

December 4, 2024

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session December 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, Ray Shinn, Kris Enneking, Steve Bennett, Mike Stallbaumer, and Jim Mitchell. Also present were City Administrator Steve Brooks, Luke Sunderland, Brian Rusche, Tyson McGreer, Dave Haverkamp, Susan Bowman, Alan Niehues, Heidi Wolfgang, Chad Jones, and Michele Spring.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 20, 2024. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1483. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 12042024 – 2025 Holiday Schedule. The holiday schedule will be the same as it was in 2024. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Dave Haverkamp and Mayor Mitchell presented a plaque to Susan Bowman for her years of serving on the Seneca Housing Authority Board.

Tyson McGreer with KMEA presented the solar project that Seneca has the opportunity to partner with Nextera. Discussion was had on whether Seneca would like to buy in at 2.5 MW or 3 MW. A decision will be made at the December 18th meeting.

Ray Shinn made a motion to table a decision for stop sign removal on Branch Street where it meets Fairway Drive to check with KDOT and Access Management. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. 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.

City Administrator Steve Brooks gave an update on water rates and future water projects.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that the bank has offered the city an opportunity to redistribute city funds with the current bank.

Ray Shinn announced the sales tax received for the month of November was \$88,021.13.

At 8:50 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Land Acquisition until 9:05 p.m. to include the governing body, Luke Sunderland, Tyson McGeer, and Steve Brooks with no action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 9:05 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend executive session for 5 minutes until 9:10 p.m. for Land Acquisition to include the governing body, Luke Sunderland, Tyson McGreer, and Steve Brooks. 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. No action was taken.

At 9:10 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel until 9:20 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 9:20 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.

Joe Schmelzle made a motion to hire Pat Lintner as Journeyman Lineman at the rate of \$40 per hour. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. 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 9:22 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk