

## City of Gretna's Monthly Newsletter

### Honoring Dr. Kevin Riley upon his Retirement



Dr. Riley began his career in the Gretna school district in 1982 as Assistant Principal at the Junior-Senior High School for three years. He then became Principal at the Gretna High School during the next fourteen years. Through the last 20 years, Dr. Kevin Riley has been Superintendent of Schools for the Gretna School District.

Dr. Riley is known throughout the state as an exemplary leader in public education.

Mayor Jim Timmerman proclaimed Sunday June 30, 2019  
as

“ Dr. Kevin Riley Day”

We wish him the best in this next stage of his life.

### Recognizing Curtis Rainge upon his Retirement

Curtis served 21 years in the U.S Air Force and retired as a Master Sergeant. In 2016 he received the Hometown Hero Award from the FBI Citizens Academy, Melvin Jones Award from Papillion/La Vista Lions Club for his services, SCSO Civilian Employee of the year, Curtis is retiring from the Sarpy County Sheriffs Office after 19 years of service as the Community Relations Coordinator. Mayor James Timmerman signed a Proclamation recognizing Curtis Rainge for his Nineteen years of service.

We wish him the best in this next stage of his life.



# 2019 Goal Report

On March 11, 2019 the Gretna City Council and staff held their 2019 Community Goal Setting Workshop. JEO Consulting Group, Inc. once again facilitated the evening workshop which followed an agenda geared to inform, educate, and build consensus. The evening work session began with City staff discussing the accomplishments and continued projects made by the City in 2018. This impressive list included:

## 2018 Accomplishments

- Public Works Building: Under construction.
- Final Planning Phase of Downtown Revitalization Project: In process with construction in 2019. An Open House was held on February 26, 2019.
- Annexation and Designation as a City of the First-Class: Pending with the results of the lawsuit regarding the City's action.
- Interlocal Agreement with Sarpy County and surrounding communities for two-mile ETJ: Once Gretna becomes a City of the First-Class pending results of the lawsuit and negotiations with Papillion.
- Amend the Future Land Use and Transportation: Plan to reflect areas of growth and potential development. Waiting for lawsuit to be completed.
- New Comprehensive Plan: Waiting for the annexation and new census information.
- Reconstruction of 204<sup>th</sup> Street from Highway 370 south to Schram Road: spring, 2019.
- Reconstruction of 216<sup>th</sup> & Schram Road: Almost completed.
- Sidewalks/Trail Infill along 216<sup>th</sup> and 204<sup>th</sup> Streets: Construction almost completed.
- Construction of two new test wells for future production: Completed.
- Landscape Medians & Entry Signs: Completed.
- Northern portion of the Highway 370 Property: Sold and under development.
- Sarpy County Sewer Study and Agency: The Agency is formed and the City is participating.
- Completed Architectural Programming and Conceptual Design for new Community Center/Library: Fundraising is now taking place.
- Continued updating Wellhead Protection Area Ordinance: Will be updated when Well 8 is installed this year.
- Continued GIS City Utilities: Project Completed.
- Complete buildout of Fields at Gretna: No timetable planning process underway.
- Construction of a new Family Aquatic Center: Will be determined after the master plan for the park is completed.
- Dog Park: In the proposed masterplan for the Fields at Gretna.
- ½ cent sales tax: Will be discussed and decided this calendar year.
- South sewer line extension south of I-80: The project is planned for this fiscal year.

- WP19 Lake Project – City Park/Recreation Area: NRD has project scheduled in 10-years.
- WP4 Lake Project – Trails and Recreation: The NRD has purchased some of the ground for this project and plans construction in the next five years.
- Wehrspan Trail Project – MAPA Funding – 2020: Planning and project is programmed to start October of 2019.
- 192<sup>nd</sup> St. south of Hwy 370 – alignment: Being determined
- 192<sup>nd</sup> St. Interchange planning: Interchange Justification Report engineer selection should take place in the Summer of 2019 by NDOT.
- Chestnut Ridge Commercial Lots/SID 254 – Sewer Issue: The final arrangements have been approved by the City Council.

## PRIORITY SETTING AND RANKING

City staff detailed specific issues and/or concerns surrounding 30 strategic issues. Once the strategic issues were thoroughly defined, local decision-makers were asked to consider ranking their Tier I priorities. The results of this first round showed a clear consensus on six (6) priority issues for Gretna in 2019:

### 2019 Tier I Priorities

- Enact a ½-cent sales tax
- South sewer line extension south of I-80
- Sale of the south 35± acres of the City’s 370 property
- Construction of a new Family Aquatic Center
- Completion of Annexation and implement City of the First-Class requirements
- Construction of Downtown Revitalization Project

These strategic issues were referred to as “Tier I Priorities” - or of highest importance to the community - since they received a majority of first round votes from committee members present.

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The five (5) Tier II Priorities for the City of Gretna in 2019 include:

### 2019 Tier II Priorities

- Complete buildout of Fields at Gretna
- Expansion of Gretna City Hall
- Construction of a new splash pad within the City of Gretna
- Development of new Industrial Land south of I-80
- Make Gretna’s Parks tobacco-free

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**The only Tier III Priority for the City of Gretna in 2019 is:**

2019 Tier III Priority

- Southeast Sewer Area – 3,000 acres



## TIMEFRAME FOR PRIORITY IMPLEMENTATION

The final activity of the goal setting process was to recommend a timeframe for implementation for each of the priorities. Four timeframes were used:

Short-Term – defined as priorities to be accomplished over the next three (3) years

Mid-term – priorities to be accomplished within 4-7 years

Long-term – priorities to be accomplished within 8-10 years

Ongoing priorities, or institutionalized priorities, as defined above

It is important to note that an individual priority can be assigned multiple timeframes for implementation. Certain action steps, such as a study, need to take place in the short-term so the priority can secure the needed funding or permits to be implemented in the mid- or long-term.

The results of this exercise are shown below:

### Short-Term Goals

- Enact a ½-cent sales tax
- South sewer line extension south of I-80
- Construction of a new Family Aquatic Center
- Completion of Annexation and implement City of the First-Class requirements
- Construction of Downtown Revitalization Project

### Short-Term & Mid-Term

- Complete buildout of Fields at Gretna

### Mid-Term Goals

- Sale of the south 35± acres of the City's 370 property
- Expansion of Gretna City Hall

### Mid-Term & Long-Term

- Construction of a new splash pad within the City of Gretna



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