

January 18, 2023

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session January 18, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., in the council room, located at 531 Main Street, Seneca, Kansas. Present were Mayor Joe Mitchell and council members Steve Bennett, Ray Shinn, Joe Schmelzle, Mike Stallbaumer, and Alice Lackey. Jim Mitchell was absent. Also present were Tami Haverkamp, Brian Rusche, Bruce Deters, Darren Meyer, Abram Keim, Madi Heiman, Matt Diehl and Robert Wolfgang.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 4, 2023. The motion was seconded by Alice Lackey. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Joe Schmelzle made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1438. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 1426 Amending the list of permitted uses within the O-1 Office and Institution district to add Adult Care Homes, Assisted Living Facilities, Convents, Emergency Residential Services/Shelters, Group Care Homes, Group Homes, Hospices, Hospitals, Life Care Facilities, Monasteries, Nursing Homes, Retirement Homes, and Transitional Housing to the list of permitted uses. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 1427 Rezoning Lots 1 & 2 of the Community West Addition from TA-1 to O-1. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Madi Heiman and Abram Keim with the Nemaha Central SADD organization presented the recent activities they have done to show appreciation for the city's contributions to them.

Joe Schmelzle made a motion to approve the low bid from Bruna for a Grasshopper 225 ride-on mower at a quoted trade difference of \$6250 and the low bid from John Deere for a Land Pride Frontier F1017R flex-wing mower quoted at \$24,500. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Darren Meyer with Wilson & Company was present to answer any questions about the 7th - 11th Main Street Reconstruction project. Bids were opened on the project on January 10th. Bids were received from Smoky Hill, AHRS Construction, and J & K Contracting. The low bidder was AHRS Construction. The council reviewed the bid tabulation, which included a Base Bid (Trafficway Resurfacing), Bid Alternate 1 (Colored Crosswalks), Add Alternate 1 (North Sidewalk), Add Alternate 2 (South Sidewalk), Add Alternate 3 (Storm Sewers), and Add Alternate 4 (Street Lighting).

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve the base bid from AHRS in the amount of \$929,671. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to reject Bid Alternate 1, Colored Crosswalks, which would have cost an additional \$17,152. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve the Add Alternate 1, North Sidewalk, at a cost of \$115,906. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Steve Bennett made a motion to approve the Add Alternate 2, South Sidewalk, at a cost of \$75,652. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve the Add Alternate 3, Storm Sewers, at a cost of \$186,130. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Steve Bennett made a motion to approve Add Alternate 4 (Street Lighting), with the exception of Line 37 (Removal & Storage of Existing Poles), Line 39 (New Light Pole & Luminaires) and Line 40 (Installation of New Light Pole). The cost of Add Alternate 4, less Lines 37, 39, & 40, is \$99,276. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. Steve Bennett, Ray Shinn, Mike Stallbaumer, and Alice Lackey voted yes. Joe Schmelzle abstained. Motion carried.

The total of the contract awarded to AHRS Construction for the Main Street 7th – 11th Reconstruction Project is \$1,406,635. AHRS indicated on bid documents a start date of March 1, 2023.

Brian Rusche announced that Stallbaumer Construction has now started standing up the walls of the concession stand.

Brian Rusche announced that the sewer sludge removal project paused because of the fields being wet and should resume as soon as they dry out. The council asked Brian to contact KDHE to make sure everything is to expectations.

Tami announced that the pool has paint chipping off but JF McGivern is standing behind their work and will be taking care of the issue.

At 8:16, Ray Shinn made a motion to go into executive session for a personal matter to include the governing body for 20 minutes. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:36, Ray Shinn made a motion to go into executive session for a personal matter to include the governing body and Tami for 10 minutes. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:46, Ray Shinn made a motion to continue executive session for 14 minutes until 9:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 9:01 open session resumed.

Joe Schmelzle made a motion to increase Tami Haverkamp's wage to \$75,000 as of January 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Alice Lackey made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All present voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk