

# Jetmore base ball team plays with vintage rules

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The pitcher eyes home plate, looks toward first, and throws the pitch. Strike three! It's another summer baseball game in Kansas. But wait, these players are wearing woolen uniforms, and they're not even using baseball gloves. Is this a throwback to the 1860s? Yes, and it's a wonderful way to celebrate the heritage of baseball.

As we learned last week, Mark Wellbrock is owner of the Jetmore Food Center in Jetmore. He is also a part of a remarkable revival of old-time base ball (spelled as two words) in our state. His team is known as the Hodgeman Nine.

A guy Mark knew from Jetmore visited Colorado Springs and happened to see a vintage base ball game. He came back and told the Jetmore folks all about it.

It was a bunch of guys in old-time uniforms playing old-time base ball. So some guys in Jetmore wanted to try it.

"I love baseball and I like history," Mark said. "I had played baseball all the way through college." So, with financial sponsorship from Mark's store (the Jetmore Food Center), a vintage base ball team was put together. Retro uniforms and equipment were gathered and a team was assembled.

Taking its name from the county, the team became known as the

Hodgeman Nine. The team now plays up to twenty times per year.

"We play using 1860s rules and equipment," Mark said. "It's kind of like living history or a re-enactment, but no one knows the outcome."

The players wear cool-looking retro uniforms with striped hats. The uniforms look cool, but they are definitely not cool in temperature. In fact, they are actually quite hot, like the woollen uniforms of yesterday.

The Hodgeman Nine plays games in various locations around the state and beyond.

"We get calls from Colorado, Oklahoma and eastern Kansas," Mark said. Some tourism attractions have had the Hodgeman Nine come in and play to help create a nostalgic environment. "We ask for enough funds to recoup the costs of equipment."

"We have players ranging from eighth grade to 58 years old and everything in between, from novice to experienced," he said.

This is also a way to bring together people across the region. Besides Jetmore, the team has players from the rural communities of Larned, Spearville and Hanston, population 268 people. Now, that's rural.

One of the hallmarks of vintage base ball is sportsmanship.

"This is not a win-at-all-costs type of sport," Mark said. "We make it a point to follow gentlemanly conduct." It doesn't sound like there was a lot of trash talking going on at the 1860s ball diamonds.

In fact, the Hodgeman Nine uses the old-time language. For example, instead of "Batter up", they might say, "Striker to the Line." "Huzzah" was a term used to cheer a fine play, and a "Muffin" was a player that wasn't all that skilled. The umpire might wear a top hat and tails, but was called a "Blind Tom." Well, some things haven't changed...

Why does Mark Wellbrock do this? "It's educational, and it's a way to export knowledge about our county," Mark said. "Baseball is a huge part of our history. It's important for our kids to get that experience of teamwork."

After one of Mark's presentations about the vintage sport, a person told him that it had re-instilled his love of baseball. It influenced another current baseball coach to teach his team the history of the game.

"One of our players had played college ball at the Division One level, at the University of Houston," Mark said. "He told me that playing with us was the most fun he had ever had on a baseball field." After a tournament with vintage teams from three other Kansas communities, the Hodgeman Nine are now Kansas Vintage Base Ball champions.

The pitcher eyes home plate and lets the ball fly. This isn't just another baseball game, it is vintage base ball. We salute Mark Wellbrock, the Hodgeman Nine and all those involved with vintage base ball for making a difference by capturing and preserving this heritage. Huzzah!

## public notice

### ORDINANCE NUMBER 1633

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO ELECTRIC UTILITY RATES PROVIDED TO CITIZENS BY THE CITY OF GOODLAND AND AMENDING AND REPEALING CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 17-202, 17-203, 17-204, 17-205, 17-206, 17-207 AND 17-208 AND ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17-401 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GOODLAND AS IT PERTAINS TO ELECTRIC UTILITY RATES.

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

#### ARTICLE I

##### ELECTRIC UTILITY

###### SECTION I. Monthly residential rate

a. Customer charge: \$15.00 per meter.  
Energy charge, in city: \$0.127 per KWH  
Energy charge, outside city: \$0.169 per KWH

###### SECTION 2. Monthly commercial rate, non-demand

a. Customer charge: \$25.00 per meter  
Energy charge, in city: \$0.1086 per KWH  
Energy charge, outside city: \$0.1511 per KWH

###### SECTION 3. Monthly commercial rate, demand

For those customers meeting the criteria as set forth in Section 17-201 of the Code of the City of Goodland to be classified as a commercial customer requiring demand metering the rates for electrical service shall be as follows:

a. Customer charge: \$15.00 per meter  
b. Energy charge, in city: \$0.0986 per KWH  
Energy charge, outside city: \$0.1511 per KWH  
Metered demand charge: \$6.58 per KW

All users in this section shall be subject to a demand charge. The current monthly demand charge shall be established by the highest measured demand (corrected for power factor if required) during any 15-minute period occurring during the current billing cycle, reset monthly.

###### SECTION 4. Monthly commercial accounts, multiple meters.

For those customers who have multiple accounts when the second and succeeding accounts are used for storage only and have usage of 1,200 KWH or less annually per account:

a. Customer charge, per meter, per month: \$15.00  
Energy charge: None

Those accounts that exceed 1,200 KWH per year, shall be charged .1086 per KWH used in excess of 1,200 KWH. Any additional charges shall be billed subsequent to the city's annual review of utility rates.

###### SECTION 5. Monthly industrial rate.

For those customers meeting the criteria as set forth in Section 17-201 of the Code of the City of Goodland to be classified as an industrial customer the rates for electrical service shall be as follows:

a. Customer charge: \$25.00 per meter.  
Energy charge, in city: \$0.0955 per KWH  
Energy charge, outside city: \$0.1353 per KWH  
Metered demand charge: \$6.58 per KW

The industrial accounts shall have a choice of billing as hereinbefore provided or they may pay an even demand rate, which will be an average of the previous 12 months demand usage. That average will be used to determine the account rate tier. Said average would be determined utilizing the demand charge from January 1 through December 31 of the prior year as stipulated in the tier rate agreement. Each February 1 the average will be recalculated.

|   | 12 month avg. usage | Dem. KW Charged | Monthly Cost | Annual Cost |
|---|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| A | 41-55               | 47              | \$309.26     | \$3,711.12  |
| B | 56-65               | 60              | 394.80       | 4,737.60    |
| C | 66-80               | 75              | 493.50       | 5,922.00    |
| D | 81-100              | 87              | 572.46       | 6,869.52    |
| E | 101-115             | 105             | 690.90       | 8,290.80    |
| F | 116-140             | 125             | 822.50       | 9,870.00    |
| G | 141-180             | 155             | 1,019.90     | 12,238.80   |
| H | 181-220             | 195             | 1,283.10     | 15,397.20   |
| I | 221-306             | 259             | 1,704.22     | 20,450.64   |
| J | 307-392             | 345             | 2,270.10     | 27,241.20   |
| K | 393-478             | 431             | 2,835.98     | 34,031.76   |
| L | 479-564             | 517             | 3,401.86     | 40,822.32   |

b. All users in this section shall be subject to a demand charge. The current monthly demand charge shall be established by the highest measured demand (corrected for power factor if required) during any 15-minute period occurring during the current billing cycle, reset monthly.

###### SECTION 6. Monthly city rates.

a. Energy charge: \$0.0955 per KWH  
Customer charge: None

###### SECTION 7. Operational Cost Adjustment

A monthly operational cost adjustment will be added to monthly electrical utility bills for all classes of electric customers of the City of Goodland, Kansas. Said adjustment shall be known as the Operational Cost Adjustment Charge (OCA) and shall be calculated as follows:

Calculate total monthly operating costs for the electric utility.  
Multiply the total megawatts billed to customers for the month by the base rate of \$110.00 to obtain the total base costs. Deduct total base costs from the total monthly operating costs for the electric utility. The difference in operating costs and base costs is divided by the total number of megawatts billed for month.  
The operational cost adjustment (OCA) so determined shall be added to each customer's monthly utility billing and shall be identified as CA.

#### ARTICLE II LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

##### SECTION 1 Electric utility rate

Any household whose total annual income is \$15,000.00 or less shall be eligible for a monthly low-income electric rate, which shall be charged as follows:

a. Energy charge: \$0.100 per KWH  
Customer charge: None

REPEALER: CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE II, SECTIONS 17-202, 17-203, 17-204, 17-205, 17-206, 17-207 AND 17-208 AND ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17-401 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 September 1, 2012 and after publication in the official city newspaper.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Body of the City of Goodland, Kansas this 16th day of July 2012.

John Garcia,  
Chairman of the City Commission of the City of Goodland

ATTEST:  
Mary P. Volk,  
City Clerk

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## CITY OF GOODLAND TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT Goodland, Kansas

For the period from April 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012

| FUNDS                    | PREVIOUS BALANCE     | RECEIPT             | DISBURSEMENT        | CURRENT BALANCE      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Special Highway          | 158,411.77           | 28,013.70           | 0.00                | 186,425.47           |
| Self Insurance           | 200,351.38           | 29.32               | 50,000.00           | 150,380.70           |
| Airport Fund             | 189,070.41           | 7,037.81            | 0.00                | 196,108.22           |
| General Operating        | 1,085,580.55         | 479,113.57          | 493,038.34          | 1,071,655.78         |
| Bond & Interest          | 183,586.03           | 81,636.32           | 0.00                | 265,222.35           |
| Library                  | 4,910.64             | 42,463.10           | 47,373.74           | 0.00                 |
| Sales Tax 2,             | 195.89               | 47,074.86           | 47,168.80           | 2,101.95             |
| Electric Utility         | 3,586,527.23         | 1,376,966.98        | 1,440,095.44        | 3,523,398.77         |
| Municipal CT Div. Fees   | 23,981.16            | 1,032.10            | 3,931.84            | 21,081.42            |
| Law Enforcement          | 19,558.54            | 2.88                | 1,544.15            | 18,017.27            |
| Electric Meter Deposit   | 136,098.34           | 7,450.00            | 7,638.11            | 135,910.23           |
| Water Utility            | 463,575.81           | 227,426.65          | 226,907.99          | 464,094.47           |
| Water Service Deposit    | 75,779.00            | 5,500.00            | 6,250.00            | 75,029.00            |
| Sewer Utility            | 210,356.30           | 93,011.62           | 59,862.88           | 243,505.04           |
| Special Park & Rec.      | 53,823.65            | 8,188.96            | 0.00                | 62,012.61            |
| Vehicle Inspections(VIN) | 24,994.84            | 2,643.46            | 800.00              | 26,838.30            |
| Grant Imp Reserve Fund   | 599,079.01           | 74,592.24           | 55,052.68           | 618,618.57           |
| Street Imp Project       | 0.00                 | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00                 |
| Solid Waste              | 73,856.40            | 105,826.80          | 103,865.06          | 75,818.14            |
| Fire Equipment           | 0.00                 | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00                 |
| Airport Improvement      | 0.00                 | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00                 |
| CDBG Grant               | -287.13              | 3,000.00            | 4,600.00            | -1,887.13            |
| Capital Imp. Reserve     | 1,104,015.58         | 158,841.42          | 10,677.21           | 1,252,179.79         |
| Insurance Proceeds       | 0.00                 | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00                 |
| Employee Benefit         | 367,172.27           | 272,562.74          | 117,568.73          | 522,166.28           |
| Library Emp. Benefit     | 856.79               | 7,503.18            | 8,359.97            | 0.00                 |
| State Water Fund         | 2,954.40             | 1,997.42            | 1,220.54            | 3,731.28             |
| Cemetery-Perp. Care      | 82,500.00            | 0.00                | 0.00                | 82,500.00            |
| Cemetery Endowment       | 109,650.79           | 1,700.00            | 0.00                | 111,350.79           |
| Cemetery Improvement     | 102,133.63           | 349.57              | 0.00                | 102,483.20           |
| Economic Development     | 138,306.57           | 51,033.84           | 43,776.89           | 145,563.52           |
| Electric Reserve         | 1,014,273.32         | 87,760.54           | 0.00                | 1,102,033.86         |
| Water Reserve            | 201,032.29           | 29.92               | 7,996.50            | 193,065.71           |
| Water System Imp. Proj.  | 0.00                 | 0.00                | 0.00                | 0.00                 |
| Efficiency KS Project    | 0.00                 | 534.69              | 534.69              | 0.00                 |
| Sewer Reserve            | 871,199.30           | 3,879.49            | 0.00                | 875,078.79           |
| M.E.R.F.                 | 1,534,263.84         | 68,415.01           | 195,951.51          | 1,406,727.34         |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>12,619,808.60</b> | <b>3,245,618.19</b> | <b>2,934,215.07</b> | <b>12,931,211.72</b> |

| AVAILABLE CASH              | PREVIOUS BALANCE     | CURRENT BALANCE      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Cashier's Change            | 2,000.00             | 2,000.00             |
| Checking Accounts:          |                      |                      |
| BANKWEST                    | 1,070,449.77         | 1,738,802.89         |
| Investments                 | 11,547,358.83        | 11,190,408.83        |
| <b>Total Available Cash</b> | <b>12,619,808.60</b> | <b>12,931,211.72</b> |

#### LIABILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

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|--|---------------------|
| ST OF KS PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN      | 1,211,370.09        |
| ST OF KS PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN-2010 | 0.00                |
| GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2007  | 1,560,000.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                           | <b>2,771,370.09</b> |

I, Janeil Dilling, do hereby certify that the above statement is correct.

City Treasurer  
Signature Title

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