

June 19, 2024

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session June 19, 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, Brian Rusche, Andrea Beyer, Julie Bergman, Angie Krider, Martin Mishler, Robert Wolfgang, Matt Diehl, and Michele Spring.

Joe Schmelzle made a motion to accept the amended agenda removing Sanderling Seneca Properties Hearing and the revised Resolution 06192024. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held June 5, 2024. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1472. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1440 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #1371 and amending the Seneca Zoning Ordinance of the City of Seneca, Kansas, as recommended by the Seneca Planning Commission to add placement or movement of a mobile homes originally manufactured more than 20 years before the date of application into the mobile home residential district is prohibited. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1441 An Ordinance Amending in part portions of the current code of the City of Seneca, Kansas, regulation the protection of streets and sidewalks in the City of Seneca, Kansas; and, repealing any conflicting Ordinances or Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. Steve Bennett, Ray Shinn, Kris Enneking, and Joe Schmelzle voted yes. Mike Stallbaumer and Jim Mitchell voted no. Motion carried.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that a property at 501 Merton, Lot 1 has repeatedly had code enforcement violations since January 2018. Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve Resolution 06192024 A Resolution for a hearing on a petition alleging a violation of the Environmental Code Codified in the Code of the City of Seneca Article 7.4 Et. Seq. and Seeking Abatement of said Violation. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Julie Bergman and Angie Kreider with Rainbow Communications presented their fiber overbuild project. Rainbow has had crews doing work in the area and will continue to do so.

City Administrator Steve Brooks brought up discussion about the impound and towing lot contract. The council and Martin agreed that it was an autorenewal contract.

Brian Rusche presented his request for curb and gutter work for 2024. We only received one bid for curb and gutter work back from the two companies asked to submit. The total figure was around \$57,557.50 from J & B Contractors. Steve Bennett made a motion to accept the bid from J & B Contractors for \$57,557.50 for 2024 curb and gutter work. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Joe Schmelzle made a motion to approve the Mayoral Appointments of Dylan Blevins as Police Chief; Tom Haug as Fire Chief; Kathy O'Brien as City Treasurer; and Michele Spring as City Clerk. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve the Planning Commission Appointments of Clete Kramer term to expire September 2025; Galen Niehues, Bruce Hermes, and Jim Reitz term to expire September 2026. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Joe Mitchell announced the Steve Bennett has been the president of the governing body for some time and the council needs to give that consideration.

Andrea Beyer announced that she has been working on getting information compiled for contractor licensing. Each councilperson was given a contractor's packet that included licensing application and requirement inspection checklist and schedule for them to review.

Andrea Beyer also announced that she would like to give residents a heads up that she is going to start notifying residents of trees in violation of City Code. Our codes require trees be trimmed up to 17 feet over streets and 8 feet over sidewalks. Ray Shinn commented about notifying residents able removing dead trees.

National Fitness Campaign Launch will be June 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Jim Mitchell asked about getting a sign put at the fitness court to being so tall to use the court.

At 8:40 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes until 8:50 p.m. for land acquisition to include the governing body, Martin, Brian, and Steve with possible 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 extend executive session for 15 minutes until 9:05 p.m. for land acquisition to include the governing body, Martin, Brian and Steve with possible action. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 9:05 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 9:05 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 10 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 9:15p.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 9:15 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes until 9:30 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 9:30 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 9:31 p.m.

Michele Spring  
City Clerk