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Tom Lewis, Treynor Mayor

Tom Lewis, Mayor of Treynor, spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on June 9. He expressed that he loves being Mayor and living in Treynor with his wife, Sheila and daughter Maddie. His background is as an engineer and likes planning. He's impressed that in very little time our community can gather support for projects such as the "Flags for the Fallen Run" that took place on Friday.



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Tom expressed that his job is to serve the city staff so they can get their jobs done: Kelly Grosskirch, City Manager/City Clerk; Mary Smith, Deputy Clerk; Casey Baragary, Public Works; Marlon McKenzie, Public Works; Brook Jensen – Coordinator of Community Center and Parks. City Council members include: Megan Heath, Allen Hadfield, David Waymire, Joe Fisher, and Kyle Plumb.

Lewis discussed the processes of what, how, and why in the life of a Mayor. The "What?" includes short and long term goals of the city. Long term goals include project developments such as the water lines being installed. The waste water treatment plant will need to be upgraded in the next five years. A strategic plan is available to

anyone who asks. Short term goals include preventive maintenance and maintenance such as of streets, water treatment, and the community center.

The budget (the "How?") is made up of property taxes, local option sales tax, and water usage funds, etc. The budget process starts in July and has to be completed by March for 2020. It starts with the mayor meeting with the city manager, consulting staff, goes to council and public for review and approval. They have been conservative and the goal is to keep Treynor in a strong financial position.

The "Why?" is because we want to maintain Treynor as a great community. He loves that the city council, Vision Treynor, and the Keep Kids Alive project are all working together. This next month we will see dirt work begin for phase one of the Vision Treynor community recreation area. Developing trails is also a priority.

The Mayor is thankful for community groups who take on projects such as painting at the park, the can kennel, flags, etc.

He wants to be accessible to all and is available to talk to individuals and community groups. The city council meets in the Legion Room on the first Monday of each month. The agenda is posted in the Post Office, the Bank, and on the web site.

Meeting Minutes

Keith Denton called the meeting to order. After the pledge of allegiance, Dee Gutttau said the prayer. There were fourteen members present and one guest, Tom Lewis.

Chad Gutttau and Keith Denton shared jokes.

For bragging rights, Gary Gutttau donated to the Youth Fund to state why Mick wasn't present today (Two high school boys went to a lineman camp last week at Iowa. This week he took them to the lineman camp at ISU). Kevin and Marsha donated to state their older sister, Diane, is still training horses and now has the Cadillac of a

horse barn. Judy Gutttau contributed to announce that many attended the retirement party for Bob Beattie. Jim Clausen donated to announce his great niece, Madison Keysor, was inducted last night into the KMA Hall of Fame. He also stated that he had sold his house to Bob Beattie when he first moved to Treynor. Gary Gutttau shared some trivia from National Geographic about the tutu abba. It's worth researching why they are going extinct because of their air bladders. John Klein contributed to announce that his son, Hans is changing jobs to become the Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture at Iowa State University.

Lou Howell won the 50/50 drawing. Dale Willenborg won the attendance drawing but was not present. There were no anniversaries or birthdays.

Under old business, Keith thanked Bill and Ann Vorthmann and Ken Graham for putting out flags for the "Flags for the Fallen" on Friday along the route.

Gary Gutttau reported that \$5250 for 148 flags has been collected which is used for scholarships. Judy Gutttau announced that the Treynor Optimist Facebook site now has 300 friends and with last week's post about Bob Beattie there were 111 "Likes". She announced that she sends the weekly newsletter to twenty interested community leaders and citizens separate from the members.

Gary Gutttau reported Zion Youth collected \$1235.35 from the can kennel. The next Can Kennel sorting will be Wednesday at 12:30 PM.

Under New Business, John Klein stated that the Hydrant Spraying Party will be on June 23 during Treynor Days from 3-4:30 PM. An Optimist needs to be present.

Bill Vorthmann inquired if we had been asked to do Bingo again during Treynor Days. Westfair has asked the Treynor Optimists to run Bingo again. The day and time will be announced.

The following new officers to begin in October were approved: President – Dale Willenborg, Vice President – Bill Vorthmann, Secretary – Judy Gutttau, Treasurer – Gary Gutttau. Gary Gutttau will serve as Chairman of the Optimist Foundation. Our 35th Anniversary will be in 2019.

The following auction items, donated by Dee Gutttau, were purchased: tomato plant - \$1 Kevin Underwood, box of pumpkin and gourd seeds - \$3 Jim Clausen and \$2 Keith Denton. Now is the time to plant.

The meeting was adjourned, followed by reciting the Optimist Creed.

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 (and sometimes breakfast)! Come join us for fun, fellowship, and interesting programs!

A thought: Money is relative—the more money, the more relatives.

Calendar

June 13 Can Kennel Sorting – 12:30 PM
June 23 Hydrant Spraying Party -Treynor Days

Birthdays

June 16 Dale Willenborg
June 20 Jeff Jorgensen

Anniversaries

June 15 Steve & Jeannie Chambers
June 28 Mick & Judy Gutttau
June 29 Dave & Linda Danker

Programs

June Lou Howell
July Ann Vorthmann (first 2 weeks)
Chuck Nielsen (last 2 weeks)

Speakers

June 16 Brandon Vorthmann: The Life of a School Board Member
June 23 Cory Young and Marcia Lippert: The Life of a School Nurse
June 30 Becky Thompson, Heather Kellar, and Erin Mrsny: STEM? What's That?

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