

August 18, 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. Mayor Joe Mitchell was absent. Council members present were Jim Mitchell, Kylee Bergstrom, Ray Shinn, Alice Lackey, Mike Stallbaumer and Steve Bennett, who presided over the meeting in the absence of the Mayor. Also present were Tami Haverkamp, Martin Mishler and Jordan Weaver.

Kylee Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 4, 2021. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance No. 1405. The motion was seconded by Alice Lackey. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Martin and Jordan reviewed with the council the steps involved in resolving nuisance complaints. Jordan stated he documents contact with the property owner for the purpose of creating a record of the interaction. The council questioned public access to the Seneca Municipal Code book and it was confirmed that the code is available in its entirety on the city's website and the Police Department's Facebook page. It was agreed that complaints should be directed to city hall, then relayed to Jordan, as the first step toward resolving a nuisance complaint.

The availability of the 2020 Integrated Resource Plan as required by the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) was announced. The period for public comment will commence immediately and conclude on September 1, 2021, at which time the council will consider a resolution to adopt the plan and submit it to WAPA.

Jordan commented that he has been talking to property owners about getting tress trimmed and cleaned up.

Tami stated the Planning Commission is discussing regulations on commercial solar projects and the commission believes it is wise to allow time for self-education and public comment before making a recommendation on regulations.

Tami also stated she is working on an ordinance pertaining to the regulation of food trucks.

Announcements: Greg Wright will be at the September 1, 2021 council meeting to discuss rates and recouping last February's unusually high energy cost. Dana Splichal with Summers, Spencer & Company, P.A. will also be at that to present the 2020 audit report.

Tami informed the council that she and Erin met with softball association to discuss getting parents more involved. She brought up an idea of also putting keypads on the concession stands that could be reset at the end of the season.

Tami also informed the council that Highway 36 through Seneca is slated to be resurfaced in 2022 and that KDOT has indicated a desire to change the 4 lane area to a 2 lane with center left turn lane throughout. KDOT believes this would increase safety and is in favor of the change as long as the city is not strongly opposed.

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 Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:20 Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend the executive session until 8:25. The motion was seconded by Kylee Bergstrom. All voted yes. Motion carried. The governing body came out of executive session at 8:25 p.m. No action was taken.

Alice Lackey made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk