

April 2, 2025

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session April 2, 2025 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, and Jim Mitchell. Councilmember Mike Stallbaumer was absent. Also present were City Administrator Steve Brooks, City Attorney Martin Mishler, Cory Holthaus, Bruce Deters, Robert Reece, Heidi Wolfgang, Chad Jones, and Michele Spring.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 19, 2025. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robert Reece spoke in public comment to introduce himself as the new County Administrator as of Monday, March 31, 2025.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1491. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Bruce Deters and Cory Holthaus spoke on behalf of the city's need of another bucket truck. Another smaller bucket truck would help lessen the length of outage times, safer working condition for employees, and a smaller truck would help in tight conditions.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that we received the survey results back for Block 91. It appears the pole line is the boundary line.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that he received a verbal commitment from Brenda Diegel that the City can begin Engineering selection process for water plant. This will come back next meeting as an action item to send RFP's to 2 Engineering firms.

Ray Shinn announced sales tax received in March was in amount of \$97,211.66.

At 7:55 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes until 8:10 p.m. for Land Acquisition to include the governing body, Martin Mishler, and Steve Brooks with no action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:10 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend executive session for 10 minutes until 8:20 p.m. for Land Acquisition to include the governing body, Martin Mishler, and Steve Brooks with no action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. 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 Joe Schmelzle. 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