

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, Wednesday February 4, 2015.

Mayor, Leslie Swinerton, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Those answering roll call were Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, and Cozetta Johnson. Bobby Allen came in at 8:00 pm. Others present were City Attorney, Police Chief Waylan Upchego, Officer Cecil Harrall Public Works Director Jeff Choate, City Employees Mary K. Wright, Teresa Hicks, and Lee Posey, City Accountant Linda Woodruff, payroll clerk Jeremy Springer, Engineer David Cottingham, Bryan Piersol with OMPA, Pastor Bookman and his wife, Missy Williams and David Buser. City Clerk/Treasurer recorded the minutes.

David Cottingham was here to present the council with an update on the plans for the new Fire/EMS Substation. David has plans for the council to review and give the OK to put out for bids. Bids will be accepted for the complete project and for the basic project with alternate bids for the interior. The basic plan will include basic plumbing for one bathroom. The heating will a separate option.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve the plans as drawn with the finishing projects set aside as options. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Cozetta Johnson, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

This meeting was recessed at 6:31 pm and reconvened at 6:43 pm.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to approve the monthly accounting report form Linda Woodruff. A special meeting will be scheduled for February 19th for the council and Linda to review the financials and work on the budgets for 2015-2016. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Cost of living raises were tabled until the special meeting on February 19th.

The budget, budget policies, and a resolution for lapsing of appropriations at the end of the city's fiscal year will be discussed at the February 19th meeting.

The City and Beulah Land Church have been in negotiations to trade properties. The abstracts and titles have been brought up to date and City Attorney Raymond Vincent will review them for discrepancies. During the research on the titles, it was discovered that a judgment had been attached to the church property in the amount of \$8,000.00.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Bobby Allen to sell the City's property to Beulah Land Church for the title and abstract of their property and \$4,000.11 dollars payable at \$200.00 per month. Subject to Ray's approval of the Titles. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Bobby Allen, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

The police department has property seized from some drug arrests. At this time there is no policy in place to manage seized property. This will be discussed at the March 5th meeting.

A fenced-in area for storage of seized vehicles was tabled until the March 5th meeting.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Bobby Allen to go into executive session at 8:20 pm, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307, B-1, for the purpose of discussing hire, fire, promote, demoted, discipline, or resignation of Cecil Harrall and Kendon Varner. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Bobby Allen, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Bobby Allen made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to reconvene the regular session at 9:26 pm. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Cozetta Johnson, Tabbitha Kiener, and Bobby Allen. Nays: None.

No action on the executive session.

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

Copies of the Police Policies and procedures amendment will be distributed to the council for review and place on the agenda for the March 5th meeting.

The Community Improvement Plan extension application was approve until June 2015.

Finding a location for a school farm project will be discussed at the March meeting.

An Ordinance to set a policy for underground electrical wiring will be discussed at the March meeting.

Elisha Bingham was instructed to remove high weeds, grass, trees, and debris from her property last fall. To date this has not been done. Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to have the Code Enforcement Officer to write a ticket to Elisha Bingham for maintaining an unhealthy environment and to appear in the City Municipal Court before Judge Stephen Haynes. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Bobby Allen made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to send Prescott Houston a bill for the cleanup expense of his property on North Broadway. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Cozetta Johnson, and Bobby Allen. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to approve changing the City of Geary Library accounts from Business to Free Checking accounts eliminating the monthly service fees. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

No action on the monthly ending bank balances and direct deposits.

Bobby Allen made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve the consent agenda as follows: approve to encumber \$47,075.79 for the February payrolls including the firemen pay. Approve to pay the January bills in the amount of \$18,500.12 for the General Fund. Approve to transfer \$20,834.00 from the Geary Utility Authority to the General Fund. And approve to transfer \$7,750.00 from the Geary Utility Authority to the Construction Fund. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Cozetta Johnson, and Bobby Allen. Nays: None.

Ernest Allen made the motion seconded by Bobby Allen to approve the January 8th, 23rd, and 30th minutes. Ayes: Cozetta Johnson, Tabbitha Kiener, Bobby Allen, and Ernest Allen. Nays: None.

There was no new business to discuss.

A building owned by Steve Kitson still need to be fixed or removed, this will be discuss at a later date.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 pm. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Bobby Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

MEETING ADJOUREND

Passed and approve this _____ day of _____ 2015, by _____
Mayor, Leslie Swinerton