

The Trustees in and for the Geary Utilities Authority met on the above date to reconvene 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, September 7, 2016.

Chairman, Bobby Allen, called the meeting to order at 6:48 pm. Those answering roll call were John Gregerson, Ronnie Wheeler, Leslie Swinerton, and Ernest Allen. Cozetta Johnson was unable to attend this meeting. Also present were City Attorney Raymond Vincent, Public Works director Jeff Choate, and Officer Steve Cerbu.

Ray Vincent still needs more information to set up a new agreement with the Levi family to purchase water from water wells on their property. The City owns 80 acres of land on the south side of the road south of the Levi wells. Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to have Jeff Choate check on the cost of drilling a water well on the 80 acres and have it for the October board meeting. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

Jeff Choate presented the board with the August utility activities. The crew is mowing city property and trimming tree limbs out of power lines. The Department of Environmental Quality has told us not to take limbs to the old landfill for burning anymore. We will have to find another way of disposing of the trees. OG&E has been working on the power lines coming into town to help eliminate the many power surges and outages that we have been experiencing. We are now on a different line while they repair to line from Watonga to Geary. The City should be receiving a check from FEMA soon to compensate for the December 2015 Ice Storm. Also, Jeff and Lee Posey will be sending letters to customers with meters that are not accessible to the meter readers. These customers will be given a set date to have their meters moved to an acceptable location or have gates unlocked so city employees can read the meters. Lastly, there was a water main break on the 10 water line north and east of town on September 3<sup>rd</sup> about 3:30 pm. A large section of the line was found to be split and needed to be replaced. This line was located on the east side of the North Canadian River in a ditch that was full of water. The city equipment was not adequate to dig this line, so the repair crew asked the Blaine County Commissioner for some assistance. Two of his men and their track hoe were able to dig up the line and to help drain the excess water from the area so the city crew could replace the spit section of water main.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to accept the report as given. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to pay Blaine County for their employees' time assisting the City crew with the water main break. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

There was no need for an executive session.

There was no action on the July 31 bank balances.

Leslie Swinerton made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to approve the consent agenda as follows excluding item f for the monthly DEQ report: Approve to encumber \$34,108.55 for the September payrolls, pay

the OMPA electric bill for \$67,639.03, and pay the monthly sales tax payment of approximately \$5,000.00. Approve the release of the GUA Fund checks in the amount of \$32,977.00 for the August bills. Approve the release of the Meter Fund checks in the amount of \$1,800.00. Approve the release of the R.O. Fund Checks in the amount of \$1,530.88. Approve the transfer out of the GUA water fund to the R.O. Fund in the amount of \$4,824.00. Approve to transfer \$7,750.00 to the Construction Fund. Approve to transfer \$20,834.00 to the General Fund. And to approve to pay the United Energy Trading, LLC natural gas bill in the amount of \$1,879.01. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, and Leslie Swinerton. Nays: None.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Leslie Swinerton to approve the August 11<sup>th</sup> minutes. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

Jeff received a quote from Powell Services today for the cost of labor to install 4 miles of 4inch water line. The city will purchase the materials needed to lay this line.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to accept the quote from Powell Services to lay 4 miles of 4 inch water line. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

There was no old business to discuss.

Leslie Swinerton made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, John Gregerson, and Leslie Swinerton. Nays: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2016 by \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman Bobby Allen