

The Council Members in and for the City of Geary met on the above date for a special 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 3:00 pm Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

Mayor, Leslie Swinerton, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Those answering roll call were Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, Ernest Allen, and Bobby Allen. Cozetta Johnson came in at 5:10 pm. Also present were City Attorney Raymond Vincent, Grant Administrator Millie Vance, City Accountant Linda Woodruff, Public Works Director/Fire Chief Jeff Choate, Firemen Jeff Brower, James Nelson, and Jim Shelton, Gene Ellison, and Mary Wright.

This meeting was called to discuss and get clarification on the CDBG Grant rules and regulations in regards to the Fire/EMS Substation Grant. The City was awarded a \$150,000.00 CDBG Revitalization Grant to build a FIRE/EMS Substation. At this time the engineer has presented two (2) sets of plans with costs ranging between \$1,000,000.00 for a four (4) bay station and \$588,000.00 for a two (2) bay station. The Firemen have determined that to reduce the ISO rating in that area they need a three (3) bay station, Two (2) bays for fire trucks and one (1) bay for an ambulance. The council is concerned that the cost is going to be more than the city can afford, and would like to see plans for a "BARE BONES" station.

Millie Vance stated that the grant is good until 2015 and the city needs to show progress on the building site to keep the grant viable. The grant requires that the building are be a "USABLE" facility.

Linda Woodruff has checked with three (3) banks to see if the city would be able to get a loan to finance the balance of the cost for the Fire/EMS Substation. She has received information from one (1) bank and is waiting for the information from the other two (2) banks. The information from the one bank was really good. The city has an outstanding credit rating and could get a loan for \$450,000.00 for 5 years at a very reasonable interest rate, or could even extend the loan for 15 years if need be.

Raymond Vincent suggested that the council get "VIABLE" plans for a three (3) bay station and put the specs out for bid. There is no guarantee that the city has to accept any of these bids and it will give them an idea of the actual costs for the Fire/EMS Substation.

Leslie Swinerton had to leave the meeting at 6:10 pm.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to have Raymond Vincent contact Jeff Cowan, Cowan Engineer Group, to get plans and specifications for a three (3) bay "BARE BONES" station with a forty (40) foot cement apron for the driveway. These plans will be reviewed by the firemen and a council person. If they are what the firemen want, then they will be put out for bid. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Cozetta Johnson, Tabbitha Kiener, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

No action on Cowan Group Engineering, LLC. Plans and expenses.

No action on adding more money to the Fire Department Budget to build a fire station.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve to pay the Library bill to Rhapsody Book Club in the amount of \$256.26 for library books. Ayes: Ronnie Wheeler, Ernest Allen, Bobby Allen, Cozetta Johnson, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

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Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to approve the April 10<sup>th</sup> minutes. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Bobby Allen to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 pm. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Cozetta Johnson, Bobby Allen, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

MEETING ADJOUREND

Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2014, by \_\_\_\_\_