

June 1, 2022

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session June 1, 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, Lukas Koch, Jim Mitchell, Mike Stallbaumer, and Ray Shinn. Also present were Martin Mishler, Dylan Blevins, Eric Ganstrom, Tom Osterhaus, Matt Diehl, Robert Wolfgang, Tami Haverkamp, and Angel O'Neil.

Mayor Joe Mitchell presented Tom Osterhaus a plaque congratulating him on his retirement after 31 years, beginning in November 1990. Tom's last day is Friday, June 10, 2022.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 18, 2022. The motion was seconded by Lukas Koch. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance No. 1423. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Council was presented with Ordinance No. 1421: An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1371 and amending the Floodplain Management section of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Seneca, KS, incorporating by reference new floodplain zoning regulations based on the model recommended by FEMA and the Kansas Department of Agriculture, and amending the code of the City of Seneca, Kansas. Jim Mitchell made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1421. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve a request submitted by the Library Director, Kate Haynie, to appoint Jacee Corby to replace Jackie Deters on the Seneca Free Library Board and the reappoint Bruce Hermes. Both are 4-year terms expiring in April of 2026. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

The council discussed the acquisition of a vehicle for the Police Department which was included in the 2022 budget. The vehicle would replace a 2013 Dodge Ram with approximately 100,000 miles on it. Early in 2022, the police chief learned that Dodge is not currently manufacturing the law enforcement SUVs and that the 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility, priced at \$49,980, will not be available until sometime in 2023. The Kansas Highway Patrol has a 2021 Dodge Durango with 49,000 miles, priced at \$29,600, which includes equipment, available for purchase. Ray Shinn was concerned about the inflation on a new vehicle if we waited, and made a motion to purchase the 2021 Dodge Durango from the Kansas Highway Patrol. There was no second. Motion failed. Mike Stallbaumer suggested waiting for a new vehicle to take advantage of the trade difference of \$28,380 for the 2013 Dodge Ram. Ray Shinn made a motion to table the discussion for now. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn reported the sales tax collected for the city's 1% was \$80,657.21, and from the county was \$28,364.21 for a total of \$109,021.42.

Mayor Mitchell stated an executive session was necessary for the purpose of discussing an attorney/client matter. Jim Mitchell made a motion to recess into executive session until 8:10 p.m., to include the governing body, Tami Haverkamp, Martin Mishler, and Eric Ganstrom with no action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:10 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend the executive session to 8:25 p.m. The motion was seconded by ??????. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:25 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend the executive session to 8:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Lukas Koch. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:30 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend the executive session to 8:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Alice Lackey. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:35 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend the executive session to 8:45 p.m. with the governing body and Tami Haverkamp to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:45 p.m., the executive session concluded.

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

Angel O'Neil
Acting City Clerk