

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, August 9, 2017.

Mayor, Bobby Allen, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Those answering roll call were Tabbitha Kiener, Craig Wright, Ronnie Wheeler, John Burns, and Trey Carter. Also present were City Attorney Raymond Vincent, Public Works Director Jeff Choate, Police officer Cecil Harrall, Electric lineman Lee Posey, Dan Bond from Linda Woodruff's office, Cathy and Mike Allen, Elisha Bingham, Loice Nofsinger, Teresa Hicks, John Gregerson, Sheriff Tony Almaguer, Under Sheriff David Roberson, Officer Don ??, Steve Dowdy for Marathon Oil, Jim Shelton, Officer Steve Cerbu, and Jan Craighead.

Bobby Allen led to group in the flag salute.

Loice Nofsinger asked for information on the following agenda items. #8 for a police committee, #11 what is the topic for executive session, #18c for the K 9 check, #18h for the Drug & Alcohol Prevention fund on the General agenda and #5 property owners of rental property, #6c Meter refunds, and #10 executive session on school bills. Each of these will be answered as the council considers them.

Dan Bond, with Linda Woodruff's office, presented the monthly accounting report. This being the first month of the fiscal year there was not much to consider. The monthly sales tax continues to be higher than normal, so we will continue to watch this. Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Trey Carter to approve the report as given. Ayes: Craig Wright, Ronnie Wheeler, John Burns, Trey Carter, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Steve Dowdy, with Marathon Oil, was here to answer any questions concerning an application to set an Oil and Gas drilling rig in the northwest corner of the northwest quarter of Section 36, Township 14 north, Range 11 West. This property was annexed into the Geary city limits in 2006 and requires a permit be issued by the city for this action. An application fee is required and needs to be set by the council. Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to set an application fee of \$7,500.00 for all Oil and Gas drilling applications. Ayes: Craig Wright, Tabbitha Kiener, John Burns, Ronnie Wheeler, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to approve the application by Marathon Oil for an Oil and Gas drilling operation. Ayes: John Burns, Trey Carter, Craig Wright, Tabbitha Kiener, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

Cecil Harrall was here to present the monthly police report. The crime rate is slowing down with the night officers patrolling more. They are watching the alleys and stopping people who are walking late at night. We are having patrol car mechanical issues again. The Impala's motor is locked up and will not operate, the K-9 pickup is having air conditioner issues, and the Missouri Charger is getting new tires. That leaves one Charger in operations for patrolling. The department received a donation of a 2015 Ford Expedition from Devon Energy earlier this year. This vehicle was donated for the K9 use and has not been outfitted for that use at this time. The cost was not in our budget at that time.

The police department has at least 2 quotes for getting this vehicle outfitted for patrol duty.

Waylan Upchego has informed the mayor that he intends to leave his position sometime in January of 2018. This will give the department plenty of time to advertise for the position.

Craig Wright made the motion seconded by John Burns to look at the quotes again and take the most efficient quote to get the Expedition road ready. They will also look into the cost of installing a dog cage for the K9 dog in the Expedition. Ayes: Tabbitha Kiener, Trey Carter, Ronnie Wheeler, Trey Carter, and Craig Wright. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to approve the police report as given. Ayes: Trey Carter, John Burns, Ronnie Wheeler, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

There was no action on appointing a police committee.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to go into executive session at 6:49 pm, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307 B-1, for the purpose of discussing hire, fire, promote, demote, discipline, or resignation of a city employee. Hire Colten Stonebraker as a police officer. Ayes: Trey Carter, John Burns, Craig Wright, Tabbitha Kiener, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to reconvene the regular session at 7:26 pm. Ayes: Ronnie Wheeler, John Burns, Trey Carter, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to hire Colten Stonebraker as a police officer. Ayes: Ronnie Wheeler, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: Trey Carter, John Burns, and Craig Wright. The majority voted nay to hiring Colten Stonebraker. He will be allowed to finish out this payroll, which ends Wednesday August 16, 2017.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to go into executive session, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307 B-4, at 7:27 pm, for the purpose of confidential communications between a public body and its attorney concerning a pending investigation, claim, or action if the public body, with the advice of its attorney, determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation or proceeding in the public interest. Ayes: Trey Carter, John Burns, Craig Wright, Tabbitha Kiener, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to reconvene the regular session at 7:44 pm. Ayes: Trey Carter, John Burns, Craig Wright, Tabbitha Kiener, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

There was no action on the executive session.

Jeff Choate gave the monthly fire department report. The fire department responded to 22 calls during the month of July. 13 of these were grass fires, 7 accidents and 2 structure fires. The fire department just purchased a new truck to be outfitted as a rescue truck so they can retire the current truck.

The current truck is a 1 ton 1997 Chevy with 20,000 plus miles on it. The fire department would like to change out the bed on this truck and transfer it to the utility department to be used for hauling limbs and debris. Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Trey Carter to accept the monthly fire department report. Ayes: Tabbitha Kiener, Craig Wright, John Burns, Trey Carter, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

The fire department changed their paging system from Pioneer to E Dispatches at the end of last year. The rural department paid for the initial set up and the 1st 6 months of call out fees. The City of Geary agreed to help with these costs at that time. The next bill has arrived at \$564.00 for the next 6 months. The department is upgrading so the next bills will come out of the county money that they receive. This should be the only bill the City has to pay. Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to pay the bill. Ayes: Craig Wright, Trey Carter, John Burns, Ronnie Wheeler, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

No action on changing out the air conditioner at city hall. We will look into more quotes and maybe make a change this winter.

No action on the monthly bank balances or the direct deposits for July.


Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to approve the consent agenda as follows: Approve to encumber \$49,883.03 for the August payrolls including the firemen. Approve the release of the General Fund checks in the amount of \$16,920.50 for the July bills. Approve the release of the K9 fund check in the amount of \$694.00. Approve the release of the Construction fund checks in the amount of \$2,286.43. Approve the release of Police Donation fund check in the amount of \$180.00. And approve the release of the Drug and Alcohol Prevention fund checks in the amount of \$396.48. Ayes: John Burns, Craig Wright, Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to approve the July 13th minutes. Ayes: Trey Carter, John Burns, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Ronnie Wheeler abstained since he was not at the meeting.

There was no old or new business to discuss.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm. Ayes: Tabbitha Kiener, Craig Wright, John Burns, Ronnie Wheeler, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

MEETING ADJUREND

Passed and approved this 7 day of Sept, 2017 by 
Mayor Bobby Allen