

July 16, 2025

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session July 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, Steve Bennett, Kris Enneking, and Mike Stallbaumer. Councilmember Jim Mitchell was absent. Also present were City Administrator Steve Brooks, City Attorney Luke Sunderland, Brian Rusche, Kylie Floyd, Sarah Steele via zoom, and Michele Spring.

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

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance Number 1498. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 07162025: A Resolution of the Governing Body of the City of Seneca, Kansas Authorizing the Redemption and Payment of its Hospital Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2015, (Nemaha Valley Community Hospital) and the Sales and Conveyance of Certain Property to Nemaha Valley Community Hospital. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. Ray Shinn, Joe Schmelzle, and Steve Bennett voted yes. Mike Stallbaumer and Kris Enneking abstained. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve the consideration of Bill of Sale of City of Seneca, Kansas Hospital Revenue Bonds, Series 2008; 2015; and 2023 (Nemaha Valley Community Hospital). The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. Ray Shinn, Steve Bennett, and Joe Schmelzle voted yes. Mike Stallbaumer and Kris Enneking abstained. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve the consideration of release of lease agreement with Nemaha Valley Community Hospital authorized by Ordinance Number 1281; 1358; 1430; and 1431. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. Ray Shinn, Steve Bennett, and Joe Schmelzle voted yes. Mike Stallbaumer and Kris Enneking abstained. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve the consideration of an increase of Scott Anson's Judge Pay raising to \$400 from the current \$300. It has been over a decade since the Judge has had a pay increase. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve the consideration of Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. The City will keep the mill levy level with last year coming in at 32.58 which exceeds the county RNR of 29.687. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All voted yes. Motion carried. The city clerk will deliver the intent to the county clerk on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Steve Bennett made a motion to approve the consideration to approve the appointment of Brad Lueger to fill the unexpired term of Jim Reitz on the Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals Board; term is to expire September 2026. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that he has received a draft concerning Nemaha County Zoning. He announced that this could cause concerns with the city's ETJ and would like to be a part of a conversation with the County before this is voted on. The council questioned if our city council and planning commission could possibly meet with the county about this issue.

A committee meeting about parks will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> with Mayor Mitchell, Councilmember Enneking, Councilmember Stallbaumer, Steve Brooks, Brian Rusche, and Jordan Weaver.

The special meeting for purpose of a budget workshop has been rescheduled for July 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. instead of the previously scheduled special meeting on July 30, 2025.

At 7:55 p.m., Joe Schmelzle made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes until 8:05 p.m. for Non-Elected Personnel to include the governing body, Luke Sunderland, Steve Brooks, and Brian Rusche with possible action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:05 p.m., Joe Schmelzle 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.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that he has an idea about how to bring other police department hires that he will bring up in a later meeting.

Kris Enneking made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Michele Spring  
City Clerk