

November 1, 2023

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session November 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 Ray Shinn, Joe Schmelzle, Steve Bennett, Kris Enneking, Jim Mitchell, and Mike Stallbaumer. Also present were Steve Brooks, Dylan Blevins, Jordan Weaver, Kylee Bergstrom, Heidi Wolfgang, Matt Diehl, and Michele Spring.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 18, 2023. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle, Jim Mitchell, Mike Stallbaumer, Kris Enneking, Joe Schmelzle, and Ray Shinn voted yes. Steve Bennett abstained due to his absence at the October 18, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1457. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Dylan Blevins presented the changes in the "Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, Edition of 2023" and "Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities, Edition of 2023."

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1434 An Ordinance regulating traffic within the corporate limits of the City of Seneca, Kansas. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1435 An Ordinance regulating public offenses within the corporate limits of the City of Seneca, Kansas. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to table Resolution 11012023 A resolution to adopt and allocate funds for an outdoor fitness court as part of the 2024 National Fitness Campaign. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jordan Weaver presented an update on the fitness court. On Monday, October 30, 2023 a public meeting was held, everyone in attendance was in favor of the fitness court. Jordan has also received letters of support from Rainbow Communication, Duana Huerter, Chamber Executive Director, Nemaha Valley Community Hospital, and the principal of Nemaha Central High School.

Jordan has had positive conversations with members of the community to make the Fitness Court a community project. The following have agreed to be donors:

- Premier Concrete – assist Public Works with installation of the concrete pad (value of \$10,000)
- Seneca Wholesale - \$15,000
- Nemaha County - \$2500

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve Resolution 11012023 A resolution to adopt and allocate funds for an outdoor fitness court as part of the 2024 National Fitness Campaign with Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Steve Brooks reviewed Parliamentary Procedure with the council.

City Administrator Steve Brooks started a discussion about the council committees. After discussion Councilperson Kris Enneking agreed to replace Alice Lackey on the Finance, Personnel, & Services Committee.

City Administrator Steve Brooks proposed giving employees \$100 Chamber Bucks instead of the traditional \$50 Chamber Bucks and a turkey. The Mayor, Council, Planning Commission, and Treasurer would receive \$50 Chamber Bucks instead of the traditional turkey. Kris Enneking suggested making the Chamber Bucks in 2 -\$50 amounts instead 1 - \$100. The council unanimously agreed with Steve's suggestion.

City Administrator Steve Brooks proposed changing how the city gives service awards to employees. He suggested that instead of giving gift cards from the League of Kansas Municipalities to give equal valued prepaid gift cards that could be used locally. The council unanimously agreed with Steve's suggestion.

Kris Enneking made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Michele Spring  
City Clerk