



A New Chapter for Grandview

Longtime City Administrator Cory Smith Retires

"If I didn't think I could make a difference, I wouldn't have sought the position." Those are the words Cory Smith spoke to the Jackson County Advocate in 1991 when the Mayor and Board appointed him City Administrator.

For 40+ years, Smith has worked for the City of Grandview, starting out as an Assistant to the City Administrator and working his way up.

"When I got here in 1977 they handed me the books. The general fund revenue balance was \$0," Smith laughs. "They told me, 'It's your job to get that above \$0.'" He managed to do that and so much more.

Over four decades, Smith worked for six mayors. Appointed City Administrator in 1991, Smith never lost a city ballot initiative, winning all 11. He also managed to keep the City on budget year after year despite having lackluster sales tax revenues.

Smith repeatedly turned ideas into actions, plans and projects for the City of Grandview, including Truman's Marketplace. This and many more accomplishments were honored at Smith's retirement party on January 4 where family, friends, co-workers and colleagues thanked Smith.

CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor Leonard Jones

Ward I Aldermen

Sandra Kessinger

Damon Randolph

Ward II Aldermen

Brian Hochstein

Annette Turnbaugh

Ward III Aldermen

Jim Crain

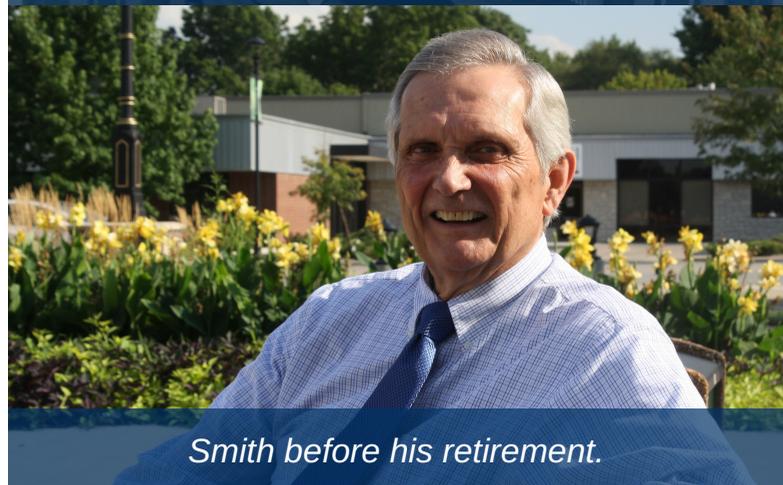
John Maloney

Mayor Leonard Jones and the Board of Aldermen thanked Cory for his years of dedication and fiscal responsibility.

As far as plans for retirement, Smith plans on traveling and spending more time with wife, Marilyn and their dog, Jenny.



Smith back in the day at City Hall.



Smith before his retirement.

New City Administrator Search

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen launched the nationwide search for a new City Administrator over the summer.

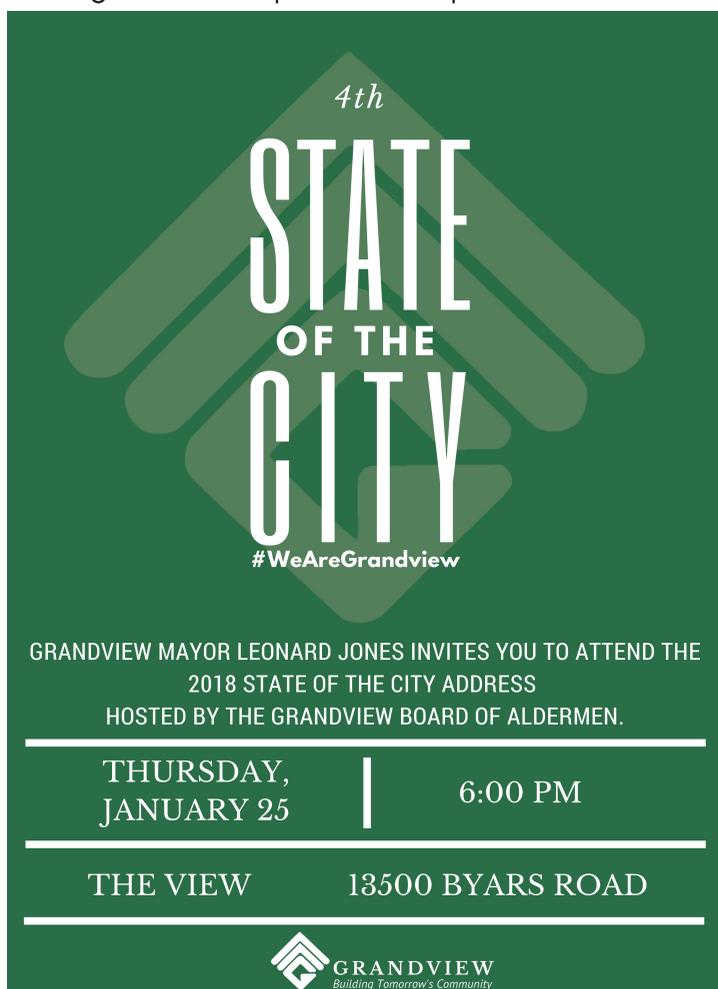
They have made their decision on a successor and hope to make an announcement on Tuesday, January 23 at the Board of Aldermen meeting that evening at 7 o'clock.

2017 Top 25 Accomplishments

- Voters **approved Capital Improvements Sales Tax Renewal** for ten more years.
- Completion of 2.5 mile **Presidential Trail**.
- Completion of **155th Street improvements**.
- 29th consecutive year awarded **GFOA Award of Excellence for Financial Reporting**
- **Local Use Tax approval** from voters.
- Added **full-time Domestic Violence detective** secured by Department of Justice Grant.
- **Conducted housing study** to target potential development areas for City.
- Utilized technology to allow **online filing of police reports, as well as online applications** for City and Police Department careers.
- **Tree City USA** designation for the 22nd year.
- **Awards for Valor** given to two Grandview Police Officers.
- Finance Director Cemal Gungor named **CFO of the Year** by Kansas City Business Journal.
- Secured **millions in federal funds** for street, bridge and transportation improvements.
- Fire Department **completion of cancer prevention program** including post-fire cleanup kits and second set of gear.
- **Successful Citizens Academy** program with 19 graduates.
- **New bathroom installation** at River Oaks Park.
- **Increased participation** in Parks & Recreation programs and camps.
- **80,000+ visitors** to Valley Park.
- Added 1-1.5 miles of **new sidewalk**.
- Groundbreaking and construction of **Shalimar Park improvements**.
- Named **Top 10 Revenue Forecaster by GFOA**.
- Added "**Pizza with Police**" and "**Fire Safety Poster Contest**" to community outreach programs.
- Permitted construction work: **\$37.32 million**.
- Updated City **Emergency Operations Plan**.
- Created a **Grandview Amphitheater summer concert series**.
- Opened **new Police storage building**.

2018 Projects

- Shalimar Park grand opening.
- New splash park construction.
- Old HWY 40 bridge reconstruction at Tails & Trails Dog Park.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Pink Stiletto Class - Feb. 9
- Father Daughter Dance - Feb. 10
- Indoor Triathlon - Feb. 24
- Dive-In Movie: Cool Runnings - Feb. 23
- Easter Egg Dive - March 17
- Shalimar Grand Opening - March 24
- Easter Egg Hunt - March 24
- April Pool's Day - April 7

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Grandview Voters to Decide Public Safety Sales Tax

Grandview residents have an important decision ahead of them.

On Tuesday, January 9, the Grandview Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to place a ½-cent Public Safety Sales Tax on the April 3 ballot.

“The safety of our citizens, visitors and our public safety staff is always a first priority for the City,” said Mayor Leonard Jones. “This ½-cent will help protect everyone as Grandview continues to be one of the fastest-growing cities in Jackson County.”

If approved, the Public Safety Sales Tax is expected to raise an additional \$1 million-\$1.3 million in annual revenue. The funds could only be spent on Grandview Police and Fire Departments.

Over the next few weeks, city leaders, the Mayor and Board of Alderman will finalize a plan to present to the voters detailing how the money could be spent for each department.

Snow Business ❄️❄️❄️

With snow and ice come questions and concerns, so here are the top 5 things you need to know about Grandview's snow plan.

#1. When winter weather is coming, Public Works crews pre-treat the streets. Any rainfall actually helps spread this treatment.

#2. When snow falls, or ice accumulates, crews first tackle the snow routes.

#3. Crews use a mixture of beet juice and rock salt on ice or packed snow.

#4. Other City streets are only plowed if there is 4" or more of snow.

#5. Regardless of the treatment, drive slowly and cautiously in winter weather. For more information about snow removal visit grandview.org/snow-routes.

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JANUARY

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6PM
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13500 Byars Road

FEBRUARY

6
FREE

Know Your Numbers
5PM-7PM
The View

10
\$20/\$35

Father Daughter Dance
6PM-8PM
The View
register at 316-4888

23
FREE

Dive-in Movie
5:30PM
The View

MARCH

17
FREE

Easter Egg Dive
10AM
The View Pool

24
FREE

Shalimar Park Grand Opening & Easter Egg Hunt
10AM
Shalimar Park
7300 E. 155th St.

APRIL

7
FREE

April Pool's Day
11AM
The View Pool