

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 February 10, 2016.

Mayor, Bobby Allen, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Those answering roll call were John Gregerson, Cozetta Johnson, Leslie Swinerton, and Ernest Allen. Ronnie Wheeler was unable to attend this meeting. Also present were City Attorney Raymond Vincent, Police Chief Waylan Upchego, Public Works director Jeff Choate, City Accountant Linda Woodruff, Randy McClure with McClure Management Consultants, LLC, Kenny Sullivan with Sullivan and Associates Engineering, city employees Lee Posey, Robert Brown, Lane Scabby Horse, Theodore Thunderbull, and Robert Silva, Kalep Mooney, Timothy Bench, Cathy and Mike Allen, Loice Nofsinger, Linda Bingham, and Elisha Bingham.

Linda Woodruff presented the monthly accounting report to the board. The budget percentages are looking to on track for this time of year. We have had a relatively mild winter causing the utility income and payout to be less than budgeted. All in all the numbers are looking good. There is still some issues with the payroll transfers that may better balanced if the council considers setting up a separate account just for payroll expenses. This will be discusses further at the next meeting. Ernest Allen made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve the monthly accounting report. Ayes: John Gregerson, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and Ernest Allen. Nays: None.

This meeting was recessed at 6:20 pm and reconvened at 8:22 pm.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to go into executive session at 8:28 pm pursuant to Title 25, Section 307 B-1, for the purpose of discussing hire, fire, promote, demote, discipline, or resignation of Police Chief Waylan Upchego, possibly hire Kimberly King and Stephanie Shirley as part time library help, and to possibly appoint Kalep Mooney and Timothy Bench as reserve police officers. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to reconvene the regular session at 9:16 pm. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

Leslie Swinerton made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to hire Kimberly King and Stephanie Shirley as part time library help at \$7.25 per hour. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Cozetta Johnson, and Leslie Swinerton. Nays: None.

Leslie Swinerton made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to appoint Timothy Bench and Kalep Mooney as Reserve Police officers. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Cozetta Johnson, and Leslie Swinerton. Nays: None.

Waylan Upchego informed the council that the K-9 dog is getting ready for retirement. He will be 10 years old this year and has been with the Geary Police department for 4 years. Con has had a good run and been very beneficial to the department. Waylan would like to replace Con with a younger dog at a cost of \$5,000.00.

The police department has confiscated some cars and money from traffic drug arrests. Some of the cars have been court ordered to be sold and the money brought back into the Geary Police department. Waylan would like to use this money and donations to fund the cost of a younger K-9 officer. Ernest Allen made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to allow Waylan to pursue his request to take donations and the money from the sale of the confiscated vehicles to acquire a younger K-9 officer. Ayes: John Gregerson, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and Ernest Allen. Nays: None.

Concerned citizens have been contacting John Gregerson with questions about the police officers and some of their actions or non-actions. Waylan answered these questions to the best of his ability and will be checking into those that he was not aware of. Ernest Allen made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve the monthly police report. Ayes: John Gregerson, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and Ernest Allen. Nays: None.

Jeff Choate gave the council a report on the progress of the new fire substation. The cement drive and sidewalks are in progress, the electrical wiring is almost finished and some dry wall has gone up. The State Fire Marshall has been out to inspect and has given a verbal approval. The written approval will be emailed within the next few days. They hope to have the building ready for occupancy by the end of February. Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to approve the Fire Substation update information. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

The council asked Jeff Choate to get price quotes for 850 feet of 6 foot chain link fencing for two (2) sides of the fire substation property. The lowest of three (3) came in at \$11,550.00 the highest came in at \$15,300.00. Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Leslie Swinerton to purchase the fencing at the \$11,550.00. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: John Gregerson. After more discussion, John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to **NOT BUY THE FENCE RIGHT NOW**. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and John Gregerson. The 6 foot chain link fencing will not be purchased.

Cedar Ridge General Contracting, LLC, has submitted pay request #4 in the amount of \$129,045.64 for the work finished on the Fire/EMS Substation. The CDBG account only has \$10,245.86 left for draw down, so the City will have to pay the balance of \$118,799.78. We will contact Welch Bank and start to draw funds from the lease purchase agreement that was approved for this project. Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to approve request #4 for payment, contingent upon the inspection reports. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Leslie Swinerton made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve to pay D.C. Associates \$1,580.00 for site visits on the Fire/EMS Substation. Ayes: Ernest Allen, John Gregerson, Cozetta Johnson, and Leslie Swinerton. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to pay Canadian County District #3 \$284.70 for 39 tons of 1 inch Crusher Run for the Fire/Ems Substation. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Leslie Swinerton. Nays: None.

After some discussion, the employee cost of living raises will be discussed at the March 10th meeting.

No action on the January bank balances or the direct deposits.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to approve the consent agenda as follows: Approve to encumber \$47,075.79 for the February payrolls including the Firemen pay. Approve the release of General Checks in the amount of \$20,091.60 for January bills. There were no bills for the Street and Alley, CDBG, Construction Fund, State Aid, or the Drug and Alcohol Fund. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Leslie Swinerton to approve the January 7th minutes. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Ernest Allen made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to authorize the mayor, Bobby Allen, to sign the revised division orders for the Cimarex, Gepner 1-1H oil well. Ayes: John Gregerson, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and Ernest Allen. Nays: None.

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to send nuisance letters to Trey Carter, Esther Burch, and the American Baptist Church for the cleanup dilapidated buildings. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

There was no old or new business to discuss.

Ernest Allen made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 pm. Ayes: John Gregerson, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and Ernest Allen. Nays: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2016, by _____
Mayor, Bobby Allen.