

July 20, 2022

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session July 20, 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 Jim Mitchell, Steve Bennett, Ray Shinn, Mike Stallbaumer, Lukas Koch and Alice Lackey. Also present were Tami Haverkamp, Angel O'Neil, Doug Goetz, Matt Diehl, and Robert Wolfgang.

Steve Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 6, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1426. The motion was seconded by Lukas Koch. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1422 regulating traffic within the corporate limits of the City of Seneca, Kansas; incorporating by reference the "Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, Edition of 2022", providing certain penalties and repealing Ordinance No. 1414. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1423 regulating public offenses within the corporate limits of the City of Seneca, Kansas; incorporating by reference the "Uniform Public Offense Code Kansas Cities, Edition of 2022." The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Lukas Koch submitted a letter of resignation from his position on the Seneca City Council, as he has purchased a home outside of Seneca and will be moving soon. Ray Shin made a motion to accept Lukas Koch's letter of resignation that will be effective July 27, 2022. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

An offer from Nemaha Valley Community Hospital for the purchase of city property contiguous to NVCH was presented to the council. The area of interest is west of the hospital and consists of approximately two acres. NVCH is offering \$5,000 per acre for which they intend to add a large parking lot and two dry retention ponds for water runoff. Jim Mitchell made a motion to accept the offer of \$5,000 per acre from Nemaha Valley Community Hospital. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. Alice Lackey, Steve Bennett, and Jim Mitchell voted yes. Lukas Koch and Ray Shinn voted no. Mike Stallbaumer abstained. Motion carried.

The city received one bid for a used truck to replace Truck 5. The bid was submitted by Fire Chief Brett Ohlsen for a 2009 Ford F-550 with 182,727 miles at a cost of \$28,000. Brett submitted a revised proposal for building the truck, which brings the total cost to \$101,500. Tami Haverkamp researched other options as well. The council received photos and prices of similar trucks obtained by other departments. Tami provided cost-per-year comparisons for used vs. the anticipated cost of a new truck. Steve Bennett made a motion to reject the bid and to direct Fire Chief Brett Ohlsen to obtain bids on new trucks for comparison. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Doug Goetz with Wilson & Company was present to discuss and answer questions relating to a water treatment facility that will address the emerging contaminate manganese in the future. Over the past 15 years, Seneca's manganese levels have increased from .081 mg/L to .094 mg/L. The EPA basis for "high" levels is .05 mg/L. Seneca is eligible for up to \$3 million in forgivable funds for this project, through the State Revolving Fund, should the city submit a full application by October 15, 2022. To move forward with the project, the city would need to get a loan administrator on board and get an agreement for preliminary engineering in place. Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve an agreement with Northwest Kansas Planning & Development for administrative consulting services for the project at a cost of \$9000. The motion was seconded by Lukas Koch. All present voted yes. Motion carried. Jim Mitchell made a motion to accept the letter of agreement with Wilson & Company for preliminary engineering services at a cost of \$13,500. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

With the resignation of Lukas Koch, there is an opening for a city council member on the baseball concession stand committee. Jim Mitchell made a motion to appoint Mike Stallbaumer to replace Lukas on the committee. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. 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 8:18 p.m.

Angel O'Neil
Acting City Clerk