

February 21, 2024

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session February 21, 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 Joe Schmelzle, Steve Bennett, Kris Enneking, Jim Mitchell, and Mike Stallbaumer. Also present were Steve Brooks, Assistant City Attorney Luke Sunderland, Brian Rusche, Bruce Deters, Dylan Blevins, Heidi Wolfgang, Matt Diehl, and Michele Spring.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 7, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1464. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve Ordinance 1436 An Ordinance Changing the Zoning Classification of Certain Real Property in the City of Seneca, Kansas. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve Ordinance 1437 An Ordinance Including and Incorporating Certain Land within the Limits and Boundaries of the City of Seneca, Kansas. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn joined the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

City Administrator vehicle bids were reviewed from Honeyman Ford for a 2024 Ford Explorer for \$40,428; and Nemaha Valley Motors for a \$2024 Dodge Durango for \$41,580. Steve expressed his recommendation to purchase the Dodge because it had more room in the cab then the Ford, but he also mentioned he would be happy with either vehicle. Steve also mentioned that last vehicle bought was from Honeyman's and this would spread the business between both dealerships in Seneca. Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2024 Dodge Durango from Nemaha Valley Motors in the amount of \$41,580. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Brian presented the sidewalk bids to complete the walking loop around 11<sup>th</sup> and Community Drive and around the park. Bids opened at the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and the square footage were used to calculate a total bid.

	Premier Concrete:	J&B Contractors:
2932 ft sidewalk – 14,600 sq ft	\$ 98,955	\$114,348
560 ft x 20 ft parking – 11, 200 sq ft	\$ 81,200	\$ 88,480
15 handicap ramps	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,375
500 sq ft driveway approach	\$ 3,625	\$ 3,950
750 ft expansion joint	\$ 7,500	
950 ft thickened edge	\$ 9,500	
TOTAL:	\$209,780.00	\$216,153.00
950 ft of 6 ft sidewalk – 950 sq ft	\$ 6,412.50	\$ 7,411.00
400 cu yd concrete with fibermesh	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 3,200.00
TOTAL with 6ft sidewalk & fibermesh:	\$219,392.50	\$226,764.00

Brian's recommendation was to approve the low bid from Premier Concrete with the added fibermesh and 6-foot sidewalk in front of the parking at the park for hangover. Ray Shinn made a motion to approve Brian's recommendation to accept the low bid from Premier Concrete with the added fibermesh and 6-foot sidewalks in front of the parking at the park with hangovers. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Joe Mitchell opened the sealed bids for library repair work. Thrasher Foundation Repair bid was \$16,467.89 and included Keep Whole Basement Dry \$10,087.50; Triple Pump System \$4,068.19; and Prevent Damage from Wall Moisture \$2312.20. Dry Basement, Inc bid was \$4,480 and included NoWater System and DryShield-Basement. The council tabled the decision to allow Brian time to compare the bids.

City Administrator Steve Brooks ask the council how the wanted him to deal with sealed bids. The council unanimously agreed to allow the bids to be open during department head meetings. This will allow time for bids to be looked for a recommendation to be presented at council meetings.

After discussion about a potential Roanoke Street resurface project, Steve said we would look into going after KDOT money to help with funding. Mayor Mitchell stated he would like to see what the cost of this project would potentially be. Steve mention we would talk to an engineer to get an estimated cost so he can apply for the grant.

City Administrator Steve Brooks asked the council how soon they would like to see the 3<sup>rd</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Alley Electrical project started. The council unanimously agreed there is no immediate need for this project, but they do want to do this project in the future.

Brian Rusche and Steve Brooks went to Topeka and the asphalt roller that was approved at the last council meeting did meet expectations. They also received a warranty with the purchase. The new roller will be delivered in mid-March this year.

At 8:15 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes until 8:30 p.m. for personnel to include the governing body, Steve, and Dylan with possible action. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:30 p.m. Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to go back into open session. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve the hire of Rachel Grimm as a Police Officer at the rate of \$19.50 per hour starting in 2 weeks or sooner, contingent on signing a 1-year contract. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Joe Schmelzle made a motion to approve the hire of Larry Sparling as a part time police officer at \$19.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:35 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 20 minutes until 8:55 p.m. for land acquisition to include the governing body, Steve, and Martin with no action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:55 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend executive session for 5 minutes until 9:00 p.m. for land acquisition. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 9:00 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go back into open session. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. 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 9:02 p.m.

Michele Spring  
City Clerk