

May 17, 2023

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session May 17, 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, Alice Lackey, Ray Shinn, Steve Bennett, and Mike Stallbaumer. Also present were Brian Rusche, Darren Meyer, Robert Wolfgang, Matt Diehl, and Michele Spring.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 3, 2023. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. Ray Shinn, Jim Mitchell, Joe Schmelzle, Alice Lackey, and Steve Bennett voted yes. Mike Stallbaumer abstained because of his absence at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on May 3, 2023. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Joe Schmelzle made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1446. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to table the approval of the bid for curb and gutter work for 2023 from J & B Contractors. The council asked Brian to get the project list under the budgeted \$60,000 and bring the bid back for approval at a later date. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Three bids were obtained for a concrete breaker that attaches to the city's skid loader. The city's air compressor quit working and parts are obsolete. Replacing the air compressor would be very costly and a cheaper alternative would be to purchase a concrete breaker for the skid loader. Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve the low bid from VLP/Equipment Share for a new Epiroc Hydraulic Breaker EC60T for \$6435. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried. The other bids were from Bruna Implement for a Epiroc EPEC60-SSL quoted for \$11,110 and from Heritage Tractor for a John Deere HH40C quoted at \$10,500. VLP/Equipment Share also quoted a Epiroc SBU 220 for \$9828 and a Epiroc EC60T Combo for \$7059.

The governing body was presented with an Employment Agreement between the City of Seneca and Steve Brooks for employment as City Administrator starting June 19, 2023. Mayor Mitchell stated that 14 applications for the position were received, of which 3 were interviewed. An offer was extended to Steve Brooks, who has accepted the terms of agreement at an annual salary of \$100,000. Ray Shinn made a motion to approve the Employment Agreement. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Darren Meyer with Wilson & Company was present to update the governing body on cost and credits incurred with the changes in the street project. The biggest added cost will be replacing the 11<sup>th</sup> Street intersection. The biggest credit will come from reducing the width of the sidewalk. With all the changes made the total of the Main Street project will be around \$1478 less than what was expected.

Mayor Mitchell explained to the council that Everygy had a meter go bad that serves the east side of Seneca. The cost to replace this meter is estimated at \$4700. Everygy said this would be billed to the city. The mayor expressed how he didn't feel this was the city's responsibility. Mayor Mitchell told the council that more research will be done before we consider paying for this.

Alice Lackey made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Michele Spring  
City Clerk