

The Trustees in and for the Geary Utilities Authority met on the above date for their regular meeting. In accordance with the open meeting law, the agenda and meeting notice were posted on the window of City Hall, 115 S. Broadway, before 5:00 pm Wednesday, February 10, 2016.

Chairman, Bobby Allen, called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm. Those answering roll call were John Gregerson, Cozetta Johnson, Leslie Swinerton, and Ernest Allen. Ronnie Wheeler was unable to attend this meeting. Also present were City Attorney Raymond Vincent, Police Chief Waylan Upchego, Public Works director Jeff Choate, City Accountant Linda Woodruff, Randy McClure with McClure Management Consultants, LLC, Kenny Sullivan with Sullivan and Associates Engineering, city employees Lee Posey, Robert Brown, Lane Scabby Horse, Theodore Thunderbull, and Robert Silva, Kalep Mooney, Timothy Bench, Cathy and Mike Allen, Loice Nofsinger, Linda Bingham, and Elisha Bingham.

Kenny Sullivan, Sullivan and Associates Engineering, was here to answer questions on the water lines. In April of 2015, Sullivan and Associates drew up plans for a four (4) inch water line, going north of Geary, to service customers with treated water. These plans have not been approved by the board and therefore were not submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality, DEQ, for their approval.

A property owner would like to construct a housing development south of town, and is inquiring on the size of water line that would be needed for this development. Currently there is a three (3) inch water line along the east side of the property. This line will not be sufficient for a housing development with fire suppression. There will be a need for fire hydrants in this development. There would need to be at least an eight (8) inch water line for this development. This would require tapping into the twelve (12) inch water line that is located on the east side of the highway, with a highway crossing bore to deliver the water to the housing development. Leslie Swinerton requests that Sullivan and Associates submit maps of the 12inch water line to the city.

Ernest Allen made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve the plans for a four (4) inch water line going north of town to supply customers with treated water and to authorize the chairman to submit a letter of approval to the Department of Environmental Quality for these plans. Ayes: John Gregerson, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and Ernest Allen. Nays: None.

Randy McClure, with McClure Management Consultants LLC, was here with a proposal to refinance the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) loan and add funds for the new water line and remaining natural gas line replacement. The Geary Utility Authority has been approved for \$700,000.00 above the OWRB loan payoff balance. This would consolidate the expenses to a one (1) check a month payment. This is a subject that needs more discussion and we need to contact OWRB about an early pay off. A working session will be scheduled for later this month.

Worth Hydro Chem has been helping with repairs to the Reverse Osmosis Plant since the November ice storms. The plant has been in operations since 2000 and now needs a lot of repairs and maintenance. Currently the Conductivity sensors are worn out and will no longer hold the calibrations. It is recommended that they be replaced at a cost of \$4,387.80. Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Leslie Swinerton to approve the replacement of the conductivity sensors at the Reverse Osmosis Plant. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Jeff Choate presented the board with the January monthly activity report. We are still picking up limbs from the November ice storm, hopefully we will have them all picked up soon. There has been lot furniture put out by the dumpsters located at the North Store. This will need to be monitored so the owners of the furniture can be billed. This is an extra expense for the city to absorb. Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to approve the monthly GUA report. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Leslie Swinerton made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve the purchase of an air compressor/dryer, at a cost of \$3,275.00, for the R.O. Plant. The one that was there was damaged by ice storm power outages. Ayes: Ernest Allen, John Gregerson, Cozetta Johnson, and Leslie Swinerton. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to approve purchasing and repairing 15 transformers, that were damaged by the November and December ice storms, for a cost of \$8,586.00. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Leslie Swinerton to approve sending Jeff Choate, Lee Posey, and Mary K. Wright to the 2016 MESO Public Power Conference in Tulsa on April 17 through the 19. Ayes: Ernest Allen, John Gregerson, Leslie Swinerton, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Raymond Vincent will contact the Levi heirs about renewing the Levi water well agreement.

Raymond Vincent will review the gas and water line easement agreements for the water and gas lines going north of town.

No action on a proposal by Harrison Construction to finance the gas line replacement work.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to go into executive session at 7:40 pm, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307 B-1, for the purpose of discussing hire, fire, promote, demote, discipline, or resignation of Theodore Thunderbull, Lane Scabby horse, and Robert Silva. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to reconvene the regular session at 8:18 pm. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

No action on the executive session.

Employee cost of living raises will be discussed at the March 10th meeting.

No action on the January bank balances.

Leslie Swinerton made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve the consent agenda as follows: Approve to encumber \$25,085.57 for the February payrolls and to pay the January OMPA electric bill in the amount of \$48,365.99. Approve to make the sales tax payment of approximately \$5,000.00. Approve the release of the GUA checks in the amount of \$48,362.69. Approve the release of the Meter Refund checks in the amount of \$2,558.30. Approve the release of the R.O. Fund checks in the amount of \$1,063.95. Approve the transfer of \$4,012.40 from the GUA to the R.O. Fund. Approve the monthly DEQ report. Approve to transfer \$7,750.00 from the GUA to the Construction Fund. Approve the transfer of \$20,834.00 from the GUA to the General Fund. And to approve to pay United Energy Trading, LLC., \$17,126.93 for the balance of the December natural gas usages and the estimated January natural gas usages. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Cozetta Johnson, and Leslie Swinerton. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to approve suspending the \$1,000.00 monthly payment to the Economic Development Authority until further notice. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to approve the January 7th minutes. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Under new business, Leslie Swinerton requests that persons who make disreputable comments towards the governing body be cause for said persons to be asked to leave the meeting and not be allowed to return.

There was no old business to discuss.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Passed and approve this _____ day of _____ by _____
Chairman, Bobby Allen