

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, November 8, 2017.

Mayor, Bobby Allen, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Those answering roll call were Tabbitha Kiener, Craig Wright, John Burns, and Trey Carter. Also present were City Attorney Raymond Vincent, Police officers Cecil Harrall and James Otterbine, Public Works Director Jeff Choate, accountant Linda Woodruff, Linda Tucker, Randy and Diane Brunk, Anita Carter, Deanne Mahoney, Elisha Bingham, John Gregerson, Jim Gregerson, Ron Gormley, Cory Hicks, Mike Allen, Jim Shelton, and Lee Posey.

Bobby Allen led to group in the flag salute.

Linda Tucker and Randy and Diane Brunk commented that they were against the request for a zoning variance to allow an R.V. Park to be developed in the 700 block of S. Rock Island. Anita Carter commented that the city needs to remove the vacant houses within the town. Each of these items will be discussed in turn on the agenda.

Linda Woodruff commented that the auditors have come and gone from city hall with their findings. They will have their report ready for us by the next council meeting in December. The monthly financials were in the normal range for this time of year with no unusual activity. John Burns made the motion seconded by Trey Carter to approve the monthly accounting reports. Ayes: Tabbitha Kiener, Craig Wright, Trey Carter, and John Burns. Nays: None.

After a lot of discussion, Craig Wright made the motion seconded by John Burns to not approve the zoning variance for Cory Hicks to develop an R.V. Park in the 700 block of South Rock Island. Ayes: Tabbitha Kiener, Trey Carter, John Burns, and Craig Wright. Nays: None.

Craig Wright made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to approve the appointment of Craig Wright, Kimberley Kidwell, and Tiffany Owings to the Geary Economic Development Authority Board. Ayes: Trey Carter, John Burns, Tabbitha Kiener, and Craig Wright. Nays: None.

Salazar roofing was here today to give an estimate of what it would cost to repair or replace the roof on city hall. Their estimate was for over \$15,000.00 so we will need to put it out for bids. Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Trey Carter to put an ad in the paper and notify known roofers to request bids to fix and/or replace the roof on city hall. Ayes: John Burns, Craig Wright, Trey Carter, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

The monthly police report was emailed to the mayor and council earlier this week. Cecil Harrall was here to answer any questions that the council may have about this report. Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by John Burns to approve the monthly police report. Ayes: Trey Carter, Craig Wright, John Burns, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Cecil Harrall has requested that the council invest in 7 body cameras for the police officers. Axon has a proposal to furnish 7 body cameras to be paid out over 5 years. The first year would be a trial use with a cost \$5,000.00 per year over the next 5 years. After some discussion, the board agreed to hold this over until a new police chief could be put into place. No action at this time.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to put the 2010 Impala on the December agenda to possibly declare it as a surplus item. Ayes: Trey Carter, John Burns, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to advertise for a police chief. Ayes: John Burns, Trey Carter, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Craig Wright made the motion seconded by John Burns to not advertise for a dispatcher/jailor. Ayes: Trey Carter, John Burns, and Craig Wright. Nays: Tabbitha Kiener.

Craig Wright made the motion seconded by John Burns to form an advisory committee for the police department. This committee will consist of John Gregerson, Robert Haley, and Trey Carter. The committee will work in an advisory capacity between the police department and city council. Ayes: Trey Carter Tabbitha Kiener, John Burns, and Craig Wright. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to have the code enforcement personnel put together a list of structures that have been vacant or had no utilities for the last 36 months or longer. This list will be the starting point for consideration of condemning for demolition. Ayes: Trey Carter, John Burns, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Jeff Choate has put together a list of vehicles that are not being used by the city at this time. These items are a Ford F550 Bucket Truck, a Black Chevy brush truck, an International garbage truck (less the packer), and a Boardman fire truck. Craig Wright made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to declare these items as surplus inventory and advertise them for sale. Ayes: Trey Carter, John Burns, Tabbitha Kiener, and Craig Wright. Nays: None.

The storm siren located at the Cherokee truck stop has been relocated to the Fire Station #2, just west of the previous location. However, when the crew opened the electrical box to move it to the fire station, it was unusable. The cost for the electrical box and equipment will be \$7,500.00. This will be installed inside the fire station so hopefully there will be no more storm damage to the system. Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to purchase the equipment and electric box and have it installed. Ayes: Craig Wright, John Burns, Tabbitha Kiener, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

Jeff Choate presented the monthly fire report. There were 9 fire runs this last month, and the firemen will be receiving CPR training at a cost of \$5.00 per person. Jeff would also like set up CPR training for the city employees as well. This may be scheduled sometime after the first of next year.

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

The meeting was recessed at 7:50 pm.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to reconvene the General meeting at 8:40 pm. Ayes: Tabbitha Kiener, John Burns, Craig Wright, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

After some discussion, Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to consolidate wards 4 and 5 into one ward. Also, all ward boundaries will be reviewed and possible changes to those boundaries will be considered. The registered voter list for each ward is very much out of proportion and needs to be evened out as best as possible. The mayor, Bobby Allen, and the staff will review this project and make a recommendation for changes. Those changes will be published in the local paper 30 days before they are adopted. Ayes: Craig Wright, John Burns, Tabbitha Kiener, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by John Burns to give the city employees a Christmas Bonus. Ayes: Trey Carter, Craig Wright, John Burns, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by John Burns to check with the Cherokee Restaurant to see what dates are available for the employee Christmas Dinner and set a date for the dinner. Ayes: Craig Wright, Tabbitha Kiener, John Burns, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

No action on the end of October bank balances.


No action on the direct deposits for October.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Trey Carter to approve the consent agenda as follows: Approve to encumber \$49,883.03 for the November payrolls including the fireman pay. Approve the release of the General checks in the amount of \$250,757.69 for the October bills. And approve the release of the Construction fund checks in the amount of \$2,286.43. Ayes: John Burns, Craig Wright, Trey Carter, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

There was no old or new business to discuss.

Craig Wright made the motion seconded by Trey Carter to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm. Ayes: John Burns, Tabbitha Kiener, Trey Carter, and Craig Wright. Nays: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Passed and approved this 8 day of Dec, 2017 by   
Mayor, Bobby Allen