

November 16, 2022

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session November 16, 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, Joe Schmelzle, Mike Stallbaumer, and Alice Lackey. Also present were Tami Haverkamp, Kiley Floyd, Erik Ganstrom, Scott Crist, Martin Mishler, Matt Diehl, Robert Wolfgang, Tyler Oliver, and Ross Wheeler. Sarah Steele jointed the meeting via zoom.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 2, 2022. The motion was seconded by Alice Lackey. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Joe Schmelzle made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1434. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 11162022 affirming the Planning Commission recommendation to deny an application for rezoning of Lot 1 of Vitt Addition #1. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kylie Floyd with Nemaha Valley Community Hospital, Scott Crist with UMB bank, and via zoom Sara Steele with Gilmore and Bell were all in attendance to present and answer questions of financing for a planned renovation and addition. A majority of the funding for the renovation and addition will come through USDA Direct loan. The hospital is requesting the city issue \$2.8M hospital revenue bonds this calendar year. The city won't be financially obligated for payment of the bonds, but bond counsel wants to make sure that this won't interfere with any city plans or projects because it does impact the city's ability to issue bank qualified bonds, which have an annual limit of \$10,000,000. Ray Shinn made a motion in favor of moving forward with the hospital revenue bonds allowing a hearing and resolution to be on the December 7th council meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. Jim Mitchell, Steve Bennett, Ray Shinn, Joe Schmelzle, and Alice Lackey voted yes. Mike Stallbaumer abstained. Motion carried.

After discussion of the Nemaha County agreements for dispatch service and EMS space, the council asked Tami to counteroffer 8 year terms on both agreements.

Tami announced that the next Flashvote survey on city recreation will come out next week.

At 8:00 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 20 minutes until 8:20 for attorney client privilege to include Tyler Oliver, Ross Wheeler, Erik Ganstrom, Martin Mishler, governing body and Tami Haverkamp with no action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:20 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend the executive session for 10 minutes until 8:30. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:30 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes until 8:35 for attorney-client privilege to include Tami Haverkamp, Martin Mishler, and governing body with no action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:35 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend executive session for 5 minutes until 8:40. 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 8:41 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk