

December 18, 2024

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session December 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, Ray Shinn, Kris Enneking, Steve Bennett, Mike Stallbaumer, and Jim Mitchell. Also present were City Administrator Steve Brooks, Luke Sunderland, Andrea Beyer, Brad Rohlmeier, Chad Jones, and Michele Spring.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 4, 2024. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1484. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1449 An Ordinance Changing the Zoning Classification of Certain Real Property in the City of Seneca, Kansas. The Planning Commission recommended rezoning from I1 Industrial District to C3 Highway Commercial the land in Block D in Starlite Valley Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 12182024-1 – A Resolution of the Governing Body of the City of Seneca, Kansas recommending approval of the plat of Gerety Addition, a subdivision in the Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 2 South, Range 12 East, of the 6th P.M. Nemaha County, Kansas, subject to certain conditions, within the Extra-Territorial Zoning Jurisdiction of the City of Seneca, Nemaha County, Kansas. The Planning Commission approved the plat and recommended the approval of the Council. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 12182024-2 – A Resolution of the City of Seneca, Kansas, Authorizing the Execution of the Ninnescah Flats Solar Project Agreement between the City of Seneca, Kansas, and the Kanas Municipal Energy Agency; and Making Certain Covenants and Agreements to provide for the Payment and Security thereof and Authorizing Certain other Documents and Actions in Connection therewith. The City of Seneca will buy in at 3 MW starting in 2027. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Steve Bennett made a motion to approve the 2025 Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses. There were 7 applications received – Ray's Applemarket; Henry's Deli; Silver Creek Capital; Dollar General Store; Casey's General Store; 36 Alley's, LLC; and Freddy's Pizza Palace. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that he is reviewing the Personnel Policy and will begin submitting revisions in 2025.

At 7:55 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 20 minutes for Land Acquisition until 8:15 p.m. to include the governing body, Luke Sunderland, and Steve Brooks with no action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:15 p.m. Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend executive session for 5 minutes until 8:20 p.m. for Land Acquisition to include the governing body, Luke Sunderland, and Steve Brooks. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:20 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. 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 8:21 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk