

January 3, 2024

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session January 3, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., in the council room, located at 531 Main Street, Seneca, Kansas. Present were Mayor Joe Mitchell and council members Ray Shinn, Joe Schmelzle, Steve Bennett, Kris Enneking, Jim Mitchell, and Mike Stallbaumer. Also present were Steve Brooks, Brian Rusche, Bruce Deters, Garrett Stallbaumer, Darren Meyer, Matt Diehl, and Michele Spring.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 20, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1461. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Joe Schmelzle made a motion to accept the amendment to Interlocal Agreement to Provide School Resource Officer with Nemaha Central Schools. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Garrett Stallbaumer with AHRS was present to express his concerns with the liquidated damages incurred during the Main Street Project.

City Administrator Steve Brooks gave an update on the KMEA projected rates. Steve started the discussion by thanking the paper for the good article they printed recently about KMEA electrical options.

City Administrator Steve Brooks updated the council about the grant he submitted on December 27, 2023 to the Kansas Water Office.

City Administrator Steve Brooks gave the council Statement of Qualifications and Request for Proposals for PER work that he received from 3 engineering firms.

Ray Shinn announced that the sales tax received for December was in the amount of \$99,486.61.

At 8:20 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes until 8:30 p.m. for the preliminary discussion of land acquisition (pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)) to include the governing body, and City Administrator Steve Brooks with possible action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:30 p.m., Kris Enneking made a motion to go back into regular session. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Kris Enneking made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk