

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, September 12, 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, Officer Monique Losoya, Officer C.D. Ferguson, Lorinda Wright, Melba Nance, City accountant Linda Woodruff, Jim Shelton, Geary Star Editor Connie Burcham, and reserve police officer applicant Jason Porter.

Bobby Allen led to group in the flag salute.

There were no public comments.

Melba Nance was here on behalf of the Geary Library Board. The library received letters of resignation from members Andrea Hicks and Mildred Sanders; so, at their last meeting they appointed 2 new members to the board. These new members are Caitlin Garrett and Diane Christensen. The current members of the governing board of the Geary Public Library are: Caitlin Garrett Chair, Patty Maib vice chair, Jodi McKay secretary, Belva Roberts treasurer, Melba Nance member, Diane Buchanan member, Cathy Allen member, and Diane Christensen member. Melba also gave the council a tour of the Geary Library so they could see the needed maintenance that the board would like to request. These requests are: lighting fixtures to be upgraded or fixed, and the carpet to be upgraded or removed and other floor covering to be discussed. The board would like to see the carpet removed and the existing cement to be stained and sealed. The council will look into the cost of these suggestions and let the library board know what they come up with. No action by the council at this time.

The council requested Raymond Vincent to contact OneOk to negotiate a rent increase. Their response was to not increase the rent, due to recent issues with roof leakage. They would like for the city to perform a "Black Mold" study to confirm there are not mold issues as a result of the water. In addition they are requesting a 6 month extension on the lease, from October 1, 2018 and then a month to month lease thereafter until terminated by either party. John Burns made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to request \$1,000.00 per month with a 6 month option on the lease. Ayes: Craig Wright, Trey Carter, Tabbitha Kiener, and John Burns. Nays: None.

After a lot of discussion, it was determined that Medical Marijuana will be removed from the agenda until there is more information on the subject.

Linda Woodruff presented the monthly accounting reports and the budget books for the council's signatures. These books need to be taken to the Blaine County Clerk for the excise board approval. The accounting reports for July and August are looking good. The auditors, CBEW, will be on October 4 for the annual audits. We have not heard any more from the State Auditors, just waiting for their final report.

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

Cecil Harrall, Police Chief, presented the monthly police report. The officers have written 94 ticket this last month and responded to a few burglaries. These are still under investigation. Thomas Hankey is in CLEET classes until December, Jarod Hicks turned in his resignation, and Steve Cerbu is on vacation to visit mother while she has surgery. Monique Losoya is catching on to the layout of the town and will be able to work on her own soon. John Burns made the motion seconded by Trey Carter to accept the police report. Ayes: Tabbitha Kiener, Craig Wright, Trey Carter, and John Burns. Nays: None.

The need for a new dog pound was discussed at length. Plans for a 5 to 6 run kennel needs to be submitted to the council along with a possible cost estimate. Also, a location for this kennel needs to be discussed. No action at this time.

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

There was no action on the police department work schedules.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to go into executive session at 7:15 pm, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307 B-1, for the purpose of discussing hire, fire, promote, demote, or discipline of city employees Cecil Harrall, Resignation of Jarod Hicks, and possibly hire another police officer. Ayes: Craig Wright, John Burns, Tabbitha Kiener, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to reconvene the regular session at 7:45 pm. Ayes: John Burns, Trey Carter, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by John Burns to accept Jarod Hick's resignation. Ayes: Tabbitha Kiener, Craig Wright, John Burns, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to hire Jason Porter as a non -paid reserve officer. Ayes: John Burns, Tabbitha Kiener, and Trey Carter. Craig Wright abstained. Motion passed.

No action on Cecil Harrall.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to go into executive session at 7:47 pm, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307 B-4, for the purpose of discussing confidential communications between the 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: John Burns, Trey Carter, Craig Wright, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Craig Wright made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to reconvene the regular session at 7:55 pm. Ayes: John Burns, Trey Carter, Tabbitha Kiener, and Craig Wright. Nays: None.

No action on the executive session.

Jeff Choate presented the fire department report. There were only a few medical runs for the fire department this last month. The local departments have been doing some "shuttle tests" classes. This includes fire tankers and drivers learning how to fill the trucks from the local ponds for any rural fires. The radios for the new 911 system have arrived. The 911 emergency calls will be dispatched out of Weatherford now. The fire trucks will be scheduled for "pump testing" the last week in September. One of the firemen's son has been diagnosed with cancer, so the fire department is having a benefit dinner of Beans & Cornbread, Sunday September 23rd from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. There will be a dessert auction and raffle for a gun. All the community will be invited to eat at no cost, donations only. Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to approve the monthly fire report. Ayes: Tabbitha Kiener, John Burns, Craig Wright, and Trey Carter. Nays: None.

Craig Wright made the motion seconded by Trey Carter to pay the final bills for the ADT security system in the amount of \$429.88. Ayes: Tabbitha Kiener, John Burns, Trey Carter, and Craig Wright. Nays: None.

With all the rains lately, the allies have gotten rutted up and are hard to navigate. The crews will try catch up on the repairs within the next two weeks. No action by the council.

A local farmer has been trying to get permission from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to allow the dumping of dilapidated houses in large wash located on his property. DEQ will allow this only if the agreement is with the City of Geary being responsible for the dumping and cleanup of the area. The city will be responsible for all debris that is dumped there, including prohibiting asbestos and household furniture. The council wants to look into this further and discuss it at the October 11th meeting.

No action needed on the monthly bank balances and the direct deposits, information only.


Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Trey Carter to approve the consent agenda as follows: Approve to encumber \$49,883.03 for the September payrolls, including the firemen. Approve the release of the General checks in the amount of \$30,592.58 for the August bills. Approve the release of the Street and Alley checks in the amount of \$659.20. Approve the release of the Construction Fund checks in the amount of \$2,286.43. And approve the release of the Police Donation check in the amount of \$231.99. Ayes: Craig Wright, John Burns, Trey Carter, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

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

There was no old or new business to discuss.

Trey Carter made the motion seconded by Craig Wright to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm. Ayes: Tabbitha Kiener, John Burns, Craig Wright, and Trey Carter. Nays: None,

MEETING ADJOURNED

Passed and approved this 12th day of October, 2018 by 
Mayor Bobby Allen