September 18, 2024

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session September 18, 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, Mike Stallbaumer, and Jim Mitchell. Also present were City Administrator Steve Brooks, Dylan Blevins, Andrea Beyer, Kenton McKee, Reagan Gerty, Brad & Jennifer Rohlmeier, Heidi Wolfgang, Matt Diehl, Dick Koehne, and Michele Spring.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 4, 2024. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. Ray Shinn, Joe Schmelzle, Kris Enneking, Steve Bennett, and Jim Mitchell voted yes. Mike Stallbaumer abstained due to his absence at the September 4, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1478. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve Ordinance 1446 An Ordinance Amending in Part Portions of the Current Code of the City of Seneca, Kansas, Regulating Trees as Related to Health, Safety, and Enjoyment of Property in the City of Seneca, Kansas; and, Repealing Any Conflicting Ordinances or Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Reagan Gerety, a senior at Nemaha Central, presented her request for a Senior Project of Batting Cage at Seneca West. The total cost of the project would be $14,157.99. Reagan has fundraised $10,161.40 to go towards the cost of the batting cage. She asked the city to consider the additional cost of $3996.59. The location of where the batting cage was discussed. Joe Schmelzle made a motion to allow Reagan to move forward with her Senior Project and give the additional funding of $3996.59 contingent on the location being discussed with Steve, Brian, and Jordan. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve the consideration of Joyce Boden to the Seneca Housing Authority Board of Commissioners to replace the expired term of Susan Bowman, for a four-year term to expire October 1,2028. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve the request from SPPS PTO for Street Closure of Elk Street between 4th-5th Street and Amador Street between 4th-5th Street from 12:00 p.m. October 5, 2024 through 92:00 p.m. on October 6, 2024 during Smoke Off Competition. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve the consideration of resignation of Rachael Grimm as Seneca Police Department Patrolman effective September 29, 2024. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced an update of KMEA and the Electrical Generation and Substation project.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that he would like to consider matching the State Statutes in the placement of political signs during an election period. He will bring this back at a later meeting.

At 7:55 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel until 8:10 p.m. to include the governing body and Steve. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:10 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.

Kris Enneking made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Michele Spring

City Clerk