

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, November 7, 2018.

Chairman, Bobby Allen, called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm. Those answering roll call were Tabbitha Kiener, Craig Wright, John Burns, and Trey Carter. Also present were City Attorney Raymond Vincent, Public Works director Jeff Choate, Lee Posey, Jim Shelton, Lorinda Wright, Tom Dourghety, Police Chief Cecil Harrall, Officer C.D. Ferguson, and Geary Star editor Connie Burcham.

Tom Dourghety, with MESO/OMPA, was here to present a certificate to Lee Posey for completing the Journeyman Lineman Certification program.

The Geary Community Nursing Home is behind on the utility bill again. They did not pay the October bill and the November bill is now due, making a total of \$10,494.06. Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to send them a "Cut Off" notice and give them seven (7) days to pay the bill or their utilities will be terminated. A special meeting will be held Thursday November 15, 2018, at 6:30 pm to give the nursing home a chance to explain or pay the bill. If they do not pay the bill by November 15th, their utilities will be disconnected on Friday November 16, 2018. Ayes: Trey Carter, John Burns, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by John Burns to set the employee Christmas Dinner for December 14th at 6:30 pm. We will contact the Christian Church to rent the Brown Center for that date and time for the dinner. Catering will be scheduled when we get a good head count for employees who will attend the dinner. Catering companies discussed were Swadley's and Texas Road House. Others may be considered. Ayes: Craig Wright, Tabbitha Kiener, John Burns, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to approve the employee Christmas Bonus Schedule for 2019. Ayes: John Burns, Trey Carter, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to approve the 2019 calendar for scheduled Geary Utility Authority meetings. Ayes: Craig Wright, John Burns, Tabbitha Kiener, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

Public Works director, Jeff Choate, presented the October GUA activities report. The utility crews were busy repairing water leaks around town and repairing many pot holes and road cuts. The OMPA line crew came in to help Lee Posey replace a central service electric line located north of the funeral home running north. Gas contractor, Travis Harrison, is almost finished replacing gas lines within the city. NODA and ACOG have open the applications for REAP grants, and we plan to apply to both for money to finish the gas line project. NODA will be for gas lines in Blaine County and ACOG will be for gas lines located in Canadian County.

John Burns made the motion seconded by Trey Carter to approve the report as given. Ayes: Tabbitha Kiener, Craig Wright, Trey Carter, and John Burns. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to approve the purchase of power poles from McFarland Cascade in the amount of \$7,836.00. Ayes: John Burns, Trey Carter, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to go into executive session at 7:05 pm, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307 B-1, for the purpose of discussing hire, fire, promote, demote, discipline, or resignation of Lee Posey and possible hire Timothy Akridge as part time/seasonal/or full time employee. Ayes: John Burns, Trey Carter, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

John Burns made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to return to the regular session at 7:13 pm. Ayes: Craig Wright, Trey Carter, Tabbitha Kiener, and Joh Burns. Nays: None.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to give Lee Posey a \$1.00 per hour raise to be effective on his next pay day. Ayes: Craig Wright, John Burns, Tabbitha Kiener, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

No action on Timothy Akridge.

There was no action on the monthly bank balances.


Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to approve the consent agenda as follows: Approve to encumber \$37,361.96 for the November payrolls, pay the OMPA electric bill for approximately \$51,929.55, and pay the monthly sales tax for approximately \$5,000.00. Approve the release of the GUA checks in the amount of \$107,244.57. Approve the release of the Meter refund checks in the amount of \$2,000.00. Approve the release of the R.O. Fund check in the amount of \$3,398.40. Approve the transfer from GUA Water to the R.O. Fund in the amount of \$4,271.00. Approve the monthly DEQ water report. Approve the transfer of \$7,750.00 from the GUA account to the Construction Fund Account. Approve the transfer from GUA to the General Fund in the amount of \$20,834.00. And pay the United Energy LLC natural gas bill in the amount of \$3,628.69. Ayes: Craig Wright, John Burns, Tabbitha Kiener, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by John Burns to approve the October 11th minutes. Ayes: Craig Wright, Trey Carter, John Burns, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

There was no old or new business to discuss.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm. Ayes: Craig Wright, John Burns, Tabbitha Kiener, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Passed and approved this 14 day of DECEMBER, 2018 by 
Chairman, Bobby Allen