

May 19, 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, Mike Stallbaumer and Ray Shinn. Also present were Erin Toby, Matt Diehl, and Robert Wolfgang.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 19, 2021. The motion was seconded by Kylee Bergstrom. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve the Amendment to Extend Agency Agreement with Heritage Real Estate until April 4, 2022 for the Fairway Addition property. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

The council considered a request from the Nemaha Valley Community Health Care Foundation to partner with them in sponsoring a speaker at Seneca's 150<sup>th</sup> + 1 Celebration, to be held June 11 – 13. Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve a contribution of \$1000 to help sponsor Mitch Holthus to speak at Skoch Park on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Recreation Director Erin Toby proposed an increase in wages for Aquatic Center staff. Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve increasing starting wages for concession stand workers from \$6.00 to \$7.25/hour, guards from \$7.25 to \$8.25/hour, and assistant managers from \$9.00 to \$9.50/hour. The motion was seconded by Alice Lackey. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Renewal rates for BCBS employee health and dental insurance were reviewed. Rates will decrease by 10.14% at the beginning of the plan year, which is August 1<sup>st</sup>. The council discussed reviewing other options throughout the course of the next year, including review of the pros and cons of remaining with the grandfathered plan. Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the renewal with BCBS for the plan year beginning August 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Kylee Bergstrom. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Other discussion included pet waste stations, city hall improvements, and code enforcement on properties with overgrown vegetation.

Alice Lackey made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All present voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Tami Haverkamp  
City Clerk/Administrator