, it shall be the applicant's responsibility to so notify the city clerk so that said household will revert to the regular electrical and water rates. At the end of the twelve 12-month period after approval of an application, said approval shall automatically terminate, unless the applicant shall, at least fifteen 15-days prior to the end of said twelve 12-month period, file an application for an additional twelve 12-month period of reduced electrical and water rates, as provided herein. Upon receipt of a reapplication the city clerk shall have fifteen 15-days in which to approve or disapprove such reapplication.

REPEALER: CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 17-401, 17-402 AND 17-403 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GOODLAND ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect for all Utility Customers of the City of Goodland billed on or after March 1, 2011 and after publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Goodland, Kansas this 7th day of February 2011.

Joshua Dechant,
Mayor

ATTEST:
Mary P. Volk,
City Clerk

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Working together hard for groups

By Ron Wilson

Director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University

Working together. That's something that is often hard to do for farm organizations as they compete for scarce resources in Washington, D.C., for example. Yet according to one national agricultural leader, working together can sometimes help those organizations accomplish even more. This national farm leader is making cooperation among farm organizations a priority, just as he has practiced back home in his state of Kansas. It's the subject of today's Kansas Profile.

Jerry McReynolds is president of the National Association of Wheat Growers. He comes from rural Kansas, where he produces wheat, sorghum for grain and forage, corn and soybeans. He also operates a commercial cow herd. His farm is located south of Woodston, Kansas, population 114 people. Now, that's rural.

Jerry graduated from K-State in agricultural economics and was a member of the very first Kansas Agricultural and Rural Leadership class. He was active in the Kansas

Association of Wheat Growers at the local level and worked his way up.

"One time Senator Pat Roberts really challenged us," Jerry said. "He was speaking at a meeting several years ago and pointed out that Kansas is a big contributor to the national wheat organizations because of our large production, but we hadn't had a national president of those organizations in many years. So he encouraged us to get involved and become national officers. I thought to myself, 'Well, he's right. Somebody ought to do that.'"

At the time, he didn't realize that he would become that somebody.

Jerry did get involved on various committees, was asked to serve as president of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, and eventually asked to serve as national president.

"I never felt I had the time, but I'm concerned about policy issues and the future of our profession," Jerry said. In March 2010, he became president of the National Association of Wheat Growers. One of his recent predecessors was Kansas' John Thiemert, who also took up the challenge from Sen. Roberts.

In Kansas, Jerry was involved in the process that culminated in Kan-

sas Wheat, the innovative cooperative agreement and unified staffing arrangement between the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and the Kansas Wheat Commission.

Jerry believes in cooperation among farm organizations where possible, and he is drawing on his experience in his home state. When he was president of the Kansas association, many organizations were gearing up for the 2008 farm bill. He led the effort to create a Farm Bill Coalition from every commodity group and general farm organization that he could get to participate. They identified policy statements on issues where all the organizations could agree.

"If anybody had disagreement with a position, we wouldn't go there," Jerry said. A neutral moderator launched their discussion, and the organizations took turns providing the chairman for each meeting so that no one organization would dominate. They found a surprisingly high level of agreement on common issues.

"We agreed on 34 statements of policy, and then we shared those with the Kansas Congressional delegation and others on the Hill," Jerry said. "I think they were impressed that we could come with some uni-

fied issues."

"We're not going to agree on everything," Jerry said. "We're working hard for wheat growers' best interest, but in doing so, we find we can agree with other commodity organizations more than we disagree."

Now at the national level, Jerry is again working to create a dialogue with other grower groups.

"We've met with representatives of corn, soybeans, grain sorghum, cotton, peanuts, and rice," Jerry said. "We're making an effort to build relationships so we can put together on this farm bill. We hope to work together for all of agriculture."

"It's not about me," Jerry said. "It's about the organization and how we can contribute to make things better."

Working together. That's not always easy for farm organizations in a time of scarce resources, but this national ag leader from Kansas is making cooperation a priority. We salute Jerry McReynolds for making a difference by finding ways for farm organizations to arrive at common ground.

In addition to being a wheat state, Kansas is a meat state. We'll learn more next week.

Four scholarships available from foundation

Citizens Foundation at Citizens Medical Center in Colby is asking for scholarship applications.

Four scholarships are available. The \$1,000 Dr. Jeff Jennings Memorial Scholarship, the \$1,500 Citizens Medical Center Health

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Application deadline is at 2 p.m.

on Saturday, April 30. To qualify for these scholarships, one must be continuing or beginning their career in health care and be a resident of the nine county area. There are no school restrictions for these awards.

Applications are available via email at citizensfoundation@nwk-healthcare.com, or contact Tama Unger at Citizens Foundation at (785) 460-1214.

Lions from western Kansas to meet in Hays

A 'PRIDE' of Lions from the 70 clubs across the Western half of Kansas will gather at Memorial Union on the Fort Hays State University Campus in Hays, on Saturday, Feb. 19, for the annual Lions 17-L District Convention. Special guests for the Lions will be International Director Gary D'Orazio who will serve as guest speaker and

representative of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

Lions District Governor Kerry Hookstra and wife, Lion Renetta of the Downs Lions Club, will serve as hosts for all Kansas Lions, and for our special international guest. Past Council Chair Les Herrman of the Hays Lions Club serves as Convention Chairman and Manager.

Other Kansas Lions will attend and serve as instructors and presenters for various workshops and information seminars. These seminars are designed to assist local club officers and members develop leadership skills to improve service to their hometown communities in Western Kansas.

The International Association of

Lions Clubs is the world's largest community service organization with over 1.35 million Lions in 45,853 clubs in 206 countries. Western Kansas Lions of MD17-L number 1,500+ members in 70 Lions Clubs and Branch Clubs that cover the entire western half of Kansas.

matters of record

Goodland Police

The following incidents have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

Dec. 13 - 1:36 p.m., 1209 Harrison Ave., Apt. 5, Northwest Kansas Technical College reported criminal damage.

Dec. 17 - 8:09 a.m., 2160 Commerce Rd., Walmart reported theft. 11:30 a.m., 1408 Kansas Ave., report of cruelty to animals. Case referred to county attorney.

9:06 p.m., 1209 Harrison Ave., Apt. 6, arrested Justin Forell, Taylor Allyn Wuthnow, Joseph D. White, Ariel K. Hapke, Kabir Moreno, Amanda C. Hulkeba and Chad Allen Kochenower for minor in possession/minor in consumption of alcohol.

Dec. 18 - 12:06 a.m., 515 E. Fifth, Apt. 112, arrested Lisa Marie Barricklow for criminal damage to property. Case referred to county

attorney.

3:28 a.m., 602 E. Ninth, Misty Fink reported criminal damage to property.

7:09 a.m., 1802 Sandy Rd., Thomas Gregg Terry reported burglary and theft. Case referred to county attorney.

8:40 a.m., 222 E. Fifth, Paul Knapp reported burglary and criminal damage. Case referred to county attorney.

12:01 p.m., 410 Clark Ave., Waylon Walker reported burglary and theft. Case referred to county attorney.

Dec. 20 - 5:04 p.m., 220 W. Second, arrested Gary Searle, Jr., on domestic battery against Monica Ann O'Brien. Case referred to city attorney.

Dec. 27 - 9:37 p.m., 317 Broadway Ave., Harold Walter Johnson reported criminal damage to property.

Dec. 30 - 7:08 a.m., 829 W. Business U.S. 24, Johnnie J. Howard reported theft

Jan. 1 - 2:23 a.m., 804 W. 17th, arrested Jordan Roane for battery against Katie Janet Clancy. Case referred to city attorney.

Jan. 2 - 10:48 a.m., 923 Wyoming Ave., Gary Lee Drennan reported criminal damage to property.

Jan. 3 - 6:30 p.m., 211 Center Ave., battery reported against a juvenile. Case referred to county attorney.

Jan. 6 - 3:22 a.m., 1716 Montana Ave., arrested Anthony J. Tupper

for battery, domestic battery and criminal damage to property against Charles Kopp and Penny Blossom Lane. Case referred to county attorney.

7:33 p.m., 421 Cherry Ave., domestic battery reported against Timothy J. Aaron and Steven L. Roberts. Case referred to city attorney.

Jan. 7 - 8:42 a.m., 1023 Main Ave., Noel Sanoco Brunidor reported burglary and theft.

2:10 p.m., 516 W. Business U.S. 24, Eloise R. Fuentes reported burglary and theft.

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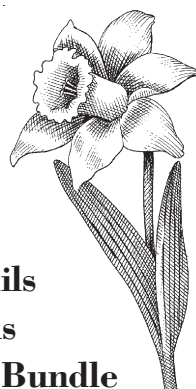
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