

September 4, 2024

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session September 4, 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, Ray Shinn, Kris Enneking, and Jim Mitchell. Mike Stallbaumer was absent. Also present were City Administrator Steve Brooks, Brian Rusche, Jordan Weaver, Andrea Beyer, Steve Gudenkauf, Ron Gudenkauf, Tony Gudenkauf, Luke Sunderland, Heidi Wolfgang, Matt Diehl, and Michele Spring.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 21, 2024. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to open a public hearing for the 2025 Budget and Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Joe Mitchell asked if anyone would like to speak in the public hearing. No comments were made.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to close the 2025 Budget and Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate public hearing. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1477. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 09042024-1 A Resolution of the City of Seneca, Kansas, to levy a property tax exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approved Resolution No. 09042024-2 A Resolution to Grant an Exception in Accordance with Seneca City Code Section 5.20.161 to Permit the Sale, Possession, and Consumption of Cereal Malt Beverages during an Event to be held on City-Owned Property. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve the 2025 Budget. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve the request from Community National Bank for Street Closure of Main Street from 2nd-3rd Street on October 5, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during annual Anniversary Celebration. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

After much discussion, Ray Shinn made a motion to approve Shawn Kramer Construction to do dirt work in the amount of \$30,000. This dirt work is the first step in moving soccer fields so add a 3rd softball/baseball field to Skoch Park. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All present voted yes. Motion carried. The specifics for moving the fields will be discussed at a later date in a committee meeting.

City Administrator Steve Brooks stated that he has been working with Martin Mishler on a tree trimming ordinance and will have a proposed amendment at the next council meeting. Steve would like to allow city crews be able to trim trees over the roadways if the homeowners don't keep the trees at least 17 feet above the roads. The city crews would not trim for looks but rather just opening roadways.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that he has submitted RFPs for GIS Mapping to three firms. He plans on discussing the options at the October 2, 2024 meeting.

Ray Shinn announced the sales tax received in August was in amount of \$112,185.35.

Kris Enneking made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk