

August 17, 2022

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session August 17, 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, and Alice Lackey. Also present were Tami Haverkamp, Jim Reitz, Matt Diehl, Galen Niehues, and Martin Mishler.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 3, 2022. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1428. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

At 7:40 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes until 7:45 with the governing body, Tami Haverkamp, and Martin Mishler for attorney-client privilege to discuss legal questions.

At 7:43 p.m., the meeting reopened.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve Ordinance 1424 amending Ordinance 1371 making commercial/utility grade wind turbines prohibited within the zoning jurisdiction of the City of Seneca, Kansas, as recommended by the Seneca Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Alice Lackey. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve the hire of Cody Palmer as a maintenance employee at \$18.00 per hour. As per the revised maintenance employee job description, Cody will be required to become a certified water and/or wastewater operator within two years of employment. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

The 2023 Budget was discussed. The budget hearing is scheduled for September 7, 2022. Tami will need to make any changes if needed before the next meeting.

Tami Haverkamp announced that the cost of our power is considerable higher July 2022 than it was in July 2021. This results in our consumers having higher cost of power.

Tami Haverkamp also announced that the city is being reimbursed \$25,675 through FEMA for the December 2021 wind storm.

At 8:15 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes until 8:25 p.m. with the governing body, Martin, and Tami to discuss the acquisition of real estate with no action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All 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 8:26 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk