

# Town of Gage

The Gage Board of Trustees met in regular session Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 5:35pm in the Gage Town Office. This meeting replaced the regular meeting scheduled for February 25, 2013 and canceled due to the blizzard conditions. The agenda for this special meeting was posted on March 1, 2013 at 12:24pm on the Town Office front door as required by state law. Employees present were Dale Burtnett, Janet Pierce, Linda Bonin and Atty. Laurie Hays -Thompson.

Guest: Evelyn Holt, Anita Harrell, Sheriff DeWayne Miller, Fargo Mayor Gene Meier, Thomas Taylor and Curtis Torrance.

1. Mayor Froage called the meeting to order 5:35pm.
2. Board members answering roll call were Carole Froage, Richard Chapman, Virginia Mann, B G Woods and Troy Long. Mayor Carole stated that there is a quorum.
3. She asked if the Board Members had reviewed the minutes for the January 28, 2013 regular meeting and if any discussion. Richard made a motion with a second by Virginia to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2013 meeting. For: Froage, Chapman, Mann, Long and Woods. Against: None.
4. A motion by Richard with a second by Virginia to approve the purchase orders 326 through 367. For: Froage, Chapman, Woods, Long and Mann. Against: None.
5. A motion was made by Virginia to enter into executive session in accordance with Title 25 O.S. Section 307B (1) at 5:42pm and seconded by BG. For: Froage, Chapman, Mann, Long and Woods. Against: None.  
At 6:55pm, Virginia made a motion with a second by Troy to return to open session. For: Froage, Chapman, Mann, Long and Woods. Against: None.  
Carole reported that there was no action to be taken.
6. After discussion on hiring a police officer, BG made a motion with a second by Carole to possibly work with the towns of Fargo and Arnett and go through the Sheriff's office. For: Froage, Chapman, Mann, Long and Woods. Against: None. Janet was requested to call the clerks in Arnett and Fargo to try and set up a meeting for April 8, 2013.
7. There was no action to be taken on housing for a police officer.
8. After discussion on a dog catcher, Virginia made a motion with a second by Carole to contact Lonnie Adair, who is the dog catcher for Fargo, and see if he would consider being our dog catcher with the same type agreement as Fargo. For: Chapman, Long, Woods, Froage, Mann. Against: None.
9. A motion by Carole with a second by Virginia to see if we can work an agreement for our dogs same as Fargo has with Woodward. For: Froage, Chapman, Mann, Long and Woods. Against: None.

10. The Gage Memorial Cemetery was discussed. Dale reported that the letters for the archway from the Higgins Vo Ag would be \$250 and the sheet of steel from Woodward Steel would be about \$115. Dale, also, reported on the Kiosk and showed pictures of the ones he would build. Richard gave a report on the cemetery maps. Spraying for weeds on the cemetery was discussed and Dale stated he would spray them. After discussion, Carole made a motion with a second by Richard for Dale to proceed with the plan for the archway and the Kiosk. For: Chapman, Froage, Mann, Long and Woods. Against: None. Mr. Torrance stated that they would pay for the sheet for steel.
11. With further discussion on the Cemetery included the deeds, lots, software, accounting reports and any and all other records relating to the cemetery, Richard made a motion with a second by Virginia to authorize our Attorney Laurie E Hays Thompson to send a letter to Sharon Byers, the chairperson of the Gage Cemetery Board Association, that they have until noon on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March to have in the Gage Town Office or the Attorney's Office any records pertaining to the cemetery, lots sold, deeds provided, accounting records and any computer software in accordance with ordinance 170. If the Association does not comply then on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March proceed with legal action and the court cost and attorneys fees included. . For: Chapman Froage, Long, Mann and Woods. Against: None.
12. The yellow dumpsters that belong to Solid Waste Management were discussed. Janet stated that they were still in Town after sending letters stating that Harpers did not want to sign a waiver and two requests to remove the dumpsters. A motion by Carole and second by Virginia authorizing the Towns Attorney to proceed with legal action on then 25<sup>th</sup> of March if said dumpsters were not removed on or before the 22<sup>nd</sup> then legal action would be taken with court cost and attorneys fees included. For: Froage, Chapman Long, Mann and Woods. Against: None.
13. Janet stated that Leigha Coffin had moved to W Santa Fe Street a month ago and no more complaints have been turned in. Laurie stated that since no complaints from the new neighbors that the Town does not have to take any action until complaints are filed. No action was taken.
14. Dale gave a report on the schools flashing lights on Hwy 15. He stated that he had to reprogram the light several times a month, the lights were small but new light would be about \$2,000 each and the light would be large. After discussion, Carole made a motion and second by Richard to purchase the lights. . For: Froage, Chapman Long, Mann and Woods. Against: None. Mr. Torrance stated that they would pay \$1,000 to help with the lights.
15. The fireworks for the Fourth of July were discussed. Janet reported that this year was the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Gage Fire department and they would be purchasing fireworks also, to make it a grand display. Richard made a motion with a second by Virginia to purchase the same package as last years. For: Froage, Mann, Long, Chapman and Woods. Against: None.
16. Updating the Gage Municipal Code Book was discussed. Janet presented the proposal from Sterling Codifiers. A total re-codifying the book would be about \$4000 and just to update the book which is adding the ordinances that were passed since the last update would be about \$2000. After discussion, a motion was made by Carole with a second by

Virginia to have Sterling Codifiers to totally re-codify our Code Book. For: Froage, Mann, Long, Chapman and Woods. Against: None

17. The 1884 Chevy K30 fire truck known as the "Clown Truck" was discussed. Fire Chief Leon Woods stated that the truck was surplus now and any parts that could be used on another truck were transferred. BG made a motion with a second by Troy to declare the 1884 fire truck as surplus property. For: Froage, Mann, Long, Chapman and Woods. Against: None
18. The Towns red fire truck was discussed. Leon on reported that it needed a pump or the seals needed to be replaced and overhauled. The pump would cost about \$14,000 and may not meet the ISO regs. After discussion, Dale stated that he would try to fix the old pump and replace the seals.
19. Stocking the Artesian Lake with Channel Cat fish was discussion. Ty Harper, a biologist with the Oklahoma Wildlife Dept., visited with Darren about the stocking the lake with grow out Channel Cat Fish for free. A motion by Carole with a second by Virginia to accept the cat fish at no cost. For: Froage, Mann, Long, Chapman and Woods. Against: None
20. The Oklahoma Uniform Building International Codes that is mandated by the State of Oklahoma was discussed. The International Building, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing and Fire Codes in our Municipal Code Book has to be amended. After the Ordinance 183 amending the International Codes was read and discussed, a motion by Richard with a second by Troy to adopt Ordinance 183. For: Mann, Long, Chapman and Woods. Against: Froage.  
A motion by Richard and second by Troy to invoke the emergency clause of Ordinance 183. For: Mann, Long, Chapman and Woods. Against: Froage.
21. The trash lease and different types of containers which included dumpsters and poly carts was discussed. When the trash bids are advertised, it will be for different types of containers.
22. Janet reported that the signed copy of Resolution 299 was misplaced but had one without signatures. After discussion and asking Laurie about the Resolution, Janet presented Resolution 319 which memorialized Resolution 299. Carole made a motion with a second by BG to adopt Resolution 319 memorializing Resolution 299. For: Froage, Mann, Long, Chapman and Woods. Against: None
23. There was not any discussion from the Citizens.
24. During the discussion on any unforeseen business, it was stated that Laurie needed checks for the filing fees and attorney's retainer for filing on Solid Waste and Sharon Byers, Gage Memorial Cemetery Assn. A motion by Richard and second by Troy to approve purchase orders 368 & 369 to the Ellis County Court Clerk and Laurie Hays Trust. For: Froage, Mann, Long, Chapman and Woods. Against: None

25. Dale presented his and Darren's activities sheet for the month and the water report. He stated that copper sulfate for the Beach had been ordered from Johnston Grain. Janet stated that since it was the Gage Fire Departments 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday we should have a dinner or something to honor the present and retired firemen.

26. There were not any remarks from the Board Members.

27. At 9:26pm Troy made a motion to adjourn with a second by BG. For: Mann, Long, Froage, Woods and Chapman. Against: None.

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Carol Froage  
MAYOR

Janet Pierce  
CLERK

I, the undersigned Town Clerk of the Town of Gage, Oklahoma, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of the minutes of a meeting held on the date therein stated and on file in my office as a part of the official records.

Janet Pierce  
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Town Clerk

