

The Geary City Council members met on the above date for their regular monthly 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 March 5, 2014.

Mayor, Leslie Swinerton, called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. Those answering roll call were Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, Bobby Allen and Cozetta Johnson. Also present were City Attorney Raymond Vincent, Police Chief Waylan Upchego, Police Officers Steve Cerbu and Cecil Harrall, Public Works Director Jeff Choate, accounting consultants Linda Woodruff and Jeremy Springer, Economic Development board members Eric Cowan and Crystal Briscoe, Library Board president Patti Maib, Senior Citizens representatives Herb Little and Robbie Estep, and Mike and Kaye Base.

Leslie Swinerton led the group in the flag salute.

Eric Cowan addressed some concerns that the Economic Development Authority has toward the improvement of the appearance of the City of Geary. He asks that the council stand behind the mayor in enforcing the building codes to force property owners to fix the dilapidated buildings in our town. One such way would to adopt and enforce the International Property Maintenance Codes which addresses the appearance of existing buildings. No action was taken.

Herb Little and Robbie Estep approached the council with a request for assistance with the Senior Citizens' monthly expenses. It appears that some local towns have set up a budget to help fund their local Senior Citizens Clubs. Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to discuss this at the April 10th meeting. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Cozetta Johnson, Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

This meeting was recessed at 6:39 pm and reconvened at 6:51 pm.

Henry and Carol Adamson have consented to grant the City of Geary an easement for the placement of signage for the new business that has proposed to build on the lots north of their lots. These lots are located in the 100 block of N. Broadway. No action was needed.

Since Kay Perkins has been ill, the library has not turned in any expenses to the city for payment. The library board is considering allowing the city to incorporate the library bank account into the city books. This will be discussed again later.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to accept the monthly accounting report from Linda Woodruff. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, Cozetta Johnson, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Bobby Allen to discuss the employee policies and procedures manual at the March 20th meeting. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, Bobby Allen, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

No action on the direct deposits for the month.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve the consent agenda as follows: approve the February 10th and 13th minutes. Approve to encumber \$38,736.20 for the April payrolls. Approve the release of the General Check in the amount of \$27,261.07 for the February bills. Approve to pay the February bills that came in after March 1st in the amount of \$793.98. Approve to pay \$1,000.00 to the Economic Development Authority out of the Construction Fund. And approve the transfer of \$20,834.00 from the GUA fund to the General Fund, and to transfer \$7,750.00 to the Construction Fund from the GUA Fund. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Cozetta Johnson, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to approve the monthly police report. Ayes: Cozetta Johnson, Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

Waylan Upchego has done some research with surrounding communities concerning the cost of dog impound fees and upkeep. He is asking for the council to increase the impound fees as follows: \$20.00 when the animal is picked up by animal officer and \$10.00 per day after. Also he would like to include a \$35.00 disposal fee for animals that are turned over to the animal control officer by their owners. Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Bobby Allen to approve this recommendation. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, Bobby Allen, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

No action on contracts for demolition of buildings located in Block 27 of the Geary City Addition. (100 block of N Broadway).

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to go into executive session at 7:45 pm, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307 B-1, for the purpose of discussing hire, fire, promote, demote, discipline, or resignation of library helper Teresa Perkins, police officers Cecil Harrall, Steve Cerbu, and Michelle Singh. Ayes: Ronnie Wheeler, Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Bobby Allen made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to reconvene the regular session at 8:56 pm. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, Cozetta Johnson, Tabbitha Kiener, and Bobby Allen. Nays: None.

Bobby Allen made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to accept Michelle Singh's resignation effective February 28, 2014. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Cozetta Johnson, and Bobby Allen. Nays: None.

No action on Steve Cerbu or Cecil Harrall.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to terminate Teresa Perkins as library helper. Ayes: Cozetta Johnson, Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

No action on going into executive session for Economic Development.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to discuss closing the right of way on the south side of NE 1st Street at the April meeting. Ayes: Ernest Allen Ronnie Wheeler, Bobby Allen, Cozetta Johnson, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

The cost estimates for the CDBG FIRE/EMS SUB STATION will be discussed at a special meeting on March 20th, at 6:00 pm.

Raymond Vincent, city attorney, will write a letter concerning the leasing of oil and gas minerals to Centennial Land Company for Section 1, Township 13 North, Range 11 West, Blaine County.

There was no old or new business to discuss.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Bobby Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

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Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2014 by _____
Mayor, Leslie Swinerton