

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 January 7, 2015.

Mayor, Leslie Swinerton, called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm. Those answering roll call were Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, Bobby Allen and Cozetta Johnson. Also present were City Attorney Raymond Vincent, Public Works Director Jeff Choate, Police Chief Waylan Upchego, Accounting Consultant Linda Woodruff, Payroll clerk Jeremy Springer, Beulah Land Church Elder G W Bookman and his wife, Rob Anderson and Brian Hightower from Wheeler Brothers Grain, Palma Lough with OMPA, and Tom Mars.

Elder Bookman opened the meeting with a short prayer.

Palma Lough, with OMPA, was here to discuss the rebate programs that are offered by OMPA. OMPA is the electrical power company that services the electric to the City of Geary. She also informed the council on some of the necessary programs that the city needs to participate in to be eligible for the CUP (Competitive Utility Planning) Program.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to adopt Ordinance 2015-01 adopting the 2012 National Electric Codes (NEC) and the National Electric Safety Codes (NESC). Ayes: Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Bobby Allen to approve Resolution 2015-02 to adopt the 2012 International Property Maintenance Codes. Ayes: Cozetta Johnson, Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Bobby Allen, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

The underground electrical policy will be discussed at the February meeting, after we check with neighboring cities for their policies.

This meeting was recessed at 7:30 pm and reconvened at 8:00 pm.

Elder GW Bookman was here to discuss the trading of property deeds. As it turns out the property owned by Beulah Land Church has a money judgment against it that needs to be cleared before any other transactions can be made. Ronnie Wheeler made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to ask Raymond Vincent, City Attorney, to contact the lawyers for the money judgment to negotiate a settlement. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Cozetta Johnson, and Ronnie Wheeler. Nays: None.

The meeting was recessed at 8:25, and reconvened at 8:32.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Ernest Allen to accept the monthly accounting reports as presented by Linda Woodruff. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Cozetta Johnson, Ronnie Wheeler, Ernest Allen, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

No action on the cost of living raises for the employees. This will be discussed again at the February meeting.

There has been a lot of controversy over the employee insurance costs with a part of this being charged back to the employees. The employee policies and procedures handbook states that the City will pay for the employee's share of health, dental, vision, short term, long term, and life insurance. Due to the rise in health insurance the council determined that the employee will pay a minimum of \$60.00 per month for the Blue Cross Blue Shield Platinum Plan. If the employee opts for the Bronze Plan, the city will set up a Health Saving Account for them and put \$200.00 per month in this account for the employee to use toward health expenses.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ernest Allen to change the employee policies and procedures manuals to state that the employee may be requested to pay a nominal part of the total cost for their health insurance. This will be part of a standard deduction from their paycheck each payday. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, Ernest Allen, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: Tabbitha Kiener.

No action on the Fire/EMS Substation.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to transfer money from the Construction Fund to the CDBG Fund purchase a Tin Horn and other expenses for the New Fire/EMS Substation. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, Cozetta Johnson, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

No action on a quit claim deed to Darren Base for Lot 7, Block 34, in the Geary City Addition.

Resolutions 2015-01 and 2015-03 were approved in the Geary Utilities Authority meeting.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Bobby Allen to approve Resolution 2015-04 to increase the speed limit on highway 281, from the south edge of town to the Cherokee complex, to 70 miles per hour. Ayes: Cozetta Johnson, Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, Bobby Allen, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

No action on the bank account balances for December or the monthly direct deposits.

Bobby Allen made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve the consent agenda as follows: approve to encumber \$47,075.79 for the January payrolls including the firemen, approve to pay the General Bills for December in the amount of \$30,371.65, and approve to transfer \$20,834.00 from the GUA to the General Fund. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, Cozetta Johnson, and Bobby Allen. Nays: None.

Bobby Allen made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to approve to transfer \$7,750.00 to the Construction Fund from the GUA Fund. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, Cozetta Johnson, and Bobby Allen. Nays: None.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Bobby Allen to approve the December 11th minutes. Ayes: Cozetta Johnson, Ronnie Wheeler, Ernest Allen, Bobby Allen, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Tabbitha Kiener to go into executive session at 9:40 pm, pursuant to Title 25, Section 307 B-1, for the purpose of discussing hire, fire, promote, demote, discipline, or resignation of Waylan Upchego. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, Tabbitha Kiener, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

Bobby Allen made the motion seconded by Cozetta Johnson to reconvene the regular session at 10:05 me. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, Cozetta Johnson, and Bobby Allen. Nays: None.

No action.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Ernest Allen to approve the monthly police report. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Cozetta Johnson, Ronnie Wheeler, Ernest Allen, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to upgrade the holding cell at the police department to an isolation cell by installing a toilet. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: Non e.

Tabbitha Kiener made the motion seconded by Ronnie Wheeler to have the police policies and procedures manuals in place by January 31st for the council to review at the February meeting. Copies of the changes will be supplied to the council before the February meeting. Ayes: Bobby Allen, Cozetta Johnson, Ernest Allen, Ronnie Wheeler, and Tabbitha Kiener. Nays: None.

There was no unforeseen or old business to discuss.

Cozetta Johnson made the motion seconded by Bobby Allen to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 pm. Ayes: Ernest Allen, Tabbitha Kiener, Ronnie Wheeler, Bobby Allen, and Cozetta Johnson. Nays: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Passed and approved this 27 day of January, 2015 by


Mayor, Leslie Swinerton