

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 5:00 pm Tuesday, July 22, 2014.

Mayor, Leslie Swinerton, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Those answering roll call were Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, Cozetta Johnson, and Bobby Allen. Also present were City Attorney Raymond Vincent, Police Chief Waylon Upchego, Public Works Director Jeff Choate and many Geary residents.

This meeting was called for an Open Forum to answer questions from the public concerning recent crimes in Geary. The main topic of discussion was the Bank Robbery on July 17th and concerns for ways to notify the surrounding businesses if this should happen again.

Glenda Base, Carol Miller, and Kimberlee Kidwell, local business owners approached the mayor, Leslie Swinerton, about not being informed when the bank was robbed. They were concerned that they could have been victims in this crime and no police officer checked on them. This brought up other concerns for business safety. Kimberlee read off a list of questions for the council and the police department to answer. The outcome of this discussion was that there is a lack of communications between all parties involved. This has been discussed at the police department level and corrections are being implemented at this time. There were many law enforcement departments involved in the bank robbery case and it is now being handled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to have another meeting with the public on October 2nd at 6:00 pm to "see how we are doing". Ayes: Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen Ronnie Wheeler, Cozetta Johnson, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to go into executive session, pursuant to Title 25 Section 307 B-1, at 8:06 pm to discuss hire, fire, promote, demote, discipline, or resignation of the Police Chief, Police officers, Dispatchers, Emergency Management Director, and Library help. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, Cozetta Johnson, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Bobby Allen made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to reconvene the regular session at 11:04 pm. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, Cozetta Johnson, and Bobby Allen. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson approve a recommendation from the library board to hire Paula Reding as a library helper and Kristian Castleberry as part time library helper. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, Cozetta Johnson, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Bobby Allen to appoint Jim Shelton as Emergency Management Director. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Cozetta Johnson, Ronnie Wheeler, Bobby Allen, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

No action on the police department personnel.

No action on purchasing software to monitor computer activity.

Ernest Allen made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to purchase 3 sets of drawings for a 60X65X14 metal building and a 40X20X10 metal building, adding 3 sets of extra plans for \$1,800.00, from Indeco Metals for a 3 bay Fire/EMS Substation. As long as Indeco will provide written confirmation that the building plans will have a licensed Oklahoma architect's seal and signature on them. And that the buildings will comply with the 2009 International Building code of the City of Geary. Ayes: Ronnie Wheeler, Cozetta Johnson, Bobby Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, and Ernest Allen. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 pm. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Cozetta Johnson, Ronnie Wheeler, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Passed and approved this 25th day of July, 2014 by Leslie Swinerton
Mayor Leslie Swinerton