

October 6, 2021

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session October 6, 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, Alice Lackey, and Mike Stallbaumer. Ray Shinn was absent. Also present were Tami Haverkamp, Brock Miller, Matt Diehl, Robert Wolfgang, Erik Ganstrom, Kurt Detweiler, Jeff DeMint and Lisa DeMint.

Kylee Bergstrom made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 15, 2021. The motion was seconded by Alice Lackey. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Tami Haverkamp introduced Brock Miller to the council. Brock started as full time recreation director on September 30th.

Steve Bennett made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1408. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 1417 Amending in part portions of the current code of the City of Seneca, Kansas, regulating and establishing the time and date for municipal court sessions. The motion was seconded by Alice Lackey. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the 2020 Audit Report. The motion was seconded by Kylee Bergstrom. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the street closure request from Nemaha Central Elementary and Middle School to close Main Street from 4th – 6th on November 11, 2021, for the Veterans' Day Parade from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. (Rain date November 15th). The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kylee Bergstrom made a motion to approve the Public Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter Improvement Policy. This will allow residents to now file an application when they are replacing a driveway and would like to do curb and gutter at the same time to ensure flow lines are correct. If approved the city would reimburse residents at a rate of 50% of \$30 per linear foot. The maximum payout from the city to a resident would be \$2000.00. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve a contract from J.F. McGivern to prep and paint the swimming pool in the amount of \$44,850. The motion was seconded by Kylee Bergstrom. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Tami presented the council two different options for adjusting electric rates. Steve Bennett made a motion to approve the option that would add a customer charge for each account and increase the energy charge for all tiers of each rate class by \$.005 per kwh. The motion was seconded by Kylee Bergstrom. Steve Bennett, Kylee Bergstrom, Alice Lackey and Mike Stallbaumer voted yes. Jim Mitchell voted no. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve locking in, pricing on ½ mW of power for the months of December, January, and February to reduce market exposure in a season of uncertainty due to rising gas prices. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Steve Bennett presented the sales tax collected for September. The city received \$96,577.07 for sales tax. The city's 1% was \$72,222.45 and the share from county tax was \$24,354.62.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for a period of 30 minutes beginning at 8:15 and ending at 8:45 p.m., to include the governing body, Tami, Erik Ganstrom, Jeff DeMint, Lisa DeMint, and Kurt Detweiler for the purpose of attorney client privilege. Martin Mishler was not in person, but joined via phone. The motion was seconded by Alice Lackey. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:45 p.m., the governing body reconvened in open session. No action taken.

Alice Lackey made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk