

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 November 9, 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, and Teresa Hicks, OMPA representative Ryan Piersol, Linda Bingham, and Elisha Bingham.

Bobby Allen led to group in the flag salute.

Linda Woodruff presented the council with the monthly accounting report. The monthly incomes were lower than last year and the expenses were somewhat lower also in the utility department. The October sales and use taxes were also very low. We have no explanation for this. Linda received word, as she was leaving her office, that the annual audited financial statements were finished. CBEW faxed a copy of the report to Linda's office. Linda reported that there were no findings on this year's audit. The council will need to set a date to approve the audited financial statements.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to approve the monthly accounting report and put the annual audited financial statements on the December agenda for approval. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

This meeting was recessed at 6:20 pm and reconvened at 7:37 pm.

Waylan Upchego presented the monthly police report to the council. The officers have finished their annual weapons certification and the Dispatcher/Jailers have completed their annual training. Waylan recently met with the new Blaine County Sheriff, Tony Almaguer, to discuss working relationships. Also, the E911 for Blaine County will kick off on December 6, 2016. John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve the monthly police report. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

While responding to an emergency call, in the Cherokee area, the 2012 Dodge Charger, from the Missouri surplus pool, threw a rod through the motor. A replacement motor will cost at least \$7,296.81. The council would like for Waylan to research the cost of a new car and bring it to the December meeting. No action taken.

Leslie Swinerton made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to raise Waylan Upchego's salary to the minimum requirement that is set to go into effect on December 1, 2016. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Cozetta Johnson, John Gregerson, and Leslie Swinerton. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to go into executive session at 8:12 pm, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307, B-1, for the purpose of discussing hire, fire, promote, demote, discipline, or resignation of Jeff Choate, Mary Hays, Teresa Hicks, and Mary Wright, hire a Public Nuisance Officer, and a Public Hearing Officer. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Cozetta Johnson, John Gregerson, and Leslie Swinerton. Nays: None.

Ernest Allen made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to reconvene the regular session at 9:05 pm. Ayes: John Gregerson, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and Ernest Allen. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Leslie Swinerton to appoint Jeff Choate as the Public Hearing Officer as a volunteer position. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Ernest Allen to hire Mary K Wright as the Public Nuisance Officer with a \$1.00 per hour pay increase. Ayes: Cozetta Johnson, Leslie Swinerton, Ernest Allen, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

Leslie Swinerton made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to send the public nuisance officer and the public hearing officer to certification classes. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Cozetta Johnson, and Leslie Swinerton. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to approve signing papers to be a part of the Warrant Intercept Program with the Oklahoma Tax Commission to collect fines and warrant fees from individual income tax returns. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

No action on the salary for the Code Enforcement officer.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to purchase a John Deere riding lawn mower for the cemetery for a cost of \$8,680.98 to be paid for out of the Cemetery Funds. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to set a time line to reschedule court when the judge is 30 minutes late. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Ernest Allen made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to not change the employee health insurance. We will continue with Blue Cross and Blue Shield with a \$500.00 deductible. Ayes: John Gregerson, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and Ernest Allen. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Leslie Swinerton to not set a policy to refund research and copy fees to the customers. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Ernest Allen to purchase and install a new cargo tarp for the city owned end dump trailer. The cost will be \$2,500.00. Ayes: Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, Ernest Allen, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

NO action on zoning the 281 highway corridor south of town.

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Ernest Allen to approve paying the cost of the upgrade to the sound system on Main Street, the total cost is \$13,358.00. This cost will be split between the Chamber of Commerce, Lyndon Jameson, and the City, making each pay \$4,452.67. Ayes: Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, Ernest Allen, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to give the employees a Christmas Bonus based upon the same schedule that was used last year. Bonuses were given to the employees before Thanksgiving so they could shop Black Friday. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Leslie Swinerton to set the employee Christmas Dinner for 12:00 pm (noon) on Saturday December 17, 2016. The city will furnish the meat and the employees will bring the side dishes. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Cozetta Johnson, Leslie Swinerton, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to approve the 2017 calendar for regular council meetings with changes to January to the 9th and July to the 13th. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

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

Leslie Swinerton made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve the consent agenda as follows: Approve to encumber \$49,883.03 for the November payrolls including firemen pay. Approve the release of the General checks in the amount of \$29,688.38 for the October bills. Approve the release of the Construction Fund checks in the amount of \$2,286.43. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Cozetta Johnson, and Leslie Swinerton. Nays: None.

Ernest Allen made the motion seconded by Leslie Swinerton to approve the October 6th minutes. Ayes: Cozetta Johnson, John Gregerson, Leslie Swinerton, and Ernest Allen. Nays: None.

There was no old or new business to discuss.

Leslie Swinerton made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 pm. Ayes: Cozetta Johnson, Ernest Allen, John Gregerson, and Leslie Swinerton. Nays: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____ by _____

Mayor, Bobby Allen