

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 6, 2018.

Mayor, Bobby Allen, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Those answering roll call were Trey Carter, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. John Burns was unable to attend this meeting. Also present were City Attorney Raymond Vincent, Public Works Director Jeff Choate, Police Chief Cecil Harrall, Officer Steve Cerbu, and Officer C.D. Ferguson, City accountant Linda Woodruff, Geary Star reporter Connie Burcham, Lorinda Wright, Lee Posey, Melba Nance, and Anita Carter.

Bobby Allen led to group in the flag salute.

There were no public comments on agenda items.

Linda Woodruff presented the monthly accounting report to the council. We are coming to the end of this fiscal year and a lot of the accounts are over budget. Over the entire city is \$48,960.68 over budget. Some of overages can be fixed by transferring within the departments. However, we do need to allocate money from the reserves to cover the over budget amount.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to approve the monthly accounting report. Ayes: Craig Wright, Tabbitha Kiener, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to modify the budget, by adding \$48,960.68 to the current budget from the annual reserves. This will be reallocated as needed with the accounts. Ayes: Trey Carter, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

The current council would like to bring the accounting and payroll back into the city offices. A discussion was held with Linda Woodruff, city accountant, about the possibility of doing this. Linda explained that the reason the accounting was moved out of the office was due to segregation of duties for the audits. To maintain a good segregation of duties, the same person can't take money for bills, deposit that money into the bank accounts, and reconcile the bank statements. Also, the person writing the checks for bills can't deposit the money or reconcile the bank statements. Segregation of duties is the one item that is found to be a liability for most small cities and towns. It also has a big impact on the annual audits, no findings for segregation of duties gives the municipality more points toward all grants and loans. The payroll can be brought back into the office with a lot of training for the current payroll system. The system is not on our office computers.

Craig Wright made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to leave the accounting and payroll as they are for now. Ayes: Trey Carter, Tabbitha Kiener, and Craig Wright. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to allow CBEW Professional Group, LLP to perform the annual auditing services for the City of Geary and The Geary Utility Authority at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 plus the filing fee of \$100.00. Ayes: Trey Carter, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to approve hiring Marilyn Ruffin as a library helper to replace Paula Phillips. Ayes: Craig Wright, Tabbitha Kiener, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

Cecil Harrall present the monthly police report. The monthly traffic stops has increased along with domestic calls. Jarod Hicks is still out on medical until July 2<sup>nd</sup> when he goes back for a checkup and hopefully will get a release for work. This leaves us with 3 officers to cover the town for 24 hours. Cecil is trying to set the schedules so there will not be a lot of overtime. Also, Cecil has been doing some in house training with the officers. Also, Blaine and Canadian Counties have been working well the our officers.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Trey Carter to approve the monthly police report. Ayes: Craig Wright, Trey Carter, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

There was no action on the city ordinance relating to the keeping of livestock within the city limits.

Craig Wright made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to send a 30 day notice to ADT Security Services, for the termination of security services. Ayes: Trey Carter, Tabbitha Kiener, and Craig Wright. Nays: None.

At the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting the council declared police department owned fire arms as surplus. There are so many regulations to deal with concerning the sale of firearms that it may be safer to contact gun dealers, and negotiate with them for the sale or trade of these firearms.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to shop around for licensed dealers to ask what kind of deals we can make with them. Aye: Trey Carter, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Craig Wright made the motion seconded by Trey Carter to go into executive session at 6:58 pm, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307-B-1, for the purpose of discussing hire, fire, promote, demote, discipline of police officer Jarod Hicks, and possible hire Colton Mooney as an animal control officer. Ayes: Tabbitha Kiener, Trey Carter, and Craig Wright. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to reconvene the regular session at 7:29 pm. Ayes: Trey Carter, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

No action was taken on Jarod Hicks or to hire an animal control officer.

The fire report for this month was very short. There were a few mutual aid calls and some medical calls. The fire department is still taking donations for a July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks display. So far they have collected \$2,000.00. They are still in the process of getting the certifications needed to be able to set the fireworks off. They will be ready by July 4<sup>th</sup>. Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to approve the monthly fire department report. Ayes: Tabitha Kiener, Craig Wright, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

Jeff Choate gave the emergency management report this month. Kenzy Mooney has resigned this position, so we will need to look for another person take over this position. At this time the fire department and the police department are taking care of anything that may come up as an emergency.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to accept the monthly emergency management report. Ayes: Craig Wright, Tabbitha Kiener, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

The bank balances for May were for council information only. No action was needed.

The monthly direct deposits were for information only. No action was needed.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to approve the consent agenda as follows: Approve to encumber \$49,883.3 for the June payrolls including the firemen. Approve the release of the General Fund checks in the amount of \$14,301.99 for the May bills. And approve to release to Construction Fund checks in the amount of \$2,286.43. Ayes: Craig Wright, Tabbitha Kiener, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.


Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to approve the May 10<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> minutes. Ayes: Tabbitha Kiener, Craig Wright, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

Under new business, the Youth Wrestling Program has contacted the mayor, Bobby Allen, to ask permission to set up a fireworks stand to sell fireworks. The city has an ordinance against the sale of fireworks within the city limits. We will look into possibly changing the ordinance to allow non-profit organizations to sell fireworks.

There was no old business to discuss.

Craig Wright made the motion seconded by Trey Carter to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Ayes: Tabbitha Kiener, Trey Carter, and Craig Wright. Nays: None

MEETING ADJOURNED

Passed and approved this 13 day of July, 2018 by   
Mayor, Bobby Allen