

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 , January 6, 2016.

Mayor, Bobby Allen, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Those answering roll call were Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and John Gregerson. Also present were City Attorney Raymond Vincent, Public Works Director Jeff Choate, Police Officers Steve Cerbu and Cecil Harrall, Dispatcher Belinda McDonald, and Accounting Consultant Linda Woodruff. Residents Loice Nofsinger, Elisha Bingham, and Linda Bingham were also present. City Clerk Mary Hays recorded the minutes

Bobby Allen led the flag salute.

Bobby opened the meeting with the citizen's requests from Elisha Bingham and Loice Nofsinger.

Elisha asked the council about the cost of the new rural fire truck and who paid for this truck. This truck was purchased with donated funds and fund collected by Blaine County for the Blaine County Rural Fire Departments.

Loice Nofsinger wanted information about the part time Police Officer, Justin Barton, who she had not seen before. Justin works on an as needed basis and is not in Geary on a daily basis. She also had questions about how to become a Geary Economic Development Authority Board member. This is an appointed position, when a board member elects to not be on the board, the council will solicit member applications for appointment.

Linda Woodruff presented the monthly accounting report. There were no out of the ordinary expenses to report. The finances seem to be on track in comparison to last year at this time. The Sales tax income seems to a little lower than expected so this will be checked into. Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to accept the report at given. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, John Gregerson, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

There has been very little progress at the new fire-substation due to the weather. The drive way is very muddy and the trucks have a problem getting to the building. Jeff Choate will contact David Cottingham to get more information on possible penalties for the project not being finished on the specified date.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to have Jeff Choate get an accurate measurement to fence the north and east side of the fire-substation property. He will also get 3 bids to present to the council at the next council meeting. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

There was no request for payment from Cedar Ridge this month.

Cecil Harrall presented the monthly police report to the council. Leslie Swinerton would like to see the officers hours worked, including over time, added to future reports. Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve the monthly police report as written. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to go into executive session, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307 B-1, at 6:40 pm, for the purpose of discussing hire, fire, promote, demote, discipline, or resignation of Belinda McDonald. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, Ronnie Wheeler, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to reconvene the regular session at 7:29 pm. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

There was no action to be taken after the executive session.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve updating the miscellaneous fees chart as follows:

**Updated January 7, 2016**

**MISCELLEANOUS CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF GEARY**

**UTILITY DEPOSITS**

\$400.00 RESIDENTIAL OR SMALL BUSINESS

\$500.00 MEDIUM TOO LARGE BUSINESS DEPENDING ON BUSINESS SIZE UP TO \$2500.00

**HOUSE OR BLDG REMOVAL**

\$500.00 + DUMPSTER FOR SMALL OR SINGLE STORY BUILDING

\$1,000.00 + DUMPSTER FOR LARGE OR TWO STORY BUILDING

**LIMB REMOVAL**

\$100.00 PER LOAD-CUT IN 4 FOOT LENGTHS

**MOWING PROPERTIES**

\$150.00 PER HOUR PER LOT

**STREET REPAIRS FOR TAPS**

\$100.00 per ton of asphalt **SUBJECT TO THE COST OF MATERIALS**

**GAS TAPS** = \$300.00 (includes fast tap, anode less risers, poly pipe and labor)

2 inch commercial poly pipe = \$7500.00 \$1500.00 for Steel lines and parts

**WATER TAPS** = ¾ inch to 1 inch = \$400.00 2 inch = \$600.00 plus cost of street boring

**SEWER TAPS** = \$250.00

**RURAL WATER TAPS** = \$2500.00 (includes \$100.00 impact fees)

**STRIPPED WATER VALVE REPAIRS** = \$50.00 + parts

**ELECTRIC HOOK UP** = cost of pole + \$100.00 labor disconnect boxes = \$250.00

**ANNUAL CONTRACTOR PERMITS** = ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, & MECHANICAL \$100.00 first year. \$50.00 after the first year

**BUILDING & TRAILER PERMITS** = \$20.00

**INSPECTION FEES** = \$29.50

**FENCE & BURN PERMITS** = FREE

**DOG IMPOUND FEES** = \$25.00 + \$10.00 per day

**CITY DOG TAGS** = \$3.00 for Male or Spay Female - \$5.00 for Female

**ANIMAL ADOPTION FEE** = Animals may be adopted after a 48 hour waiting period with all fees & costs associated with impoundment being paid. A deposit fee of \$100.00 will be paid until the animal has been spayed or neutered. You must show paid receipts from Vet before deposit is refunded.

**ACCIDENT OR INCIDENT REPORTS** = \$10.00

**NON RESIDENT VENDOR PERMIT** = \$20.00 FOR 30 days (Must show proof of sales Tax Permit)

**CITY MAPS** = \$5.00     **MAIL OUTS** = \$6.00  
**COPIES** = \$.25 per page     **FAXES** \$1.00 per page  
**UTILITY TAMPERING RECONNECT FEE**= \$500.00 before utilities are reconnected  
**CHECK RETURN CHARGE** = \$25.00  
**UTILITY TRANSFER FEE** = \$15.00  
**RECONNECT OR PENALTY FEES** = \$30.00 per utility  
**SECURITY LIGHT FEES** = \$10.00  
**DUMPSTER RENTAL** = \$15.00 per month  
**NOTARY FEE** = \$5.00  
**RESEARCH FEES** = \$10.00 per hour  
**CEMETERY: PER GRAVE**  
    \$50.00 GEARY CEMETERY  
    \$100.00 SUNSET CEMETERY  
**OPEN & CLOSE** = \$350.00     **CREMATION** = \$150.00

Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

Leslie Swinerton made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to declare the Ford Boardman Fire Truck as surplus equipment and advertise to sell it. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, Cozetta Johnson, and Leslie Swinerton. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to reappoint Leslie Swinerton and Gene Ellison to the Economic Development Authority Board for four (4) year terms to end in 2018. And to reappoint Crystal Briscoe and Jim Shelton to the Economic Development Authority Board for four (4) year terms to end in 2019. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Only one (1) bid was received for the 80 acres of grass land. Brandon Burns bid \$2,175.00 for a one year lease. He also asked for the possibility of leasing for 3 years. After much discussion, Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to award the grassland lease to Brandon Burns for 3 years at \$2,175.00 per year, with the stipulation that the city may drill water well on the land in the future. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, John Gregerson and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

There was no action on the December 31<sup>st</sup> bank balances and the direct deposits for the month.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to approve the consent agenda as follows: Approve to encumber \$47,075.79 for the January payrolls including the firemen pay. And approve the release of the General checks in the amount of \$22,932.38. Ayes: Cozetta Johnson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Ernest Allen to approve the December 10<sup>th</sup> minutes with the correction to Cecil Harrall receiving a \$2.06 K-9 differential pay. Ayes: Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, Ernest Allen, and John Gregerson. Nays: Cozetta Johnson, she was not present at that meeting.

There was no unforeseen or old business to discuss.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Passed and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Bobby Allen.