

May 5, 2021

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session May 5, 2021 at 7:30 p.m., in the council room, located at 531 Main Street, Seneca, Kansas. Present were Mayor Joe Mitchell and council members Alice Lackey, Steve Bennett, Kylee Bergstrom, Jim Mitchell and Ray Shinn. Council member Mike Stallbaumer was absent. Also present were Brian Rusche, Matt Diehl, and Robert Wolfgang.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 21, 2021. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Steve Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting held April 28, 2021. The motion was seconded by Kylee Bergstrom. Alice Lackey, Steve Bennett, Kylee Bergstrom, and Ray Shinn voted yes. Jim Mitchell abstained due to his absence at the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried.

Appropriation Ordinance No. 1399 dated 4/30/2021 was presented for consideration. Kylee Bergstrom made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance No. 1399. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 05052021-1 to waive the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a), and resolving that the Governing body shall cause the financial statements and financial reports of the City of Seneca to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of the State. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 05052021-2 to grant an exception in accordance with Seneca City Code Section 5.20.161 to permit the sale, possession, and consumption of cereal malt beverages during an event to be held on City-owned property at the request of the American Legion Riders for the dates of May 8 and August 21 from 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. on both dates. The motion was seconded by Kylee Bergstrom. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

The council was in receipt of two bids for a new Public Works Department truck:

- Honeyman Ford, 2021 Ford F-150 Regular Cab, \$25,372.
- Nemaha Valley Motors, 2021 Dodge 1500 Tradesman Regular Cab, \$25,500.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to award the bid to Honeyman Ford and purchase the 2021 Ford F-150 for \$25,372. The motion was seconded by Alice Lackey. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

The council was informed that the Planning Commission had selected Galen Niehues to serve as Chairman and Steve Brinker as Vice Chairman. The Planning Commission also submitted a recommendation that term expiration dates be set as follows:

Dick Miller	September 2021
Steve Brinker	September 2021
Clete Kramer	September 2022
Michael Ulmer	September 2022
Galen Niehues	September 2023
Jim Reitz	September 2023
Bruce Hermesch	September 2023

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve term expiration dates as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kylee Bergstrom made a motion to approve the appointment of Michele Spring to the office of City Clerk at a pay rate of \$18/hour starting on May 24, 2021, and to move Angel O'Neil from part time to full-time as of May 28, 2021, at a pay rate of \$18/hour. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. Steve Bennett, Kylee Bergstrom, Jim Mitchell, and Ray Shinn voted yes. Alice Lackey voted no. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn reported sales tax revenue of \$78,813.45 for the month.

Alice Lackey expressed concern in regard to the safety of the intersection of Branch Street & Community Drive as it pertains to pedestrians crossing. Discussion continued about the possibility of a sidewalk along the fence on the east side of Community Drive and/or a sidewalk that runs along the east sides of the baseball fields. As a more immediate remedy, Tami Haverkamp and Brian Rusche will look into the issue to see what can be done to slow down traffic and create visibility.

Jim Mitchell reported truck route and parking issues along Walnut Street while games are in progress at Pearson Field.

Alice Lackey made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All present voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Tami Haverkamp  
City Clerk/Administrator