

September 1, 2021

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session September 1, 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, Alice Lackey, and Mike Stallbaumer. Also present were Tami Haverkamp, Robert Wolfgang, and Matt Diehl.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 18, 2021. The motion was seconded by Kylee Bergstrom. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 7:32 p.m. the hearing on the Intent to Levy a Property Tax Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate was opened. No comments were made. The hearing closed at 7:33 p.m.

At 7:33 p.m. the 2022 Budget Hearing was opened. No comments were made. The hearing closed at 7:34 p.m.

Steve Bennett made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1406. The motion was seconded by Alice Lackey. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 09012021-1 to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate of 31.409 mills. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve Resolution No. 09012021-2 to accept the Integrated Resource Plan for the Western Area Power Administration, dated September 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Kylee Bergstrom. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 09012021-3 to grant an exception in accordance with Seneca City Code Section 5.20.161 for the purpose of a Chamber of Commerce & Downtown Impact event on Main Street from 4th Street to 6th Street on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. Ray Shinn, Steve Bennett, Jim Mitchell, Alice Lackey and Mike Stallbaumer voted yes. Kylee Bergstrom abstained. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1413 Regulating public offenses within the corporate limits of the City of Seneca, Kansas; incorporating by reference the "Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities, Edition of 2021". The motion was seconded by Alice Lackey. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1414 Regulating traffic within the corporate limits of the City of Seneca, Kansas; incorporating by reference the "Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, Edition of 2021", providing certain penalties and repealing Ordinance No. 1409. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Kylee Bergstrom made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1415 Amending in part portions of the current code of the City of Seneca, Kansas, regulating weed control law in the City of Seneca, Kansas; and, repealing any conflicting ordinances or resolutions. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to adopt the 2022 Budget. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Alice Lackey made a motion to accept the request for Street Closure submitted by the Seneca Area Chamber of Commerce & Downtown Impact to close 5th Street from Main St to the alley north of Main on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. Steve Bennett, Jim Mitchell, Alice Lackey, Ray Shinn, and Mike Stallbaumer voted yes. Kylee Bergstrom abstained. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve the request for Street Closure submitted by the Seneca Area Chamber & Downtown Impact to close Main Street from 4th Street to 6th Street during Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. Jim Mitchell, Steve Bennett, Ray Shinn, Mike Stallbaumer, and Alice Lackey all voted yes. Kylee Bergstrom abstained. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve to appointment of Bruce Hermesch to the Seneca Free Library Board. The motion was seconded by Alice Lackey. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Kylee Bergstrom recommended the hire of Brock Miller to fill the position of Recreation Director at a rate of \$19.25 per hour. Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the hire of Brock Miller. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried. Brock's start date is to be determined.

The council was informed that the sales tax received in August totaled \$88,359.82.

Announcements: Tami stated that we need to have a committee meeting for a food truck ordinance. It was also stated that the 2020 audit report is not ready yet and will be at the September 15, 2021 council meeting. Tami stated that the committee is still considering electric rates and is not ready to make a recommendation. All cleaning bids were rejected, and it will be done internally with the current staff. Hay bids will be on the September 15, 2021 council meeting agenda for consideration.

Alice Lackey made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk