

April 16, 2025

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session April 16, 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, Mike Stallbaumer, and Jim Mitchell. Also present were City Administrator Steve Brooks, Assistant City Attorney Luke Sunderland, Brian Rusche, Rachelle Wertenberger, Heidi Wolfgang, Chad Jones, and Michele Spring.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 2, 2025. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1492. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 04162025: A Resolution of the Governing Body of the City of Seneca, Designating a Revitalization Area and Adopting a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for the City of Seneca, Nemaha County, Kansas. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion for the adoption of Neighborhood Revitalization Plan effective from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve request for proposals as Steve presented to be sent to Wilson & Company and Midwest Engineering for a water plant. These two engineering firms are familiar with the City's water system. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Rachelle Wertenberger presented United for Youth's annual report and request for funding of \$4000. This will come back to the next council meeting as an action item to be voted on.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that he has been reviewing the audit work that was done by Varney and Associates.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that Jordan Weaver is working on scheduling a meeting the family members of Sylvester Skoch.

At 7:44 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 11 minutes until 7:55 p.m. for Attorney-Client Privilege to include the governing body, Luke Sunderland, Brian Rusche, Dylan Blevins (on call), and Steve Brooks with no action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:55 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 7:56 p.m.

Michele Spring  
City Clerk