

MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2017

The Trustees in and for the Geary Utilities Authority met on the above date for their regular 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, March 8, 2017.

Chairman, Bobby Allen, called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Those answering roll call were John Gregerson, Cozetta Johnson, Ronnie Wheeler, Leslie Swinerton, and Ernest Allen. Also present were City Attorney Raymond Vincent, Lineman Lee Posey, Assistant Police Chief Steve Cerbu, utility clerk Teresa Hicks, Mike Allen, OMPA representatives Drake Rice and Jim McAvoy, Linda Stuard, Loice Nofsinger, and Elisha Bingham.

Drake Rice and Jim McAvoy, Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority (OMPA), were here to discuss a Distribution Service Maintenance Agreement. OMPA has put together a three (3) man maintenance crew to aid member cities with electrical distribution issues. Those cities who become members will pay an annual rate and will pay a discounted rate for services rendered. The trustees will consider this and make a decision at a later date. No action at this time.

Jim McAvoy presented the board with updates on the OG&E power distribution station located east of Watonga. This power station supplies electric to the City of Geary and other towns close by. OG&E has updated the transformers and power supply lines so there will be fewer outages to all the towns involved with this station. No action was needed on this item.

Kenny Sullivan was not at this meeting. No action.

Attorney Raymond Vincent is still trying to contact Tom Levi for an agreement to purchase water from the Levi water well. No action.

Jeff Choate was not able to be here so he left a written report for the board to read. After reading this Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to approve the written report. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: Nine.

There are still some utility meters that the meter readers don't have access to at meter reading time. Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Leslie Swinerton that if this continues the city will disconnect the meters until the meters are moved or access is granted. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, Leslie Swinerton, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

No action on the outstanding meter tap fee. This will be discussed at the April meeting.

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to go into executive session, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307 B-1, at 6:33 pm, for the purpose of discussing hire, fire, promote, demote, discipline, or resignation of Larry Johnston. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, Cozetta Johnson, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

John Gregerson made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to reconvene the regular session at 6:41 pm. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, Cozetta Jonson, and John Gregerson. Nays: None.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by John Gregerson to promote Larry Johnston to a full time employee. Ayes: Cozetta Johnson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, John Gregerson, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

No action on the February bank balances.

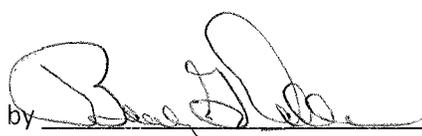
Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to approve the consent agenda items a through i as follows: Approve to encumber \$35,080.62 for the March payrolls, pay the February OMPA electric bill and pay the monthly sales tax payments. Approve the release of the GUA checks in the amount of \$50,497.38. Approve the release of the Meter refund checks in the amount of \$4,000.00. Approve to transfer \$4,440.90 out of the GUA water to the R.O. account. Approve the monthly DEQ MOR report. Approve to transfer \$7,750.00 to the Construction Fund. Approve to transfer \$20,834.00 to the General Fund. And approve to pay United Energy Trading, LLC \$15,441.84 for natural gas. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to approve the February 9t minutes. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Under new business Ronnie Wheeler informed the city that a light pole on one of the I-40 exit ramps was damaged. Steve Cerbu informed the board that the police department had taken an accident report at that location. Someone will contact Caddo Electric about the damaged pole.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 pm. Ayes: John Gregerson, Ernest Allen, Leslie Swinerton, Ronnie Wheeler, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

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Passed and approved this 6 day of April, 2017 by 
Chairman, Bobby Allen