

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, December 6, 2017.

Mayor, Bobby Allen, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Those answering roll call were Trey Carter, John Burns, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Also present were City Attorney Raymond Vincent, Police officers Cecil Harrall and Steve Cerbu, Public Works Director Jeff Choate, City accountant Linda Woodruff, Gabrielle Conchola with CBEW, Jeremy Springer, Jim Shelton, Lorinda Wright, Lee Posey, and Anita Carter.

Bobby Allen led to group in the flag salute.

Jim Shelton, with the county Emergency Management team, was here to present First Aid Trauma Bags to the police and fire departments. These bags were purchased through a grant and distributed to the fire and police department within Blaine County. The bags (backpacks) contain the needed supplies for any emergency that the department may respond to.

Gabriella Conchola, CPA with CBEW accounting firm, presented the 2016-2017 audit report. She explained a little about how the audit is conducted and what they are looking for when they do the audit. Their results were that the city had no findings resulting in a very good audit report. This will give the city added points when applying for grants. Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Trey Carter to approve the report and the audits as giving by Gabrielle Conchola. Ayes: Craig Wright, John Burns, Trey Carter, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Linda Woodruff presented the monthly accounting reports for the city of Geary financials. The note payments have been adjusted and set up for the new garbage truck and the new bucket truck. The utility revenues are still down, but that sometimes happens during the holidays. All other items are on track for this time of year. Trey Carter made the motion seconded by John Burns to approve the accounting report as given. Aye: Tabbitha Kiener, Craig Wright, John Burns, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

John Burns made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to not remove the option for employees to pay a portion of their health care costs. The board will consider incorporating cost of living raises in the budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Ayes: Tabbitha Kiener, Trey Carter, Craig Wright, and John Burns. Nays: None.

John Burns made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to advertise for bids to repair and bids to replace the roof on city hall. Bids can be for both tar and metal. The board will consider all bids and determine which method would be best for the city. Ayes: Tabbitha Kiener, Trey Carter, Craig Wright, and John Burns. Nays: None.

The monthly police report was emailed to the board before the meeting. Cecil Harrall was here to answer any questions that the board might have on that report. Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to approve the report as given. Ayes: Trey Carter, John Burns, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Craig Wright made the motion seconded by John Burns to declare the 2010 Impala police car and six (6) 10.00 R20 tires, with Bud wheels/split rims as surplus items to be sold by sealed bid. Ayes: Trey Carter, Tabbitha Kiener, John Burns, and Craig Wright. Nays: None.

Jeff Choate, Lee Posey, Mary K Wright, and Bobby Allen will prioritize the dilapidated structures list, determine who needs letters to abate nuisance, and set a hear date for those letters. They will let the board know what the outcome of this is at the next board meeting.

Jeff Choate presented the monthly Fire Department report. The Geary fire department has assisted other department in the area with structure fires, and some grass fires. Some of these fires have been along the Interstate 40 highway. The Emergency Responder classes are still in progress. Wheeler Brothers Grain and the Fire department have teamed together to purchase a Grain Rescue Tube to be used locally. The fire department and some Wheeler Brother employees have been in training on how to use this tube. Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener. Ayes: Craig Wright, John Burns, Tabbitha Kiener, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to approve the 2018 schedule of regular council meetings. Ayes: John Burns, Trey Carter, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to set Thursday, December 21st, at 6:30 pm for a special meeting date and time to interview, discuss and take action on applications for a police chief. Ayes: Trey Carter, John Burns, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

We will wait until a new police chief has taken office to consider hiring another police officer.

NODA, Northern Oklahoma Development Authority, is in the process of updating the Blaine County Multi-jurisdiction hazard mitigation plan. The city of Geary has participated in the past plan. Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Trey Carter to participate in the new Blaine County Multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan. Ayes: Craig, John Burns, Trey Carter, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

The Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group, OMAG, has developed a program to reward cities who have few to no claims. The program is called the Retention Program. If a city has no claims for the 2017-2018 fiscal year they may receive a check for 20% of their insurance premium. For the city of Geary it could be as much as \$3,700.00. OMAG also has another program called the Recognition Program where Geary can earn another check in the amount \$2,800.00. This program is for the governing body, they must complete training, adopt/regularly review their council handbook, use the Stability Test to measure improvement, and review their municipality's insurance coverage. The programs will be awarded each fiscal year. Municipalities can expect their first check in the year 2020. Both of these programs can be reviewed on the OMAG web site.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to authorize the mayor and the City of Geary to join other city and county leaders across the county in officially recognizing January 21-27 as School Choice Week with a proclamation. Ayes: John Burns, Trey Carter, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

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

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to approve the consent agenda as follows: Approve to encumber \$49,883.03 for the December payrolls including the firemen. Approve the release of the General checks in the amount of \$18,877.04 for the November bills. Approve the release of the Street and Alley checks in the amount of \$1,382.76. Ayes: Craig Wright, John Burns, Tabbitha Kiener, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to approve the November 9th minutes. Ayes: Craig Wright, John Burns, Tabbitha Kiener, and Trey Carter. 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 7:40 pm. Ayes: Tabbitha Kiener, John Burns, Trey Carter, and Craig Wright. Nays: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Passed and approved this 12 day of JANUARY, 2017, by 
Mayor, Bobby Allen