

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, May 9, 2018.

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, Public Works Director Jeff Choate, Police Chief Cecil Harrall, Lee Posey, City accountant Linda Woodruff and her husband Dan, Lorinda Wright, John Gregerson, Melba Nance, Anita Carter, Connie Burcham with the Geary Star, and Amy and Robert Fletcher. Mary Hays recorded the minutes.

Bobby Allen led to group in the flag salute.

Under public comments, Anita Carter was here to protest giving the police department any raises or purchasing more police cars. She also does not think we need another police officer.

The Canadian Rivers Museum has contacted the mayor, Bobby Allen, asking if the city could help with paying the museum utility bills. They have not had much income the last few years and are struggling to pay the monthly bills. After much discussion it was decided to add this to the June agenda and consider adding to the next year's budget.

Melba Nance presented the board with the Library's estimate of needs for the budget consideration.

Melba also presented an update for the library. The library did not apply for the State Aide this year and have been receiving donations from the public for the Summer Reading Program. This program is held on Wednesdays in June, with guest speakers and events. Also, one of the board members has resigned, so the board is looking for a replacement. And Paula Reding has given her resignation as library helper, so there will be an opening for a library helper. There was no action to be taken on this report.

Linda Woodruff presented the monthly accounting reports. The monthly finances are looking good. There are a few departments that are over budget, so this will need to be corrected before June 30th. The money is there, it just needs to be re-allocated to the right fund. Linda has been attending a CPA seminar this week and has spoken to the CBEW Accounting firm that conducts our annual audits. There is a new audit form coming out this year and they would like to consider changing our audit to that form. It is a modified accrual form and would cost less for us. It is Budget time again, so Bobby Allen, Jeff Choate, and Mary Hays will be joining Linda in her office to go over the budget plans. These plans will then be brought before the board for their approval before being published in the paper and a public hearing date set.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Trey Carter to approve the monthly financials and allow Bobby Allen, Jeff Choate, and Mary Hays to meet with Linda to set budget plans. Ayes: John Burns, Craig Wright, Trey Carter, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

We received a bill, from the State Auditor and Inspector, in the amount of \$8,029.46 for the first part of the audit. This is only the beginning, it could cost as much as \$75,000.00.

John Burns made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to pay ½ of the current bill, and we will add the remaining amount to the 2017-2019 budgets and make monthly payments until paid in full. Ayes: Trey Carter, Craig Wright, John Burns, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Kenzy Mooney, emergency management director, was unable to attend this meeting. Jeff Choate read his report for the council. Since it getting storm season again, Kenzey and the police department have been testing the storm sirens. They are set off on Mondays at 1:00 pm, if the weather permits. So far the siren at the Cherokee truck stop has worked fine. Also, he has contacted the Geary Schools about using the Fieldhouse and Methodist Church for their basement, as a storm shelters, if needed. Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by John Burns to approve this report. Ayes: Trey Carter, Craig Wright, John Burns, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to keep Trey Carter as the designated delegate to represent the City of Geary at the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments meeting. Ayes: John Burns, Trey Carter, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Cecil Harrall, Police Chief, presented the monthly police report. We are down to 3 working officers, James Otterbine and Jarod Hicks are both out on medical leave. Jarod Hicks twisted his knee while apprehending a suspect and will be out on workman's comp for at least 1 month. James Otterbine has not kept in contact with Cecil about his health. Cecil is not sure if James had a heart attack or if there is another health reason. He has not worked for the last month with no explanation or doctor's notes for Cecil. With foot traffic increasing, the officers are patrolling the allies as well as the streets. The officers are also installing cameras in areas where there has been a lot of crimes committed. We hope this will lower the amount of crimes being committed. John Burns made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to approve the monthly police report. Ayes: Craig Wright, Trey Carter, Tabbitha Kiener, and John Burns. Nays: None.

No action on the city ordinance pertaining to the housing of livestock within the city limits.

The ADT Security service contract will be discussed at the June 7, 2018 meeting. No action taken.

After a lot of discussion, Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to give dispatchers Dianna Phillips, Belinda McDonald, and Amanda Barker a raise to bring their pay up to \$10.00 per hour. Also, the starting pay for new dispatchers will be \$10.00 per hour. Ayes: Craig Wright, John Burns, Tabbitha Kiener, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

New police vehicles will be added to the 2018-2019 budgets. No action was taken.

Craig Wright made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to give Calumet a 30 day notice to terminate the animal control services contract with them. Ayes: Trey Carter, John Burns, Tabbitha Kiener, and Craig Wright. Nays: None.

Craig Wright made the motion seconded by Trey Carter to declare the following firearms as surplus and sell them by sealed bid: a 357 Dan Wesson firearm serial #33520, and a model 1038 Smith & Wesson Special CTG firearm with nylon holster serial #33897. Ayes: John Burns, Tabbitha Kiener, Trey Carter, and Craig Wright. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to go into executive session, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307 B-1, at 7:22 pm for the purpose of discussing hire, fire, promote, demote, discipline, or resignation of Officers Justin Barton, James Otterbine, and reserve officer Colten Stonebraker, possibly hire Thomas Hankey and Monique Losoya as police officers, possibly hire Billy Porter or Amy Fletcher as animal control officer, and hire Brook Bernhardt as the pool manager and hire lifeguards. Ayes: Trey Carter, John Burns, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

John Burns made the motion seconded by Trey Carter to reconvene the regular session at 8:13 pm. Ayes: Craig Wright, Tabbitha Kiener, Trey Carter, and John Burns. Nays: None.

Craig Wright made the motion seconded by John Burns to dismiss Officer Justin Barton. Ayes: Trey Carter, Tabbitha Kiener, John Burns, and Craig Wright. Nays: None.

Craig Wright made the motion seconded Tabbitha Kiener to dismiss Officer James Otterbine. Ayes: Trey Carter, John Burns, Tabbitha Kiener, and Craig Wright. Nays: None.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to dismiss Reserve officer Colten Stonebraker. Ayes: Tabbitha Kiener, John Burns, Craig Wright, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to hire Thomas Hankey as a paid reserve police officer at \$14.00 per hour. Ayes: John Burns, Trey Carter, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to hire Brook Bernhardt as the 2018 pool manager and let her hire the lifeguards, since she know the kids best. Ayes: Trey Carter, John Burns, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

No action on Billy Porter and Amy Fletcher for animal control officer. This will be put on the July agenda for discussion.

Only one bid was received for the mowing of the highway right of ways. Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Trey Carter to accept the bid, from Hayworth Mowing & Contracting LLC, to mow the highway rights of ways for \$8,000.00 each mow. This will include the trash pickup and weed eating. Ayes: John Burns, Craig Wright, Trey Carter, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Jeff Choate presented the monthly fire department report. The Geary fire department was called out for 18 runs this month. Firemen from Blaine County have formed a Task Force to respond to fires across Oklahoma assisting neighboring fire department. Several firemen responded to the fires in Vici, Putnam, Taloga, Seiling, Oakwood, and Fay. These fires burned for over a week leaving lots of destruction in their wake. The local fire department is taking donations for a "Fireworks" display this year at the park. Some of the firemen are in training to get certified to be able to set off the fireworks. It has been a long time since the City of Geary has had a 4th of July celebration.

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

There was no action on donating the old BP3 Fire truck to Taloga. They will be getting donations from the community to replace the truck they lost in the fires.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Trey Carter to put the chip and seal quote in the 2018-2019 budget wish list. Ayes: John Burns, Craig Wright, Trey Carter, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to vote for Mike Bailey and Craig Stephenson as trustees for the Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group. Ayes: Craig Wright, John Burns, Tabbitha Kiener, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

No action on the monthly bank balances and the monthly direct deposits. These are information only items.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to approve the consent agenda as follows: Approve to encumber \$49,883.03 for the May payrolls including the firemen. Approve to release the General fund checks in the amount of \$33,265.79. And approve the release of the Construction fund checks in the amount of \$2,286.43. Ayes: Craig Wright, John Burns, Tabbitha Kiener, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by John Burns to approve the April 5th minutes. Ayes: Craig Wright, Tabbitha Kiener, John Burns, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

There was no old or new business to discuss.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2018 by _____
Mayor, Bobby Allen