

September 7, 2022

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session September 7, 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, and Alice Lackey. Mike Stallbaumer was absent. Also present were Tami Haverkamp, Jerry Quint, Matt Diehl, Robert Wolfgang, Martin Mishler and Justine Benoit via zoom.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 17, 2022. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Joe Mitchell appointed and swore in Joe Schmelzle to the position of Ward 1 City Council Member.

Ray Shinn made a motion to open a public hearing regarding a proposed loan in an amount not to exceed \$3,850,000 from the Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund administered by KDHE, the proceeds of which will be used by the City of Seneca to finance certain modifications and improvements to the City of Seneca water supply and distribution system, and to pay interest during construction of the project. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

At 7:32 p.m., the public hearing was opened. No comments were made.

Ray Shinn made a motion to close the public meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All present voted yes. Motion carried and the hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

Joe Schmelzle made a motion to approve Resolution No. 09072022-1: A resolution authorizing the completion of an application to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment regarding a loan from the Kansas Public Water Supply loan. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to submit the application to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to open a public hearing on the 2023 Budget and Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

At 7:38 p.m., the public hearing was opened. No comments were made.

Ray Shinn made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All present voted yes. Motion carried and the public hearing was closed at 7:41 p.m.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1429. The motion was seconded by Alice Lackey. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 09072022-2: A resolution of the City of Seneca, Kansas, to levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the 2023 Budget. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Steve Bennett made a motion to approve the bids for the sale of retired fire trucks. Aaron Stallbaumer Contracting the 1975 Dodge Water Tanker for \$3000; George Ronnebaum the 1961 IHC/American Fire Apparatus Water truck for \$631 and the 1982 GMC Fire Truck for \$1876. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve a real estate contract. In the contract the city will agree to purchase city lots 11, 12, 13, and 14 in Block 45 from Christopher and Jennifer Rottinghaus for \$65000 within 30 days. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Tami Haverkamp announced that the next Flashvote survey will be conducted soon, with the topic being law enforcement.

Ray Shinn announced the sales tax received for August totaled \$106,897.85.

At 7:53 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes until 8:03 with the governing body, Tami Haverkamp, and Martin Mishler for attorney-client privilege with no action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:03 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend executive session for 10 minutes until 8:13 p.m. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. 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 8:13 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk