

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 April 6, 2016.

Mayor, Bobby Allen, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Those answering roll call were John Gregerson, Cozetta Johnson, Ronnie Wheeler, Leslie Swinerton, and Ernest Allen. Also present were City Attorney Raymond Vincent, Public Works director Jeff Choate, Police Chief Waylan Upchego, City Accountant Linda Woodruff, Melba Nance, Loice Nofsinger, Elisha Bingham, and Linda Bingham. Mary J. Hays recorded the minutes.

Bobby Allen led the flag salute.

Loice Nofsinger had some questions for the council concerning the following agenda items. (1) How many full time police officers does the city have and how many reserve officers? (2) What is the cost of the building located at 224 S. Broadway? (3) What is the Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group and its purpose? (4) What is the Levi H2O well agreement? (5) How much is this amount? The mayor answered the questions that were answerable.

Linda Woodruff gave the council the March accounting reports. She informed the board that the sales tax receipts are down for this time of year and the utility receipts are also down. The mild winter has a lot to do with the utility receipts being down. We have started receiving money from the Welch State Bank for payments on the new fire/ems substation. This money must be recorded into the Quick Books system in order to balance our budget. Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to approve the March accounting report as given. Ayes: John Gregerson, Leslie Swinerton, Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Melba Nance presented the board with the 2016-2017 library budget requests. This request reflects an increase of 5% from last year's allowed budget for personal services and maintenance/operations funds. The library had requested \$12,000.00 for Capital Outlay on the 2015-2016 budget, but only used \$3,000.00. Leslie Swinerton made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to accept the budget request as submitted. This request will be considered as we work on the budgets for 2016-2017. Aye: John Gregerson, Ronnie Wheeler, Ernest Allen, Cozetta Johnson, and Leslie Swinerton. Nays: None.

Melba also informed the council that the library will be hosting the Summer Reading program again this June. This program is for the youngsters up to 6th grade and takes place one day a week during June. Some of the activities include a petting zoo, a magician, and exotic animals. The kids really love these activities. The library is also implementing a once a month reading program in conjunction with the elementary school. The school will bring one class each month for a program that includes the reading of a story, or two, with those attending receiving a snack and drink. There is also a drawing for a book to some lucky youngster. Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to accept the library report from Melba Nance. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

No action on the library accounting reports.

Jeff Choate gave a report on the progress of the Fire/EMS Substation. There are still a lot of items that need to be addressed. The cleanup crew is still working in the building and Jeff has listed a number of items that he feels need fixed. A walk through day and time, with the contractors, has not been set. Also, Oklahoma Department of Transportation wants 24 foot tin horns placed on each side of the driveway. These horns will cost about \$286.00 each. Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to approve the report as given. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Jorge Leyva has given a quote of \$5,000.00 for the labor to install the six (6) foot chain link fence at the new Fire/EMS Substation. Leslie Swinerton made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to have Jorge Leyva install the chain link fencing at the Fire/EMS Substation. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Cozetta Johnson, Ronnie Wheeler, and Leslie Swinerton. Nays: None.

Waylan Upchego presented the monthly police report to the council. Police officer Irving Galvan will be taking medical leave soon for shoulder surgery. He is expected to be out for at least sixteen (16) weeks. This injury began as a workers comp claim 2 years ago. However, that claim was closed and will not be reopened. His medical insurance will be taking care of the bill. A new drug dog has been located and the money has been sent. Cecil will be training with the new dog soon and Con will retire to spend the rest of his days with the Harrall family. Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to approve the monthly police report. Ayes: Cozetta Johnson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

Ernest Allen made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to negotiate with Calumet for Animal Control Services. Ayes: John Gregerson and Ernest Allen. Nays: Cozetta Johnson, Leslie Swinerton, and Ronnie Wheeler. Motion did not pass.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Leslie Swinerton to go into executive session, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307-B-1, at 7:08 pm for the purpose of discussing hire, fire, promote, demote, discipline, or resignation of police officer Milton Herrington, possible hire James Thompson as a full time police officer, and to possibly appoint Jack Fisher as a reserve police officer. Ayes: Cozetta Johnson, John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Leslie Swinerton to reconvene the regular session at 7:25 pm. Ayes: John Gregerson, Cozetta Johnson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to accept a resignation from Milton Herrington, to hire James Thompson as a full time police officer, and to appoint Jack Fisher as a reserve police officer. Ayes: Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, Ernest Allen, John Gregerson, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

No action on employee cost of living raises at this time because they were not placed in the budget for this physical year according to our accountant, Linda Woodruff.

No action on the March bank balances.

No action on the monthly direct deposits.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to approve the consent agenda as follows: Approve to encumber \$54,334.30 for the April payrolls including firemen pay. Approve the release of the General checks in the amount of \$16,912.98 for the March bills. Approve the release of the Construction Fund checks in the amount of \$9,476.31. And approve the release of the Drug and Alcohol Prevention checks in the amount of \$1,200.37. Ayes: Cozetta Johnson, Leslie Swinerton, Ernest Allen, John Gregerson, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Ernest Allen to approve the March 10th minutes. Ayes: Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, Ernest Allen, and John Gregerson. Nays: Ronnie Wheeler, he was not at the meeting.

No mowing bids were received.

No action on purchasing a building located at 224 S. Broadway.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to vote for Mary Rupp and Mike Baily as Trustees of the Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

There was no old or new business to discuss.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

MEETING ADJORNED

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