



Our Home Town

October 2021

Newsletter of the *City of Smiley Texas*

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Citizens of Smiley,

City Hall is closed to the public until further notice. Due to the recent surge in Covid cases in the area and for the safety of our citizens and employees, City Hall doors will be locked. You can continue to pay your utility bills through mail drop. All other business will be done in writing either by email: smileytx@gvec.net or drop your written request in night drop. You can also reach us by phone: 830-587-6220 or send a fax to: 830-587-6231, Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 12 (Noon) - Except for Holidays.

The City Council approved the 2021-2022 Budget and "No New Tax Rate" on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at a special meeting. The budgets adopted were: General Fund, Utility Fund and Fire Department Fund. The NNR will be \$0.2899 per \$100 value.

City Hall will be moving their offices to the community center by the 1st of November. The decision made was not easy but it was what was best for the safety of our employees and community. Our city secretary works hard locating grants to help meet our city needs. She is currently working with our grant writer to locate grant funds for a new community center. Reminder, grants do take a large amount of her time and we are limited in staff that sometimes we have to prioritize to meet those deadlines. The funds aren't available right away and it could take one to three years until you're fully funded.

When you have a city our size and not much money coming in from sales or property taxes...applying for grants is all we can do. The process isn't easy but it is worth it at the end, IF you are awarded. The money that comes from grants is a really big help to make the improvements our city needs and it prevents us from applying for loans. So far, we have been awarded most grants applied for. We are currently waiting for a response for the 2021-2022 grant applied for.

Notice - Due to Covid circumstances the bills for the months of August to September were delayed. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. There were no late fees applied to your account for those months. **ACH Customers** will have their September and October payment debited from their account on October 29th. If for any reason this may be a problem, please call City Hall. We can work with you and make other arrangements. If we do not hear from you, we will process both payments from your account on the 29th.

IMPORTANT - Late Fees will begin on November 21st. If your amount due is not paid by the due date, a late fee of \$25 will be applied to your account. Please keep your account current to avoid any late fees, reconnection fees, new deposit or interruptions to your service. If you have made prior arrangements and set up a payment plan, please keep them as agreed. As always, **please read your bill carefully** and call city with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Mayor Michael Mills

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR HOME TOWN OF SMILEY, TEXAS

*****SAVE THE DATE*****

SMILEY BANTAM ACTIVITY GROUP

PRESENTS

ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

SMILEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021

3:00 PM to 9:00 PM

3 PM BOOTHS OPEN

KID'S GAMES

COLORING CONTEST STARTS

SILENT AUCTION BEGINS

4-5 PM Karaoke Contest

4:30 PM Coloring Contest Judged

5-6 PM Costume Contest/Judging

6-7 PM Candy Alley

7-8 PM Cake Walk

7-9 PM Hayride

Face Mask Recommended



SMILEY CITY MARSHAL'S OFFICE



From Left to Right

Dwayne Mercer, Chelsea Brooks, Heath Stier,
City Marshal Lawrence M. Robles (center)
Cpl David Hernandez, Nathan Williams &
Zachary Kramer

National Night Out was a huge success!! **THANK YOU** **THANK YOU** for your support. We appreciate all the things that we can do **together** for our community!

☺ **Smiley Library Hours** ☺

Monday & Wednesday – 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Visit our website: Smileytx.com

Facebook page: City of Smiley (red bantam)