

The Geary City Council members met on the above date <sup>80A</sup> 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, Wednesday February 8, 2017.

Mayor, Bobby Allen, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Those answering roll call were John Gregerson, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, and Ernest Allen. Cozetta Johnson came in at 6:40 pm. Also present were City Attorney Raymond Vincent, Police Chief Waylan Upchego, Public Works Director Jeff Choate, City accountant Linda Woodruff, applicant Mark Pitman, Linda Stuard, Loice Nofsinger, 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 have been low for this time of year, and there have been some extra expenses that were not expected. Even with these figures the city is still staying within the projected budget. Linda will not be able to attend the March meeting due to another appointment date that was set a year ago. She will send statement with the March reports, or her husband Dan will come to the meeting.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Leslie Swinerton to approve the January accounting report. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, and Ronnie Wheeler.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to recess this meeting at 6:15 pm. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to reconvene the General meeting at 6:25 pm. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

Waylan Upchego, police chief, gave the council the monthly police report. Included in the report was a pie chart comparing the last 2 years of cases that were filed in the Geary Police Department. There were 100 fewer cases filed in 2016 than there was in 2015. The officers are working on preventive measures this year by being more visible and monitoring high traffic areas within the central part of the city. With the oil field operations starting to pick up, the officers are patrolling the "camp" grounds on a regular basis to help detour the burglary traffic. John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to approve the monthly police report. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Leslie Swinerton to go into executive session at 6:34 pm, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307 B-1, for the purpose of discussing hire, fire, promote, demote, discipline, or resignation of an animal control officer. Ayes: 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 6:50 pm. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

Ernest Allen made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to hire Mark Pittman as a full time animal control officer, at \$8.50 per hour. Mark will start work as soon as the pre-hire drug test results are in. Ayes: Cozetta Johnson, Ronnie Wheeler, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Ernest Allen. Nays: None.

Leslie Swinerton asked to set a meeting date for the Planning and Zoning board to meet and discuss the zoning of the property located south of Ringleman Street to the I-40 Complex. This property was annexed into the Geary City limits some time ago and has not been properly zoned. A date of February 21, 2017, at 6:00 pm will be set for this meeting. The members will be contacted and an agenda will be posted for this meeting.

Bobby Allen will contact local citizens to request their approval to be appointed to a Board of Adjustments. Their duties will be to settle disputes between the zoning applicant and the zoning board.

The zoning for the Highway 281 corridor south of town will be discussed at the Planning and Zoning Board meeting.

Fire Chief, Jeff Choate, gave the council an update on what the fire department has been up to this past few months. The firefighters have been holding training classes at the station here in Geary for all types of fire rescues. Hinton, Calumet, and Greenfield have been attending these classes. These classes will help with the firefighter qualifications that are required of them. Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to approve the fire department report. Ayes: Cozetta Johnson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

Ronnie Wheeler had to leave at 7:15 pm.

Blaine County has been upgrading the 911 system to make emergency call more efficient. One of the upgrades is that all 911 calls will be dispatched out of Weatherford, Oklahoma. The fire departments are having issues with receiving the calls in a timely manner with the cell phone paging service. Jeff is currently using a system called E-dispatch. This system uses the tones of the cell phone to allow the notifications to be sent out quicker. He has a 30 day fee trial for this system and he is very satisfied with what he has seen up to date. The cost of this system is a one-time set up fee of \$199.00 and a monthly cost of \$129.00. The Rural Fire Department will pay the set-up fee and the first month fees. Jeff is asking the council to approve to add this to the 2017-2018 budget. Ernest Allen made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve adding the E-dispatch system to the 2017-2018 budgets. Ayes: John Gregerson, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and Ernest Allen. Nays: None.

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After a lengthy discussion on updating the International Building Codes, it was decided to look into this further and possible have the Ordinances for these codes on the March agenda.

The annual Oklahoma Code Enforcement Association Spring Conference is March 23 and 24 at Quartz Mountain Arts & Conference Center in Lone Wolf, Oklahoma. The cost is \$125.00 per person with meals included and lodging fees of \$96.00. Jeff Choate and Lee Posey will not be able to attend this conference this year due to another conference that they must attend.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to send Mary K Wright to this conference. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nay: None.

There was no action on the January bank balances or 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 February payrolls. Approve the release of the General checks in the amount of \$19,394.16 for the January bills. And approve the release of the Construction fund checks in the amount of \$2,286.43. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

Ernest Allen made the motion seconded by Leslie Swinerton to approve the January 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes. Ayes: John Gregerson, Cozetta Johnson, Leslie Swinerton, and Ernest Allen. Nays: Non e.

There was no old or new business to discuss.

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Passed and approved this 9 day of MARCH, 2017 by   
Mayor, Bobby Allen