

November 20, 2024

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session November 20, 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, Ray Shinn, Kris Enneking, Steve Bennett, Mike Stallbaumer, and Jim Mitchell. Also present were City Administrator Steve Brooks, Martin Mishler, Brian Rusche, Danny Coltrane, Ben Coltrane, Alan Niehues, Chad Jones, and Michele Spring.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 6, 2024. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1482. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ben Coltrane and Danny Coltrane with Midwest Engineering discussed the Preliminary Engineering Report for the city's water infrastructure. The council was given a list of areas of concern from the PER work to rate which areas they find needs dealt with first. The council is to turn their rankings into Steve so he can determine how the city will accomplish the projects.

Discussion was had about a large-scale solar project that Seneca has the opportunity to be a part of. If Seneca would like to be a part of this opportunity we would have to take action by December 31, 2024. Jim Mitchell made a motion to table a decision on the KMEA Solar Project consideration. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Joe Schmelzle made a motion to move the first meeting in 2025 that will fall on January 1, 2025 to Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Steve Brooks gave an update on the Substation/Generation project. The City still does not have a decision on placement of the substation and generation.

At 9:05 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Land Acquisition until 9:20 p.m. to include the governing body, Martin Mishler, and Steve Brooks with possible action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 9:20 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend executive session for 5 minutes until 9:25 p.m. for Land Acquisition to include the governing body, Martin Mishler, and Steve Brooks. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 9:25 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. No action was taken.

At 9:25 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel until 9:40 p.m. to include the governing body and Steve Brooks with possible action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 9:40 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. No action was taken.

Kris Enneking made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes.  
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Michele Spring  
City Clerk