

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, May 4, 2016.

Chairman, Bobby Allen, called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Those answering roll call were John Gregerson, Cozetta Johnson, Ronnie Wheeler, Leslie Swinerton, and Ernest Allen. Also present were City Attorney Raymond Vincent, Public Works Director/Fire Chief Jeff Choate, Police officers Steve Cerbu, Cecil Harrall, Police Chief Waylan Upchego, City Accountant Linda Woodruff, and Payroll Clerk Jeremy Springer, OMPA representative Ryan Piersal, Loice Nofsinger, Elisha Bingham, Linda Bingham, Cynthia Arnold, Cathy Allen, Mike Allen, and Jim Shelton.

Ryan Piersal, with Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority, was here for the annual OMPA report. The expected increase in power costs did not happen this year since the cost for natural gas and coal was down. OMPA has developed guidelines for cities to use to help with customer generations of electricity. Many customers are looking at generating their own electricity, wind and solar, that eventually could run back through their meters and cause problems for line operators working on those lines. Also, OMPA now has an electric line crew, based in Fairview, who can assist cities with power outages due to storms, or for regular maintenance. No action was needed on this report.

This meeting was recessed at 6:30 pm and reconvened at 7:26 pm.

After a lot of discussion about increasing the electric and gas rates, it was determined that more research and information is needed. OMPA has developed a formula that will help cities and town figure what they should be charging for utility rates to cover the cost and overhead for each utility. This will be discussed later.

Out at 7:40 pm and returned at 8:12 pm.

Public Works Director, Jeff Choate, has been working on a letter to the Corporation Commission for an extension on the replacement of our natural gas lines. The board will need to approve the letter at the next meeting. Jeff is also working on claims to FEMA for the December, ice storm damages. We received checks for the first 30 days of repairs and limb removal from the November ice storm.

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve the monthly report from Jeff Choate. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, Cozetta Johnson, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to have City Attorney Raymond Vincent write a letter to Darrell Williamson informing him that he will need to move the city water line and grant a new easement before he moves a house onto the property where a city water line currently exists. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

No action on renewing water well agreement with Levi Estate.

No action on the water and gas line easement review.

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

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Leslie Swinerton to go into executive session, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307-B1, at 8:30 pm, for the purpose of discussing hire, fire, promote, demote, discipline, or resignation of Michael Bruner and possible promotion of Tinker Drawbaugh. Ayes: Cozetta Johnson, John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Leslie Swinerton to reconvene the regular session at 8:47 pm. Ayes: Cozetta Johnson, John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to terminate Michael Bruner. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to promote Tinker Drawbaugh to a full time employee. Ayes: Cozetta Johnson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

No action on the monthly bank balances.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to approve the consent agenda as follows: Approve to encumber \$25,085.57 for the May payrolls, pay the April OMPA electric bill, and pay the monthly sales tax. Approve the release of GUA checks in the amount of \$29,092.82. Approve the release of the Meter refund checks in the amount of \$2,156.70. Approve the release of R.O. Fund checks in the amount of \$3,322.18. Approve the monthly DEQ report. Approve the transfer of \$7,750.00 to the Construction Fund. Approve the transfer of \$20,834.0 to the General Fund. And approve to pay United Energy Trading LLC \$2,383.86. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

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

There was no old or new business to discuss.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None

MEETING ADJOURNED

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