

May 18, 2022

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session May 18, 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, Steve Bennett, Mike Stallbaumer, Lukas Koch, Jim Mitchell and Ray Shinn. Also present were Tami Haverkamp, Angel O'Neil, Brett Ohlsen, Tim Heinen, Matt Diehl, and Robert Wolfgang.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 4, 2022. The motion was seconded by Lukas Koch. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1422. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Council received recommendation from the Planning Commission to amend Section 5.07.07 of the Seneca Zoning Ordinance No. 1420. The Council was presented with Ordinance No. 1420: An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1371 and Amending the Seneca Zoning Ordinance of the City of Seneca, Kansas to modify the setback requirements for the storage and distribution of anhydrous ammonia, fuel, fertilizer, and other chemicals in the zoning district currently zoned Transitional Agricultural (TA-1). Ray Shinn made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1420. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

A Fire Fee schedule and letter were sent to the townships, with no communication received back from any of the townships. The schedule allows for an increase of fees through 2024 with the fees leveling off at \$138,569.00 during years 2025-2027. The fee schedule will then be reassessed after 2027. Steve Bennett made a motion to approve the Fire Fee Schedule for 2025-2027. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Council was in receipt of a notarized "Declaration of Gift" from John and Janie Kramer desiring to make a donation of up to \$100,000.00 in 2022 to the City of Seneca, Kansas, to fund the construction of a concession stand at the City of Seneca recreation complex under certain terms and conditions. One of the conditions was that the governing body of the City of Seneca, Kansas appoint a committee to review the specifications for the concession stand, to solicit bids, and then to supervise the construction of the concession stand, to be composed of the Seneca recreation director (Jordan Weaver), a member appointed by Kramer (Jana Kramer), and a member of the Seneca city council. Ray Shinn made a motion to accept the financial gift of up to \$100,000.00 from John and Janie Kramer for the purpose of constructing a concession stand at the baseball field. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All present voted yes. Motion carried. Jim Mitchell made a motion to appoint Lukas Koch as the appointed city council member for the concession stand committee. The motion was seconded by Alice Lackey. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Tim Heinen and Brett Ohlsen presented the plans for the Seneca Fire Department's 100th Birthday party for the 1922 Stutz. The celebration will be held August 27, 2022 and will include several events including a live band, a parade, and kids' activities. The chairman, Tim Heinen, will submit paperwork for the approval of street closures, and The Legion will submit paperwork for the CMB License approval.

Fire Chief, Brett Ohlsen, presented information pertaining to the replacement of Truck 5. The suggestion was made to hold off on moving forward with bids until the dispatch fees are determined. The next step

is to advertise for sealed bids for a truck the department could use to build a service unit that fits their needs. Steve Bennett made a motion to grant permission to advertise for bids, which will need to be approved by the city council. The motion was seconded by Lukas Koch. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Alice Lackey made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All present voted yes.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to rescind the motion to adjourn to discuss dispatch services and fees. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Sheriff Rich Vernon delivered a draft agreement for dispatch services to City Hall on May 5, 2022. The draft agreement is for June 1, 2022, to May 31, 2032, and stated the city shall compensate the county the sum of \$6,354.73 per month for dispatch services provided during the term of the agreement. The city council responded to the letter, which was hand delivered to the County Clerk on May 6, 2022 by Tami Haverkamp. The city proposed a joint meeting of the Seneca City Council and the Nemaha County Commissioners to discuss city and county cooperation in the areas of emergency services and law enforcement, and requested a response by the evening of Wednesday, May 18, 2022. As of this time, no response has been received. Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve hand delivering another letter to the County Clerk and to continue paying the same rate as before until a meeting can take place. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Alice Lackey made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All present voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Angel O'Neil
Acting City Clerk