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Tom Lewis-New Mayor of Treynor

Tom Lewis, the new Mayor of Treynor, spoke at the meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor on Saturday, Dec. 9. Tom has been married to a local girl, Sheila Koehler, for 18 years. They have one daughter, Maddie, an 8th grader. The family moved to Treynor in 2001, and he stated they love being in Treynor.



Tom has been on the city council for 8 years. He was elected as Mayor in November and will serve a two year term. There are over 400 houses in Treynor. The last census had the population at 912.

The last five years of city operations were studied. A decision was then made to change the city charter to hire a city manager, Kelly Groskurth, and Tom said it has really worked well.

Other changes have been revamping all accounting software and converting to automated utility bill handling. Online billing is used and people can pay via Express Pay, which is secure. In addition, recently the city has a new website with a progressive look. Check out www.CityOfTreynor.com

The city has four full-time employees, two for facilities, along with the city clerk and assistant

clerk. Facilities personnel handle water waste and snow. All employees are being cross trained. Treynor has a sharing agreement with Carson and Oakland. It is mainly used to rotate having people check the water plant on weekends, which need to be checked daily. Tom would like to expand the sharing equipment.

Verizon would like to add a repeater to the water tower in 2018.

The city has completed and approved a planning and zoning document which includes plans:

- Sidewalk plan. The priority is a sidewalk north of Treynor to the new addition.
- Storm water plan.
- Sewer treatment plan. The bugs used to break up the sewage start to die off when the temperature is below 20 degrees, so ammonia levels go up. The state has changed the standards, so they need a solution in the next five years.
- Strategic plan. They are going to revise it.
- Financial plan. The city is in great financial shape now.
- Infrastructure plan. They completed some crack sealing this fall and have more to do in the spring. A grant to redo Ehrig street has been applied for. Tom wants to get a street report in 2018 so the city can determine which streets need emphasis.

Currently there is a water main project. Tom wants to complete that project instead of dragging it out for several years. Many of the city water shutoffs don't work, so Tom wants to exercise them yearly so they work when needed.

Tom wants to see work done on the Vision Treynor area of town, but that could be an expensive project, just for a street and sidewalk to that area.

Meeting Minutes

Keith Denton, President conducted the meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club on December 9, 2017. The meeting began with humor by Keith Denton and Marsha Underwood, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Dale Willenborg offered the prayer.

Marsha Underwood won the 50/50 drawing. John Klein won the football contest. Linda Danker won the attendance prize but was not present to collect.

Keith Denton donated to the Youth Fund on behalf of the JOI Club helping the Cookie Crumbs prepare cookies to be sent overseas. He read a thank you letter from a soldier who had received a care package. Gary Gutttau contributed because Iowa State University won the basketball game against Iowa.

There will be no club meetings Dec. 23 or 30.

John Klein announced that on Jan. 6, there will be a tour of the Glenwood Resource Center to follow the trail of our Can Kennel containers and take a tour of the "new" can redemption center. Meet at 8 AM at the Treynor Community Center. We will return at approximately 10:15 AM. Let's car pool. Volunteers will be needed to drive that day.

On Jan. 13, Tom Becca, radio and TV personality, will speak.

Gary Announced \$758 was collected in cans for the Cub Scouts. Can Kennel sorting will take place this Wednesday at 1 PM. School is out early.

Calendar

Tues., Dec. 5 – JOI club receives State Farm grant at basketball game

Birthdays

Dec 16 – Kevin Underwood

Dec. 23 – Chuck Nielsen

Anniversaries

Dec 27 – Gary & Dee Gutttau

A napkin holder was donated by Chad Gutttau as an auction item. Keith Denton purchased for \$1.

The meeting was adjourned and the Optimist creed was stated.

Optimist Club meetings run from 8-9 AM each Saturday morning at the Treynor Community Building (Legion Room). The coffee is always on and donuts are served. Come join us for fun, fellowship, and interesting programs!

The last of the Paraproductians:

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

Christmas One Liners:

Remember, Children...the best way to get a puppy for Christmas is to beg for a baby brother.

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus? Claustrophobic

I asked my wife what she wanted for Christmas. She told me "Nothing would make her happier than a diamond necklace". So I bought her nothing.

Programs

January - John Klein

February - Chad Gutttau

Speakers

Dec. 16 – Mary Jewell, VP & Fiduciary Officer, JD

Jan. 6 – Glenwood Resource Center tour

Jan. 13 – Tom Becca, radio and TV personality