

June 5, 2024

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session June 5, 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, Mike Stallbaumer, and Ray Shinn. Also present were City Administrator Steve Brooks, Dylan Blevins, Martin Mishler, Heidi Wolfgang, Matt Diehl, and Michele Spring.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 15, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1471. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve the request for street closure submitted by St. Peter and Paul Church, St. Ann's Altar Society to close 5th Street from Pioneer to Elk, and Elk Street from 4th to 5th from 7:00 a.m. on August 31st to 9:00 a.m. on September 2, 2024 for the annual Labor Day Picnic. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve the application from the St. Peter and Paul Parish, St. Ann's Altar Society for a Special Event CMB license to hold a beer garden on Sunday, September 1, 2024 from 5 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Seneca Free Library Board of Trustees to accept the resignation of Rick Carlson from the library board. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Steve Bennett made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Seneca Free Library Board of Trustees to accept the appointment of Donna Zinke for a second term ending April 2028. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All voted yes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Steve Brooks made a recommendation to offer employees a discount for seasonal pool passes, in the interest of health and fitness. He stated this is a common practice that he has seen in other municipalities. A current family pool pass is \$150 for a family of 4 and \$20 for each additional member. A single pool pass is \$75. Kris Enneking stated that she thought it was a great idea to offer a discount to employees. Ray Shinn made a motion to offer city employees 50% off for pool passes. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that he approached Martin regarding a more defined ordinance regarding grass being blown in the street from lawn mowing. The grass in the street presents a safety hazard for cyclists and motorcycle riders; causes grass to start growing in between the bricks on streets; and ends up in the storm drains causing damming. Martin stated that he believes this can be covered as littering in the street which have hefty fines plus court cost. It was noted by Martin and Council we need to notify residents that the city is going to start enforcing this more. Steve Brooks would like to add this to code enforcement rather than the police department. It was suggested that code enforcement could give the first warning when grass is blown in the street and could turn in a complaint to the Police Chief for repeat offenders. The Police Chief could then ticket the residents who continue to blow grass into the street.

Ray Shinn announced the sales tax in the month of May in the amount of \$111,716.11.

At 7:55 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 30 minutes until 8:25 p.m. for attorney-client privilege to include the governing body, Martin, Dylan, and Steve with possible action. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:25 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 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, and Steve with possible action. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. 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 Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:35 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes until 8:50 p.m. for non-elected personnel to include the governing body, and Steve with no action. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:50 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 8:50 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes until 9:00 p.m. for non-elected personnel to include the governing body with no action. 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.

At 9:00 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to extended executive session for 10 minutes until 9:10 p.m. for non-elected personnel to include the governing body with no action. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 9:10 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 9:10 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend executive session for 5 minutes until 9:15 p.m. for non-elected personnel to include the governing body with no action. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 9:15 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 9:17 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk