



*Our Home Town*

DECEMBER 2020

Newsletter of the

*City of Smiley Texas*

#### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Citizens of Smiley,

City Hall will be closed until further notice. The safety of our staff and community come first. When regular hours do resume, we will notify the residents through our city website or Facebook page. We will continue to follow all guidelines set out by CDC and Local and State Officials.

NOTICE: This Notice is to notify you about your water bill. Due to the installation of the new AMR water meters, upgrade of our billing system from a version 8 to 10 and COVID-19, the bills for the month of September through November were delayed. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. We believe that we have fixed a few of the problems we had with our billing system. This bill represents three months of Base Rates. We feel that this is the only way to catch up and start the New Year where we should be in our billing system. You will be given allowable time to pay your water bill, if needed. You can call City Hall at 830-587-6220, email a request to [smileytx@gvec.net](mailto:smileytx@gvec.net) or fax a request to 830-587-6231. You can also mail your request to City of Smiley, PO Box 189, Smiley Texas 78159. There will not be any late fees for the months of December 1<sup>st</sup> to February 1<sup>st</sup>. This should give you enough time to pay your bill. If you need more time to pay your bill, please let us know. The City is asking if anyone does not receive a bill by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to contact the utility office at 830-587-6220. Failure to receive a billing statement does not release the customer from paying their

monthly bill and on time. This bill has a due date but you do have allowable time to pay when requested.

**IMPORTANT:** The customer who has not paid their bill and had a PAST DUE bill of over 30 days BEFORE COVID-19 or the new AMR's were installed, please call the office immediately. Your services require special attention and your services could be interrupted due to non-payment.

ACH customers will have their payment deducted by the due date. If you would NOT like the payment on your bill deducted, please call City Hall before the due date. We can make other arrangements concerning your bill and what amount you would like to pay. If we do not hear from you, we will process the payment from your account as planned.

Also, I would like to THANK everyone who voted for me for another term to be your Mayor. I would also like to welcome two new councilmembers to our team which are Paul D. Elder and Wayne Dauer. City Council and I would like to invite you to attend our meetings in person or by telephone conference. We have limited seating due to the guidelines set out by CDC and Local and State Officials. Please visit our website or city Facebook page for more details.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mills ☺

**TRASH PICKUP FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES IN SERVICE FOR THE HOLIDAYS. PLEASE HAVE YOUR TRASH OUT AS SCHEDULED BY 7:00 AM. IF YOUR TRASH IS MISSED DUE TO NOT PLACING IT OUT BY THE CURB, IT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP UNTIL THE NEXT PICKUP DAY.

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> @ NOON  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS CLOSED  
DECEMBER 31st - NEW YEAR'S EVE @ NOON  
JANUARY 2021 - NEW YEAR'S DAY CLOSED

WE ARE SAD TO SAY THAT THIS YEAR WE DID NOT GET TO HAVE OUR OPEN HOUSE DUE TO COVID. WE DEEPLY REGRET NOT HAVING ONE THIS YEAR BUT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY COMES FIRST, ALWAYS! WE CAN'T WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR TO BE ABLE TO SHARE IT WITH ALL OF YOU.

**THE CITY OF SMILEY WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!! WE HOPE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY REMAIN SAFE AND HEALTHY DURING THE HOLIDAYS!!**



**CITY OF SMILEY ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**MAYOR** – MICHAEL K. MILLS (2020-2022)

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

LINDA WARZECHA (2019-2021)

DIANE P. MORENO (2019-2021)

ELISA DOUGLAS (2019-2021)

PAUL D. ELDER (2020-2022)

WAYNE DAUER (2020-2022)

TERM – TWO YEARS

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:00 PM.

THE NEW MAYOR PRO-TEM WILL BE APPOINTED AT NEXT MEETING IN DECEMBER



**YOU WILL BE MISSED GREATLY....**

**THE CITY OF SMILEY WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO OUR MAYOR PRO-TEM MRS. WHITEHEAD AND COUNCILWOMAN MS. CANION FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR WONDERFUL COMMUNITY. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO OUR CITY. WE WISH YOU ALL THE HEALTH AND HAPPINESS YOU BOTH DESERVE IN YOUR NEW ENDEAVORS!! WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU. THANKS AGAIN, FOR BEING PART OF OUR CITY COUNCIL OF SMILEY, TEXAS!**