

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, June 7, 2017.

Mayor, Bobby Allen, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Those answering roll call were Tabbitha Kiener, Craig Wright, and Trey Carter. Ronnie Wheeler was unable to attend this meeting. Also present were City Attorney Raymond Vincent, Police Chief Waylan Upchego, Public Works Director Jeff Choate, Electric lineman Lee Posey, City Accountant Linda Woodruff, Mike Allen, John Gregerson, Jim Shelton, John Burns, Anita Carter, Lorinda Wright, Teresa Hicks, Elisha Bingham, and Loice Nofsinger.

Bobby Allen led to group in the flag salute.

Loice Nofsinger requested to be put on the agenda to ask the council to remove Tabbitha Kiener from the council and to appoint John Gregerson in that position. Her allegations are that Tabbitha lied on the oath of office. Loice states that Tabbitha was removed from the 2015 election ballot because she lied about her residence at that time. Tabbitha did not lie on her election application this year and was certified by the election board as a Ward 1 council member for the City of Geary. The council does not have the authority to remove a member of the board just because a citizen thinks the board member broke the law. This is governed by the State Statutes. No action was taken.

Linda Woodruff discussed the monthly accounting reports. There were no unusual findings on this month's reports. Linda has made the requested changes to the proposed budget and they have been sent to the Geary Star for publishing. A public hearing is set for June 15, 2017 at 6:00 pm to answer any questions by the public and for the council to approve said budget. Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to approve the monthly accounting reports. Ayes: Craig Wright, Tabbitha Kiener, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

Waylan Upchego presented the monthly police report. A report has just been published that compares city and towns crime rates, the City of Geary's crime rate been steadily decreasing over the last few years. An arrest was made last night, Wednesday June 7, of a felon that was wanted in at least 2 counties. Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to approve the monthly police report. Ayes: Trey Carter, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Jeff Choate presented the monthly fire report. There were only 3 fire runs in the month of May. The department has been working on trucks and getting their training up to date to possibly make a decrease in the ISO fire ratings for the town of Geary and the rural area where the new fire station is located. It looks like the new rating 4 4Y will go into effect in September of 2017. Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to accept the monthly fire report. Ayes: Craig Wright, Tabbitha Kiener, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

Only one bid was received for the farm land lease west of town. David Phillips placed a bid of \$2,110.00 per year for a 3 year lease. There are some problems that need to be addressed with the water drainage, fence repairs, and weed control. These need to be fixed soon.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to accept the bid from David Phillips with the stipulation that he will fix the aforementioned problems. Ayes: Tabbitha Kiener, Craig Wright, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

No action on the bank balances and the direct deposits for the month.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to approve the consent agenda as follows: Approve to encumber \$49,883.03 for the June payrolls including the firemen. Approve the release of the General checks in the amount of \$19,374.32 for the May bills. Approve the release of the Street and Alley checks in the amount of \$4,457.96. Approve the release of the Construction fund checks in the amount of \$2,286.43. Approve the release of the Drug and Alcohol check in the amount of \$336.90. Ayes: Trey Carter, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to approve the April 9th and May 11th minutes. Ayes: Craig Wright, Tabbitha Kiener, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

There was no old and new business to discuss.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. Ayes: Craig Wright, Tabbitha Kiener, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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