

# CITY OF GERONIMO NEWSLETTER



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IN THIS ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER WE WANTED TO FOCUS ON WELCOMING OUR NEW MAYOR, ADAM HARTLE, WHO WAS OFFICIALLY SWORN INTO OFFICE AT OUR LAST COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH. WE ARE GOING TO SHARE A LITTLE INFORMATION ABOUT HIS BACKGROUND AS WELL AS SOME OF HIS INITIAL GOALS THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO TACKLE WHILE IN HIS ROLE AS MAYOR. WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE HIM JOIN US AND HOPE YOU CAN SAY THE SAME AFTER READING THIS ISSUE.

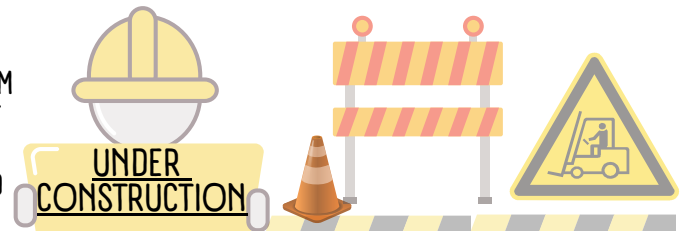


## MEET THE MAYOR - ADAM HARTLE

**BACKGROUND:** I AM ORIGINALLY FROM MINNESOTA. I JOINED THE MINNESOTA NATIONAL GUARD IN 1999 AS A FIELD ARTILLERYMAN, AND AFTER 9/11, I DECIDED TO GO ACTIVE DUTY. I HAVE HAD MULTIPLE DEPLOYMENTS TO IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN, AND ENGLAND. IN 2006, I WAS WOUNDED WITH APPROXIMATELY SIXTY-SIX OTHERS IN A SUICIDE BOMBING ABOUT HALF THE SIZE OF THE OKLAHOMA CITY BOMBING ON A BUILDING ABOUT ONE-EIGHTH THE SIZE. I RETURNED TO OKLAHOMA IN 2014, WORKING ON THE BASIC TRAINING SIDE OF FORT SILL. I DID THREE YEARS AS A DRILL SARGEANT AND FINISHED MY 24-YEAR MILITARY CAREER AS A SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE COORDINATOR HELPING THE VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND HARASSMENT. I AM MARRIED TO REGINA HARTLE, AND WE HAVE SIX CHILDREN.

### INITIAL GOALS AS MAYOR:

- LEAVE THIS POSITION BETTER THAN WE FOUND IT. WE HAD BEEN DOING GREAT BEFORE, SO I HAVE BIG SHOES TO FILL.
- LISTENING & OPENING COMMUNICATION - COMPLAINTS BROUGHT TO THE CITY SHOULD ALSO HAVE A SOLUTION BROUGHT WITH THEM. SOLUTIONS SHOW THAT THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN THOUGHT ABOUT. THE COUNCIL AND CITY WORKERS ARE CONSTANTLY TRYING TO SOLVE PROBLEMS AND ISSUES, BUT WE ARE ONLY A TINY PART OF THE TEAM. YOUR IDEAS ARE WELCOME. SOMETIMES, THEY MAY NOT WORK, BUT WHAT IF YOU HOLD THE KEY TO THE PROBLEM?
- WELCOMING MORE SMALL BUSINESSES SO THAT OUR DOLLARS WILL STAY HERE AND WORK FOR US.
- TRASH SERVICE - WITHIN THE FIRST 100 HOURS OF BEING THE MAYOR, I WAS HANDED A PROBLEM. I KNEW WE WOULD HAVE TO FIX IMMEDIATELY. OUR REFUSE DEPARTMENT HAD RESIGNED, AND BOTH TRUCKS HAD GONE DOWN ON THE SAME DAY. WE QUICKLY HAD TO THINK OF BACKUP PLANS. THE EMERGENCY PORTION OF THAT PLAN WAS TO EXPLORE OTHER OPTIONS FOR GETTING THE TRASH TO THE DUMP. WE CALLED AROUND TO VARIOUS TRASH SERVICES IN THE AREA AND HAD ONE WHO WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND THEIR BID. WE RECENTLY HELD A SPECIAL MEETING ON THURSDAY, MAY 23RD AND VOTED ON THE DIFFERENT BIDS THAT WERE GIVEN AND WENT THROUGH THE NUMBERS IF WE WERE TO KEEP RUNNING OUR OWN OR GO WITH A DIFFERENT SERVICE. WE VOTED ON A COMPANY CALLED VETERAN WASTE SOLUTIONS INC. THEY COULD OFFER MORE SERVICES THAN WE CURRENTLY OFFER AT ABOUT THE SAME PRICE. SOME MAY EVEN SEE A DECREASE IN THE TRASH PORTION OF THEIR BILL. MORE WILL BE POSTED ON THAT, AND A TOWN HALL MEETING WILL BE HELD TO HAVE QUESTIONS ANSWERED.
- WATER SERVICE - I KNOW THIS LAST YEAR HAS BEEN FRUSTRATING, BUT WHEN THESE WATER PROJECTS ARE DONE, THE SYSTEM ITSELF WILL BE BETTER AND MORE RELIABLE. WE CURRENTLY RECEIVE OUR WATER FROM LAWTON. IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, THEY HAVE RAISED THEIR RATES, BUT WE HAVE NOT RAISED OURS TO MATCH THAT RAISE. WE WILL HAVE TO LOOK AT RAISING OUR WATER RATES TO MEET THE CURRENT RATES AND NOT TAKE A LOSS ON THIS.



## **COUNCIL CORNER**

*\*INFO ON UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS, COUNCIL STRUCTURE, ORDINANCE CHANGES, POSSIBLE POLLS, ETC.\**

- COUNCIL MEETINGS TAKE PLACE ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH BEGINNING AT 7:15 PM FOLLOWING TRAFFIC COURT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND COUNCIL, IT WILL BE LOCATED IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL.

### UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

JUNE 13TH  
JULY 11TH  
AUGUST 8TH

\*\*\*AT THE JUNE 13TH MEETING, COUNCIL PLANS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ORDINANCE CHANGES (INCLUDING POSSIBLE RATE CHANGES)

- DEPENDENT UPON WEATHER, COMANCHE COUNTY WILL BEGIN WORK ON THE SECTION OF ROAD ON WISCONSIN STREET FROM CHIPPEWA TO OSAGE AND THE CORNER NEAR PATRIOT AT THE INTERSECTION OF CHIPPEWA AND MAIN. ALL OF MISSOURI ST AND OSAGE AVE WILL BE WORKED ON AS WELL. WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON MONDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2024.
  - VEHICLES, BOATS, ETC. WILL NEED TO PLEASE BE CLEAR AND OFF OF THE ROAD NO LATER THAN SUNDAY (6/16/24) EVENING. WORK IS EXPECTED TO TAKE APPROXIMATELY ONE DAY. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY UNEXPECTED DELAYS.
  - PROJECT DESCRIPTION: THE ROAD WILL BE MILLED UP TO REMOVE ANY POTHOLES. MILLINGS WILL REMAIN DOWN APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS TO ONE YEAR (THIS TIME ENSURES A BETTER ROAD BASE) BEFORE THE ROAD CAN BE CHIPPED AND SEALED.



**NEW EQUIPMENT!**



THANKS TO MONEY THAT WE RECEIVED FROM ARPA (THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT) AND FROM ORWA'S (OKLAHOMA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION) RIG (RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM), WE WERE ABLE TO PURCHASE A NEW BACKHOE! WE ARE VERY THANKFUL AND OUR TEAM IS EXCITED TO PUT THIS NEW EQUIPMENT TO USE!

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

PSA: In case of an emergency, please call



**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

- AS WE TRANSITION INTO SUMMERTIME, WE WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT IF YOU LIVE IN THE CITY LIMITS THAT THE ONLY OPEN FIRES ALLOWED ARE EITHER RECREATIONAL FIRE PITS AND CHARCOAL AND/OR WOOD GRILLS. IT IS AGAINST CITY ORDINANCE FOR ANY OTHER TYPE OF OPEN BURNING INSIDE CITY LIMITS. IF WE ARE PLACED IN A BURN BAN, THEN ALL FIRE PITS ARE OUT AND THERE ARE RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON GRILLS DURING A BURN BAN.
- THE SHOOTING OF FIREWORKS IS ALLOWED AROUND THE 4TH OF JULY. PLEASE NOTE THE SPECIFIC TIMES LISTED - BELOW TAKEN FROM SECTION 7-20 OF ORDINANCE 06-2019. PLEASE OBSERVE CURRENT CONDITIONS AT THE TIME AND IF IT IS TOO DRY, PLEASE USE CAUTION AND BE PREPARED WITH A BUCKET OF WATER, GARDEN HOSE, OR SHOVEL IN THE EVENT THAT A FIRE IS STARTED. IF THERE IS A BURN BAN AT THAT TIME, THEN FIREWORKS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE 4TH OF JULY. REMEMBER THE PERSON(S) SHOOTING OFF FIREWORKS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE THAT MAY BE CAUSED TO PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY.
  - SHOOTING OF FIREWORKS - "FOR THE DAYS OF JUNE 27TH THROUGH JULY 3RD, IF THE DATE FALLS ON A SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, THE HOURS SHALL BE 10:00AM UNTIL 10:00 PM FOR THE DAYS OF JUNE 27TH THROUGH JULY 3RD, IF THE DATE FALLS ON A FRIDAY OR SATURDAY, THE HOURS SHALL BE 10:00 AM UNTIL 12:00 AM
  - SHOOTING OF FIREWORKS ON JULY 4TH - "ON JULY 4TH, THE HOURS SHALL BE FROM 8:00 AM UNTIL 12:00 AM ON JULY 5TH, REGARDLESS OF THE DAY OF THE WEEK.

\*\*WE WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND WE WILL STRIVE TO PROVIDE THE BEST FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES WE POSSIBLY CAN.\*\*

GERONIMO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

**COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS**

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**GERONIMO BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**  
 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

\*PREPARATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEGUN FOR THE CELEBRATION. IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS OR WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP THIS TRAIN ROLL ON, DON'T HESITATE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH CITY HALL. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU ON THE TEAM THIS YEAR, AS THIS IS A MORE SIGNIFICANT YEAR THAN USUAL, BEING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BANK ROBBERY. THE CELEBRATION WAS STARTED 39 YEARS AGO TO BRING THE CITY BACK TOGETHER AFTER THAT TRAGEDY UNFOLDED.

GERONIMO EVENTS COMMITTEE

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

INTERACTIVE  
**TWISTER**

**JUNE 14, 2024**

GAMES BEGIN 7:00 PM

- CORNHOLE - HORSE SHOES - CROQUET -  
 - BOCCIE BALL -

MOVIE STARTS AT SUNSET  
 \*APPROX 8:30 PM

CONCESSION WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DINNER AND SNACKS

**RAPID FIRE WASH DRY FOLD**  
 1015 SW NEW HOPE RD

**GERONIMO SENIOR NUTRITION CENTER**

**BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER!**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH, 2024**  
**8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**\$6.00 - YOUR CHOICE OF**

**PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, SCRAMBLED EGGS, & GRITS OR SAUSAGE GRAVY & BISCUITS, SCRAMBLED EGGS, & GRITS**

DESSERT OPTIONS JUST \$2.00 PER SLICE! CHOOSE FROM EITHER HOLY COW CAKE OR BETTER THAN SEX CAKE

**RAFFLE ITEMS**

TRY YOUR HAND AT WINNING OUR RAFFLE! TICKETS ARE JUST \$1.00!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: CHARLOTTE DAVENPORT @ 580-678-8914 OR AT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE GERONIMO SENIOR NUTRITION CENTER

Saturday July 6, 2024  
 9am-12pm  
 Geronimo Fire Station, Geronimo, Ok

**Free Pet Vaccination Clinic**

Rabies Vaccines not Included.  
 Sponsored by PetCo Love

If you have any questions, please email [clerk@cityofgeronimo.com](mailto:clerk@cityofgeronimo.com) or call us @ (580) 353-5511 or visit us @ Geronimo City Hall (located at 100 West Main St. Geronimo, OK. 73543) M-F from 7:00am-6:00pm City of Geronimo & Don't forget to refer a friend to our quarterly newsletter @ [www.cityofgeronimo.com](http://www.cityofgeronimo.com)!