

February 1, 2023

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session February 1, 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, Bruce Deters, and Robert Wolfgang.

Steve Bennett made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 18, 2023. The motion was seconded by Alice Lackey. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Joe Schmelzle made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1439. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Travel and Tourism Committee recommended the following grant awards:

- American Legion Riders Post #21 – Bike night and BBQ contest - \$1000
- Chamber/SDI – Spring City Wide Garage Sales - \$325
- Chamber/SDI – Labor Day 5K - \$250
- Chamber/SDI – Museum Night - \$350
- Chamber/SDI – 23rd Annual Cruise Night & Fair Parade - \$1250.00
- Chamber/SDI – Second Saturdays Live Music - \$1250.00
- Chamber/SDI – Kansas Guide Book Listings and Ad - \$595.00
- Chamber/SDI – Travel Bloggers - \$600.00
- Chamber/SDI – Tulip Festival - \$145.00
- Chamber/SDI – Central Brochure Distribution - \$600.00

Total Grants: \$6365.00

The Travel and Tourism Committee recommended approval of a request from the American Legion Riders Post #21 for \$5000 in matching funds for the 2023 Fireworks Show. As was done for the 2022 show, the ALR will solicit community donations, which will be matched up to \$5000 with Travel & Tourism dollars. This item falls within the Community Projects category of the Travel & Tourism fund's annual budget.

Steve Bennett made a motion to accept the community project and grant recommendation from the Travel and Tourism Committee for a total of \$11,365. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve the appointment of Kurtis Tatkenhorst to the Travel and Tourism Committee, term to expire September 2026. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Two bids were considered for a new service truck for the Electric Department. Both bids were quoted with trading in the 2002 Ford-F150. Nemaha Valley Motors was the low bid for a 2023 Dodge Tradesman crew cab 4x4 at a trade difference of \$43,200. Honeyman Ford's bid was for a 2023 F-150 crew cab XL 4x4 at a trade in difference of \$45,946, including running boards at a value of \$300. Bruce announced that he preferred the Ford because the step-in tailgate was helpful in getting items in and out of the back. Steve Bennett made a motion to approve the bid from Honeyman Ford for a 2023 F-150 crew cab XL 4x4 at a quoted price of \$45,946. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. Steve Bennett, Mike Stallbaumer, Joe Schmelzle, and Alice Lackey voted yes. Ray Shinn voted no. Motion carried.

Tedrow Construction failed to complete the work on the contract from July 2021 for replacement of the Sunset Addition lift station. That contract was cancelled and the job was bid again. Ray Shinn made a motion to approve a contract with Allied Systems, Inc., for the replacement of the Sunset Addition lift station in the amount of \$67,173.49. The public works department will supply some materials and labor. The city's cost of materials is estimated as less than \$1000. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

After the last council meeting Darren Meyer with Wilson and Company advised Tami that on the bid tabulation for the Main Street 7th – 11th Reconstruction Project, Line 37 Removal & Storage of Existing Poles included removal of the existing pole bases, and he feels this is work best done by the contractor. Ray Shinn made a motion to approve adding to the contract with AHRS Line 37 Removal & Storage of Existing Poles at an additional cost of \$8400, bringing the total contract with AHRS Construction to \$1,415,035. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. Steve Bennett, Ray Shinn, Mike Stallbaumer, and Alice Lackey voted yes. Joe Schmelzle abstained. Motion carried.

Steve Bennett made a motion to approve Main Street, 7th-11th Reconstruction Project - Supplemental Agreement #2 with Wilson and Company for construction and testing services in the amount of \$96,629. The fees are \$91,819 for construction services and \$4810 for resetting historical monuments. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

The City of Seneca will conduct a public meeting on February 15, 2023 at 7:30 to adopt a resolution of intent to issue hospital revenue bonds.

Ray Shinn announced the sales tax received in January was \$107,744.78.

Alice Lackey made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All present voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk