

January 19, 2022

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session January 19, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., in the council room, located at 531 Main Street, Seneca, Kansas. Present were Mayor Joe Mitchell and council members Alice Lackey, Lukas Koch, Mike Stallbaumer and Steve Bennett. Council members Jim Mitchell and Ray Shinn were absent. Also present were Tami Haverkamp, Julie Bergman, Kylee Bergstrom, Darrel Kohlman, and Matt Diehl.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 5, 2022. The motion was seconded by Lukas Koch. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Steve Bennett made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1414. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve the appointment of Tami Haverkamp as Development Administrator and Brian Rusche as the Assistant Development Administrator. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve an amendment to the City Administrator's employment contract to increase salary to \$70,000. The motion was seconded by Alice Lackey. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kylee Bergstrom with Seneca Area Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Impact presented a plan for a gnome project. The chamber's goal is to have 10-15 painted gnome status around town to drive tourism to Seneca. Joe Mitchell suggested to wait to vote on the project until they had a full council present.

Tami Haverkamp reported updates for the Resurfacing Main Street from 7th to 11th project and the Electrical Distribution System Improvements project that will run in the alley south of Main from 3rd to 11th. Wilson & Co is working on a contract that the governing will need to approve, the cost is estimated at \$40,000.

Tami Haverkamp also reported the 2D geophysical survey that the city has been contacted by McDonald Land Services to perform. They would like to test on city land and down Castle Street. The city is not interested in allowing this to happen.

The new committees were announced, Jim Mitchell and Lukas Koch will serve as utilities, streets, facilities, and land; Alice Lackey and Mike Stallbaumer will serve as finance, personnel, and services; Ray Shinn and Steve Bennett will serve as economic development, code enforcement, and planning and zoning. Steve Bennett will remain the council president.

Alice Lackey made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All present voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk