

April 5, 2023

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session April 5, 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 Jim Mitchell, Joe Schmelzle, Ray Shinn, Alice Lackey and Steve Bennett. Also present were Tami Haverkamp, Brian Rusche, Jordan Weaver, Brooke Stallbaumer, Tom Haug, Brad Kramer, Travis Emmons, Martin Mishler, Luke Sunderland, Robert Wolfgang, and Matt Diehl.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 15, 2023. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. Joe Schmelzle, Jim Mitchell, Steve Bennett, Ray Shinn, and Alice Lackey voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell identified a correction to the minutes from the special meeting held March 22, 2023. The city clerk acknowledged the error and noted the correction. Jim Mitchell then made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. Jim Mitchell, Ray Shinn, Steve Bennett, Alice Lackey, and Joe Schmelzle voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer arrived at 7:32 p.m.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1443, with the exception of the Reed Environmental claim. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 1430 authorizing the issuance of Hospital Revenue Bonds, Series 2023. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. Jim Mitchell, Steve Bennett, Ray Shinn, Alice Lackey, and Joe Schmelzle voted yes. Mike Stallbaumer abstained. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve Brooke Stallbaumer as pool manager starting immediately at \$17.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Brooke Stallbaumer presented the list of lifeguards and concession stand employees for 2023. Ray Shinn made a motion to approve the list of pool employees to be hired as presented. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

The Seneca Fire Department presented bids for a new grass rig to replace Truck 5. The fire department recommends purchasing the chassis and slide-in unit separately, since that method will result in the shortest lead time to receive a new unit.

Chassis Bids:

- Honeyman Ford: 2023 Ford Superduty F550 4x4 regular cab, \$55,500
- Robbins Motor Company, 2023 Dodge RAM Tradesman/SLT 4x4 regular cab, \$54,163

Slide-In Unit, 500-Gallon Tank Bids

- Emergency Fire Equipment/Invena Corporation, \$129,877.55
- Weis Fire, \$143,600

Chief Haug and the council discussed the merit in purchasing the chassis from a local dealer, specifically with service and warranty work. Ray Shinn made a motion to approve the chassis bid from Honeyman Ford for the 2023 Ford F-550 4x4 regular cab at \$55,500 and the bid from Emergency Fire Equipment/Invena Corporation for the slide-in unit for \$129,877.55, bringing the total cost of the new

grass rig to \$185,377.55. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve street closure submitted by the American Legion Riders to close streets during the Smok'N Hawgs BBQ on July 7 & 8, 2023. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve request from the Seneca Housing Authority to approve the appointment of Jim Jones to the Board of Commissioners, term to expire March 1, 2027. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to extend the Real Estate Contract with Heritage Real Estate for an additional one-year expiring April 4, 2024. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Martin Mishler proposed a rate increase for the city attorney and suggested increasing the number of hours included in the reduced retainer rate from 7 hours per month to 10 hours per month. He suggested this be discussed at the committee level.

Ray Shinn announced the sales tax received in March was \$102,698.05.

At 8:15 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for fifteen minutes until 8:30 p.m. with the governing body, Tami Haverkamp, Brian Rusche, Martin Mishler, and Luke Sunderland for attorney client privilege with action to be taken after returning to open session. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:30 p.m., the meeting reconvened.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to pay the Reed Environmental claim in the amount of \$333,268.29, which was not approved as part of Appropriation Ordinance No. 1443. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Alice Lackey made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk