

September 15, 2021

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session September 15, 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, Martin Mishler, Dana Splichal, Galen Niehues, and Erik Ganstrom.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Steve Bennett made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1407. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Galen Niehues, on behalf of the Planning Commission, presented to the council the need of regulations on wind energy systems and commercial solar energy systems. Galen requested 180 days to ensure enough time for the Planning Commission to educate themselves and get input from the community on the topic. Galen also stated the Planning Commission meets the first Thursday of each month.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 09152021 to impose a temporary moratorium for a period of 180 days on the issuance of conditional use permits for a commercial wind energy system or a commercial solar energy system within the zoning jurisdiction of the City of Seneca, Kansas. The motion was seconded by Kylee Bergstrom. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1416 to amend in part portions of the current code of the City of Seneca, Kansas, regulating mobile food units operated within the City of Seneca, Kansas, and repealing any conflicting ordinances or resolutions. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Dana Splichal with SCC, CPAS presented to the council the 2020 Audit Report. She reported a clean audit. The City of Seneca, Kansas's financial statement need to be filed with the state by December 31, 2021. This will be on the October 6th, city council's agenda to approve.

Tami presented to the council the hay bids received for the 2022 and 2023 seasons. The high bidder for Maxwell Springs is Cole Deters at \$410 per year and for the airport is Roger and Jason Deters at \$1450 per year.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve a lease agreement with Cole Deters at \$410 per year for the 2022 and 2023 seasons for the hay ground at Maxwell Spring. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve a lease agreement with Roger and Jason Deters at \$1450 per year for the 2022 and 2023 seasons for the airport properties hay ground. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve the appointment of AJ Heinen to the Planning Commission, term to expire September 2024. The motion was seconded by Kylee Bergstrom. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve an application for a Special Event CMB for the Seneca Area Chamber and Downtown Impact during Oktoberfest of October 9th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. Jim Mitchell, Steve Bennett, Ray Shinn, Mike Stallbaumer and Alice Lackey voted yes. Kylee Bergstrom abstained. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 30 minutes beginning at 8:00 and ending at 8:30 p.m., to include the governing body, Tami, Martin Mischler and Erik Ganstrom for the purpose of attorney client privilege. The motion was seconded by Kylee Bergstrom. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:30 p.m., Kylee Bergstrom made a motion to extend executive session until 8:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:45 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend executive session until 8:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kylee Bergstrom. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:55 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend executive session until 9:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kylee Bergstrom. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 9:00 p.m., the governing body reconvened in open session. Steve Bennett made a motion to authorize filing of covenants for the Fairway Addition #2 as amended. The motion was seconded by Kylee Bergstrom. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Alice Lackey made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk