

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 5, 2017.

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, Assistant Chief Steve Cerbu, Public Works Director Jeff Choate, Electric lineman Lee Posey, City Accountant Linda Woodruff and her assistant Aaron Bourn, Teresa Hicks, Melba Nance, Roger Margerum, John Burns, Mike and Cathy Allen, Brian Hightower, Jim Shelton, Trey Carter, Craig and Lorinda Wright, Leticia Covarrubias, Loice Nofsinger, and Elisha Bingham.

Bobby Allen led to group in the flag salute.

Melba Nance was here to present the council with the library's estimate of needs for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. No action was needed.

The City Council elections were this week, with a result of possibly 3 new council members. Because of this, Linda Woodruff presented an overall view of the city finances for the last 5 years. When she started helping with the financials the city did not have to do the complete GASB Audits. We were allowed to do an estimate of needs. Since then, the City has acquired a large loan that requires us to have the GASB audits every year. The last 2 years there have been no "findings" on the annual audits. This rating gives us a better chance to qualify for grants. The financials for March were on track with the budgeted amounts.

Ernest Allen made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to accept the monthly report as given. Ayes: Cozetta Johnson, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Ernest Allen. Nays: None.

This meeting was recessed at 6:15 pm.

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to reconvene the meeting at 7:39 pm. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

Police Chief Waylan Upchego presented the monthly police report. One of the officers was suspended with pay for an unprofessional act. He later turned in his resignation. Another officer has turned in his resignation also. That will leave the department with 3 officers and the chief. 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.

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to go into executive session at 7:46 pm., pursuant to Title 25, Section 3017 B-1, for the purpose of discussing hire, fire, demote, promote, discipline, or resignation of an animal control officer, pool manager and lifeguards, and resignations of officer Irving Galvan and James Thompson. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to reconvene the regular session at 8:13 pm. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to accept James Thompson's resignation effective April 14, 2017. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to hire Danny Davis as a full time animal control officer at \$8.00 per hour until he gets his certification, at which time he will get \$8.50 per hour. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to hire Brook Bernhardt as the 2017 pool manager, and to hire Stormie Boston and Julissa Martinez as lifeguards. Brook will have the authority to hire more lifeguards as they get their certifications and are needed. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

Jeff Choate gave the monthly fire report. The locals have been doing a lot of control burns in the area in hopes that there will be fewer out of control burns later. Since the opening of the new fire station at the Cherokee Complex, there have been a number of new firemen added to the fire roster. All of the firemen have been doing training this last month for Wild Land fires and learning how to use the rescue tools. The firemen responded to 7 grass fires this month. Ernest Allen made the motion seconded by Leslie Swinerton to accept the monthly fire report. Ayes: John Gregerson, Cozetta Johnson, Leslie Swinerton, and Ernest Allen. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Leslie Swinerton to accept the bid from Haworth Mowing and Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$8,000.00 per mow, including weed eating and trash pickup. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Ernest Allen made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to advertise for bid to lease the 75 acres of grass and cropland west of town. Ayes: Cozetta Johnson, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Ernest Allen. Nays: None.

Leslie Swinerton made the motion seconded by Ernest Allen to pass an ordinance to require all new projects along Highway 281, to submit project plans to the Geary Planning and Zoning Commission before the project begins. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, and Leslie Swinerton. Abstain: Cozetta Johnson.

Leslie Swinerton made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to implement a zoning clearance permit program. A form will need to be filled out by the applicant. Ayes: Ernest Allen, John Gregerson, and Leslie Swinerton. Abstain: Cozetta Johnson.

No action on the March bank balances or the monthly direct deposits.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to approve the monthly consent agenda as follows: Approve to encumber \$49,883.03 for the April payrolls including the firemen pay. Approve the release of the General Fund check in the amount of \$11,169.37 for the March bills. And approve the release of the Construction fund checks in the amount of \$2,286.43. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Ernest Allen made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve the March 9th minutes. Ayes: John Gregerson, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and Ernest Allen. Nays: None.

Under unforeseen business Leslie Swinerton gave her verbal resignation.

There was no old business to discuss.

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Cozetta Johnson, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

MEETING ADJURNED

Passed and approved this 8 day of JUNE, 2017 by



Mayor, Bobby Allen