

April 3, 2024

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session April 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 Joe Schmelzle, Steve Bennett, Kris Enneking, Jim Mitchell, Ray Shinn, and Mike Stallbaumer. Also present were Steve Brooks, Assistant City Attorney Luke Sunderland, Brian Rusche, Kylee Bergstrom, Heidi Wolfgang, Matt Diehl, and Michele Spring.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 20, 2024. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1467. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve Ordinance 1438 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No 1327 Designation Routes and Prohibiting the Operation of Overweight Vehicles on all other Streets within the City Limits of Seneca, Kansas. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Kylee Bergstrom presented the Seneca Area Chamber annual report. The Chamber is now going to take on the Farmer's market. It will be on Friday evenings.

City Administrator Steve Brooks presented estimated cost for a potential Roanoke Street project. Steve let the council know that if they choose to do this project that it can be done in two sections or all at once. Roanoke Street would have the bricks removed and replaced with concrete; widen by 3 feet all taken from the south side to save cost of replacing curb and gutter on the north side that is in great condition; replacing three manholes that are brick-lined with three pre-casts; repair and replace storm sewer inlets, manholes, and deteriorated curb and gutter. Steve did not include sidewalks in the estimate. Steve has applied for \$1,000,000 Cost Share Grant through KDOT. He has also asked Nemaha County if they had any interest in the street project with their ARPA funds.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that he sent Mike Miller a list of projects that the city would welcome and appreciate any support that the County could give them.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that he has applied for a Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Direct Technical Assistance (BRIC DTA) grant through FEMA. If received this grant could help cover some of the cost of the electrical project.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that after making adjustments he committed to wind/hail deductible at \$25,000. The total cost will be about a \$700 difference from last year.

City Superintendent Brian Rusche asked about removing the horseshoe pits and shuffleboard slab to plant back to grass at the park. The stakes for the horseshoe pits were removed years ago because of insurance reasons and neither gets played with now. Mayor Joe Mitchell asked to get the opinion of the recreation director and comeback with the recommendation at next meeting.

Ray Shinn announced the sales tax received in March was \$90,284.35.

Mayor Joe Mitchell thanked the KAY's program for the drinks that were provided to the council members tonight and for realizing what they do.

At 8:05p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes until 8:15 p.m. for attorney-client privilege to include the governing body, Luke, and Steve with possible action. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:15 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend executive session for 10 minutes until 8:25 p.m. for attorney-client privilege to include the governing body, Luke, and Steve with possible action. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:25 p.m. Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to go back into open session. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried. No action was made.

Kris Enneking made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk