

The Geary City Council members met on the above date to reconvene 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, Friday, January 6, 2017.

Mayor, Bobby Allen, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Those answering roll call were John Gregerson, Cozetta Johnson, and Ernest Allen. Leslie Swinerton came in at 6:10 pm. Ronnie Wheeler was unable to attend this meeting. Also present were City Attorney Raymond Vincent, Police Chief Waylan Upchego, Assistant Chief Steve Cerbu, Public Works Director Jeff Choate, Lee Posey, City Accountant representative Dan Bourn, and Elisha Bingham.

Bobby Allen led the group in the flag salute.

Dan Bourn, from Linda Woodruff's office, presented the council with the monthly accounting report. The monthly incomes were lower than last month and there were quarterly insurance premiums due which made the incomes seem even lower. Other than those items the monthly report was consistent with this time of year. There were no questions. Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to approve the monthly accounting report. Ayes: Ernest Allen, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Waylan Upchego, Police Chief, gave the monthly police report. The donated vehicle is being fitted with a radio and will soon have the rest of the police package added. The 2012 Charger has a new motor, and is being driven as instructed by the mechanic. The mechanic asked the officers to not drive over 65 MPH, change the oil after the first 500 miles, and check the oil after the next 500 miles. If the engine seems to be doing well after the first 1000 miles, the car can be put into full service. Arrests have been slow this month partially because of the weather. Not many people getting out in the bad weather. John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve the monthly report. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to go into executive session at 6:30 pm, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307 B-1, for the purpose of discussing hire, fire, promote, demote, discipline, or resignation of Office Steve Cerbu. 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 6:52 pm. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Leslie Swinerton that Officer Steve Cerbu was not demoted; he is still the Assistant Chief. His hourly wage is to be \$18.00 per hour beginning December 8, 2016. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ernest Allen to approve Resolution 2017-01 for a Notice of municipal election to elect 3 councilmembers; a 2 year term for Ward 1, and 4 year terms for Wards 2 and 4. Ayes: Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Ernest Allen to have City Attorney Raymond Vincent draw up a Resolution to add an item to the April election ballot to increase the city's sales tax by ½ a cent. Ayes: Leslie Swinerton, Ernest Allen, and John Gregerson. Nays: Cozetta Johnson.

No action on zoning the highway 281 corridor south of town to Interstate Highway I-40.

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

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve the consent agenda as follows: Approve to encumber \$49,883.03 for the January payrolls including the firemen. Approve the release of the General Fund checks in the amount of \$42,598.87. Approve the release of the Street and Alley fund checks in the amount of \$450.00. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to approve the December 8 minutes. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Craig Holman, with Omega 1 Internet Service, was here to ask permission to place an internet service antenna on one the city's water towers. He will pay the city an annual fee for the service.

Leslie Swinerton made the motion seconded by Ernest Allen to let City Attorney Raymond Vincent review a one (1) year contract, and place this on the February agenda for consideration. Ayes: John Gregerson, Cozetta Johnson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton. Nays: None.

There being no further business to discuss, Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

MEETING ADJOUNED

Passed and approve this 9 day of FEBRUARY, 2017 by



Mayor, Bobby Allen