

April 17, 2024

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session April 17, 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 Ray Shinn. Mike Stallbaumer was absent. Also present were City Administrator Steve Brooks, City Attorney Martin Mishler, Brian Rusche, Jordan Weaver, Brock Corby, Travis Stallbaumer, Tony Altenhofen, Stuart Van de Wiele, Heidi Wolfgang, Matt Diehl, and Michele Spring.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 3, 2024. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Joe Schmelzle made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1468. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Steve Bennett made a motion to approve Ordinance 1439 An Ordinance amending in part portions of the current code of the City of Seneca, KS, regulating the Display of Signs in the City of Seneca, KS; and, repealing any conflicting ordinances or resolutions. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Travis Stallbaumer, Tony Altenhofen, and Brock Corby presented the Spring Creek Golf Course annual report.

Brian Rusche and Jordan Weaver recommended removing the shuffleboard and horseshoe pits at the North City Park. This area would be planted to grass and the benches would be relocated. They will also be eliminating two electrical poles. The council unanimously agreed to allow this to be done. Kris Enneking asked about the bunker at Skoch Park. It was suggested this be discussed at a committee meeting.

Steve Bennett asked why the north portion of the sidewalk on the east side of the park was not being replaced. It is not being replaced because it was not part of the original bid. For a 5-foot sidewalk to replace the current sidewalk would cost \$11,643.75. Steve Bennett made a motion to approve adding this replacement sidewalk to the current project. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. Steve Bennett, Ray Shinn, Joe Schmelzle, and Kris Enneking voted yes. Jim Mitchell voted no. Motion carried.

City Administrator Steve Brooks and City Superintendent Brian Rusche announced that Hunter Feldkamp and Cody Palmer have received their Class II Water Operator Certifications.

Bids for a new mower were opened during a department head meeting on April 9, 2024. City Administrator Steve Brooks approved the purchase of the low bid from Heinen True Value for a Toro Model #72923 for a trade in value of \$7700. Other bids were received: Bruna's for Grasshopper Model 440 – trade in amount \$8,050; Bruna's Grasshopper Model 325D – trade in \$9,400; Heritage Tractor – John Deere John Deere Z930M ZTrak -trade in amount \$10,050; Heritage Tractor – John Deere Z950R ZTrak – trade in amount \$12,200.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that the planning commission met on April 4, 2024 for the purpose of discussing the enforcement of the ETJ should look like. It was suggested to adopt Suburban Subdivision Zoning Regulations. This will come in front of the council at a later date.

City Administrator Steve Brooks along with Mayor Joe Mitchell and Jordan Weaver attended Nemaha County Health Assessment luncheon. The top two priorities were housing and child care.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that they would be running an ad for Summer Maintenance Help.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that all the committed donations have been received for the fitness court. The fitness court will be installed on May 6th and a ribbon cutting ceremony will be set at a later date.

Mayor Joe Mitchell announced that he would like to see action items on the agenda rather than being made during discussion. He also announced that if any council members have issues, they need to contact the City Administrator instead of department heads.

At 8:15p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes until 8:25 p.m. for attorney-client privilege to include the governing body, Martin, Stuart Van de Wiele, and Steve with possible action. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:25 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend executive session for 10 minutes until 8:35 p.m. for attorney-client privilege to include the governing body, Martin, Stuart Van de Wiele, and Steve with possible action. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:35 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go back into open session. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to accept the purchase/sell agreement of lot 7, Fairway Addition #2 as presented to Ruppe Companies for \$102,300. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. 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 8:36 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk