

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 April 9, 2014.

Mayor, Leslie Swinerton, called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, Public Works Director/Fire Chief Jeff Choate, Linda Woodruff and Jeremy Springer with Woodruff Accounting firm, City employees Lee Posey, and Mary K. Wright. Others present were Jeff Cowan of Cowan Engineering, LLC., Max Woldrop Construction Manager, Kaye Base, J.H. Buser, Richard Lietner, Randall Base, Nelson Clark, Darren Base, David Buser, Mike Base, Missy Williamson, James Lawson, Carolyn Lawson, Toni Clark, Jodi and Ken McKay, Belva Roberts, Herb Little, Jim Shelton, Robbie Estep, Dr. Gary Burns, Karen and Wes Rayner, Blain Mills, Rev Truman Ferguson, Debra Shelton, Joyce Shawver, Linda Nicholson, Patty Maib, and James Nelson.

Waylan Upchego opened the meeting with a short prayer.

Volunteers who have contributed to the growth and improvements to the City of Geary were honored with a plaque from the Mayor. Those honorees were: C.E. Barker/James Nelson, Blaine County Commissioner District 1/Melba Nance, Council Member Ward 5 Ronnie Wheeler for his donation of a scoreboard for the softball field, Council Member Ward 1 Bobby Allen for donation of his time and labor to rebuild the dugouts at the softball field, Dr. Gary Burns/Carla Burns Memorial, Geary/Hinton Rotary Club, The First Christian Church, and Angel's Attic.

One bid was received for the repairs to the softball stadium roof from Wright Siding, Inc. in the amount of \$4,250.00. Bobby Allen made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to award the bid to Wright Siding, Inc. for \$4,250.00. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, Cozetta Johnson, and Bobby Allen. Nays: None.

Jeff Cowan, Cowan Engineering, was here with changes to the original Fire/EMS Substation plans. The new plans are for 2 truck bays, 1 meeting/training room, and bathrooms, with the drive staying the same as for the original 7 bay station, for a cost of \$588,000.00. The station has to have 3 bays. Also, there is the question of how to finance this project? The options that have been proposed are:

1. to increase the city sales tax rate
2. increase the utility rates
3. or try to barrow the money from a lending source.

The council is opposed to increasing the taxes and the utility rates. Ernest Allen made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler for Jeff Cowan change the plans to include 3 bays and keep the cost below \$600,000.00. Also, Jeff Cowan, Linda Woodruff, and Raymond Vincent will contact lending sources for information concerning a loan for this project to be presented at the May 8th meeting. Also, Millie Vance, Grant Administrator, will be contacted, file for an extension on this grant. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Cozetta Johnson, Ronnie Wheeler, and Ernest Allen. Nays: Tabbitha Kiener.

Blain Mills also submitted plans to build the Fire/EMS substation costing much less than Cowan Engineering. More information is needed. No action on this item.

James Lawson turned in a Tort Claim for water and ice damage to his property. The damages occurred on December 6, 2013, when a 10 inch water main burst in his front yard. His house, fence, and trees sustained heavy ice damage when the water sprayed several feet in the air, even icing the power lines. Tree limbs fell from the trees hitting the guttering on the house and damaging the fence. The city insurance Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group (OMAG) investigated this claim and has recommended to the city to deny the claim. James Lawson has asked that the city reconsider this claim and asked if the council could reimburse him for most of his expenses. He was without water for four (4) days while water line parts were being ordered. December 6th was on Friday, therefore, because of the weekend it took longer to get parts. Ernest Allen made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to reimburse James Lawson \$997.00. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Cozetta Johnson, Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, and Bobby Allen. Nays: None.

This meeting was recessed at 8:10 pm and reconvened at 8:28 pm.

Robbie Estep and Herb Little were here to request assistance from the City of Geary for the monthly utilities of the Geary Senior Citizens. Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to accept a recommendation from Mayor Swinerton to consider setting aside \$300.00 per month for the Geary Senior Citizens in the 2014-2015 budget. This will be discussed further at the June meeting. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Cozetta Johnson, Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Jessie Lewis, an electric contractor from Calumet, has asked for permission to establish an electric business on Highway 66 and Walbaum Road. Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to accept the Planning and Zoning Board's recommendation to offer Jessie Lewis a permit to build a commercial business, to be located on property east of the new Fire/EMS Substation site, if he agrees to use Geary water. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Cozetta Johnson, Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

There was no response to the advertisement for the City of Geary to sell property located at 112 West Main (HUFF's). (Lot 7, Block 34, in the City of Geary Addition).

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to sell Lot seven (7), in Block Thirty-Four (34), in the Geary City Addition, to Darren Base for \$1.00. Darren is to establish a Full Service Laundry Mat within Nine (9) months of signing the contract. If the business is not built within the nine (9) months, the property will revert back to the City of Geary. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Cozetta Johnson, Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board to allow Darren Base to establish a Full Service Laundry Mat at 112 W. Main. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, Tabbitha Kiener, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

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

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Bobby Allen to approve the recommendation of the Library Board to establish a checking account at the Geary Bank of Western Oklahoma in the name of **Geary Public Library Special Funds Account** with the designated signatures for this account to be the **City Clerk** of the City of Geary and the **Geary Library Board Treasurer**. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, Bobby Allen, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to approve the recommendation of the Library board to establish a checking account at the Geary Bank of Western Oklahoma in the name of the **Geary Public Library State Aid Funds Account** with designated signatures for this account to be the **City Clerk** of the City of Geary and the **Geary Library Board Treasurer**. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, Tabbitha Kiener, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to approve the recommendation of the Library board to establish a checking account at the Geary Bank of Western Oklahoma in the name of the **Geary Public Library Grant Funds Account** with designated signatures for this account to be the **City Clerk** of the City of Geary and the **Geary Library Board Treasurer**. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, Tabbitha Kiener, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

No action on the direct deposits for the month.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A) Approve the March 6th and 20th minutes.
- B) Approve to encumber \$38,736.20 for the May payrolls.
- C) Approve the release of the General check in the amount of \$33,533.19, the CDBG checks in the amount of \$40,996.23, the Street and Alley Fund check in the amount of \$9,800.00 and the K-9 Restricted fund in the amount \$67.02 for the March bills.
- D) Approve to pay the March bills that came in after April 1st for the General Fund in the amount of \$151.27.
- E) pay the Construction fund checks in the amount of \$65,676.29 for transfers to CDBG, Purchase a pickup, and pay the Economic Development Authority.
- F) And to approve the transfer of \$20,834.00 from the GUA Fund to the General Fund, and transfer \$7,750.00 from the GUA to the Construction fund.

Ayes: Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, Cozetta Johnson, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve the Library purchase orders #6051 through #6062 in the amount of \$1,446.86 for Library books. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, Cozetta Johnson, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to approve Library purchase order 6063 in the amount of \$900.00 to the annual Apollo Automation Service (bar coding). Ayes: Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Bobby Allen to approve Library purchase orders 5293 and 6104 to purchase supplies for the Summer Reading Program out of the State Aid Money, in the of \$507.12. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, Bobby Allen, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

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

The Police Department personnel have suggested that the Police Station Building be renamed the "Brown-Ewing Public Safety Building" to memorialize past Police Chiefs Chester Brown and Sherman Ewing. The council feels that the public should be informed and given a chance to express their opinions. An ad will be published in the paper and this will be discussed at a later council meeting.

No action on a resolution to allow the City of Geary Police Officers to hold a dual police commission.

No action on the Centennial Land Company Oil and Gas lease. Attorney Raymond Vincent will contact the company for further explanation on the lease options.

Bobby Allen made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to advertise for the Highway Mowing contract for the 2014 mowing season. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, Cozetta Johnson, and Bobby Allen. Nays: None.

Bobby Allen made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler set the 'SPRING CLEAN UP' for May 9th through May 23rd. Roll Off dumpsters will be ordered and set on the east end of Main Street for residents to bring their "TRASH" for disposal. Ayes: Cozetta Johnson, Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, and Bobby Allen. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Bobby Allen to declare April as FAIR HOUSING MONTH and publish a proclamation in the paper. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, Bobby Allen, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve Ordinance #2014-02 to amend Section 5-101 and 5-102 adopting the 2009 Edition of the International Building Code. And to adopt the emergency clause for this ordinance, declaring repealer; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, Cozetta Johnson, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

There was no old or new business to discuss.

Bobby Allen made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 pm. Ayes: Ernest Allen Tabitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, Cozetta Johnson, and Bobby Allen. Nays: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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