

March 6, 2024

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session March 6, 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, Ray Shinn, and Mike Stallbaumer. Also present were Steve Brooks, City Attorney Martin Mishler, Brian Rusche, Dylan Blevins, Heidi Wolfgang, Matt Diehl, and Michele Spring.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 21, 2024. Kris Enneking pointed out one time correction error. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle with the one correction. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1465. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve Steve Brooks as KMEA Director 2, term expiring April 30, 2026. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Brian Rusche presented the bids received for library basement repair work. Dry Basement, Inc. bid was \$4,480 and Trasher Foundation Repair bid was \$4,782.99. The city maintenance crew will remove the bottom stairway no matter which bid is awarded. Brian recommended the low bid from Dry Basement, Inc. Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve Brian's recommendation of the low bid from Dry Basement, Inc for \$4,480. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn announced that the sales tax received for February was \$127,679.92

At 7:40p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes until 7:55 p.m. for attorney-client privilege to include the governing body, Martin, Steve, and Brian with no action. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 7:55 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.

At 7:56 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 20 minutes until 8:16 p.m. for attorney-client privilege to include the governing body, Steve, Martin, and Dylan. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:16 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend executive session for 5 minutes until 8:21 p.m. for attorney-client privilege to include the governing body, Steve, Martin, and Dylan. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:21 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into open session. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:22 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes until 8:32 p.m. for land acquisition to include the governing body, Steve, and Martin with no action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:32 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend executive session for 10 minutes until 8:42 p.m. for land acquisition to include the governing body, Steve, and Martin. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:42p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go back into open session. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. 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 8:43 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk