

August 4, 2021

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session August 4, 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 Jim Mitchell, Steve Bennett, Kylee Bergstrom, Ray Shinn and Alice Lackey. Mike Stallbaumer was absent. Also present were Tami Haverkamp and Matt Diehl.

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

Alice Lackey made a public comment that she has heard compliments on the pedestrian crossing paint and signage recently installed on Community Drive at the Branch Street intersection.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance No. 1404. The motion was seconded by Kylee Bergstrom. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Kylee Bergstrom made a motion to approve the Street Closure Request submitted by St. Ann's Altar Society to close 5th Street from Pioneer to Elk Street and Elk Street from 4th -5th beginning Saturday, September 4, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. and reopening Sunday, September 6, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Alice Lackey. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve an application submitted by Sts. Peter & Paul Church for a Special Event CMB on Sunday, September 5, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the Notice of Publication for Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing and Budget Hearing to be held September 1, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to accept the resignation of Erin Toby from the position of Recreation Director. The motion was seconded by Kylee Bergstrom. All voted yes. Motion carried.

The council agreed that the last day the pool will be open will be Sunday, August 29th. The hours that day will be from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Staff will remain on duty until 8:00 p.m. for pool clean up. This is due to staffing issues.

Tami stated that NCTC gave notice that they will no longer be able to offer cleaning services to city hall. The cleaning of the city parks will continue to be done by NCTC. Tami has already advertised for bids for the cleaning at city hall.

Tami also stated that she has been working with Jordan and Martin to develop a written code enforcement policy. They will have this to present at the next council meeting.

Tami and Joe stated that they recently met with county commissioners on the agreement for the Fire/EMS building. They also discussed how the sheriff and police departments work together.

The council was informed that the sales tax received in July totaled \$95,561.42.

The council would like to move forward with the Electric project in alley between Main and Baltimore from 3rd to 11th Street.

Tami informed the council an ordinance pertaining to food trucks maybe necessary. Food trucks have only been allowed on city property for community events, but a formal policy is needed.

Announcements: The Planning Commission will meet tomorrow, August 5th at 7:00 p.m. Also Networks Plus will be here Thursday, August 12th, to begin IT services set up.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session at 8:05 for a personal matter until 8:20, this was to include the governing body and Tami. The motion was seconded by Alice Lackey. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:20 Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend the executive session until 8:30. The motion was seconded by Kylee Bergstrom. All voted yes. Motion carried. The governing body came out of executive session at 8:30 p.m. No action was taken.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session at 8:30, for a period of 7 minutes until 8:37 p.m. to discuss a personal matter and to include governing body members only. The motion was seconded by Kylee Bergstrom. All voted yes. Motion carried. At 8:37 p.m. governing body came out of executive session. No action was taken.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alice Lackey. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk