

MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2016

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, April 6, 2016.

Chairman, Bobby Allen, called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Those answering roll call were John Gregerson, Cozetta Johnson, Leslie Swinerton, Ernest Allen and Ronnie Wheeler. Also present were City Attorney Raymond Vincent, Public Works director Jeff Choate, Loice Nofsinger, Linda Bingham, and Elisha Bingham.

Public Works director, Jeff Choate, read the March utility report. The workers had to raise two (2) sewer man holes to be level with the pavement so they did some repairs and cleaning while there. The 10 inch water main north of town had a leak that needed attention. Pipeline Regulatory Consultants were out to do the quarterly odorant and leak testing. The lineman has been working on some of the power lines to remove tree limbs and secure the lines from high winds. Also, the Federal Emergency Management Authority (FEMA) work sheets for the November ice damage has been turned in with debris cost of \$41,000.00. Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to approve the March report as given. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

No action on renewing the Levi water well agreement.

No action on utility easements for water and gas lines.

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

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve the purchase of Electric supplies to replace and repair the electric lines from the Nursing Home to the Funeral Home. These lines were damaged by the November ice storm and normal wear and tear. The utility authority received \$20,000.00 from the Competitive Utility Program (CUP) to be used for upgrades to the electric system. Some of this money will be used for the repairs and upgrade and the FEMA money will help also. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Leslie Swinerton to go into executive session, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307 B-1, at 7:50 pm, for the purpose of discussing hire, fire, demote, promote, discipline, or resignation of Tinker Drawbaugh as a part time employee. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Cozetta Johnson, Leslie Swinerton, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to reconvene the regular session at 8:05 pm. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to hire Tinker Drawbaugh as a seasonal employee at \$9.00 per hour with a possible raise if he gets a CDL Driver's license. Aye: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, John Gregerson, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

No action on the employee cost of living raises at this time because they were not placed in the budget for this physical year according to (our accountant, Linda Woodruff).

No action on the March bank balances.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve the consent agenda as follows: Approve to encumber \$25,085.57 for the April payrolls, the March OMPA electric bill for approximately \$40,995.18, and the monthly sales tax payment for approximately \$5,000.00. Approve the release of the GUA checks in the amount of \$40,169.03. Approve the release of the Meter refund checks in the amount of \$1,700.00. Approve the transfer of \$3,637.70 from the GUA water to the R.O. Fund. Approve the monthly DEQ reports. Approve the transfer of \$7,750.00 to the Construction Fund. And approve the transfer of \$20,834.00 from the GUA to the General Fund. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to pay United Energy Trading, LLC \$4,929.27 for the balance of February natural gas and the estimated March natural gas usages. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

There was no new business to discuss. Under old business it was noted that the Annual Yard Sales will be the first weekend in May. We need be sure that there are Roll off Dumpsters available for the residents to Clean Up their yards.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ernest Allen to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. Ayes: John Gregerson, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, Ernest Allen, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2016 by _____
Chairman, Bobby Allen