

October 1, 2025

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session October 1, 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, Jim Mitchell, Mike Stallbaumer, and Kris Enneking. Also present were City Administrator Steve Brooks, City Attorney Luke Sunderland, Andrea Beyer, Heidi Wolfgang, and Michele Spring.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried. Consent agenda items:

1. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held September 17, 2025.
2. Appropriation Ordinance Number 1503

Old Business:

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the consideration of Water Contract with Midwest Engineering Group, LLC contingent on acceptance of the contract by Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). The motion was seconded by Joe Schmelzle. All voted yes. Motion carried. This will allow the city to move forward with Midwest Engineering Group, LLC and begin design of the new Water Treatment Facility.

New Business:

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the consideration of the appointment of Brian Rusche as Alternate on the Board of Directors of KMEA to fill the vacant unexpired term. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn announced the sales and comp use tax received in September was in amount of \$103,009.41.

At 7:40 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes until 7:55 p.m. for attorney-client privilege to include the governing body, Steve, Andrea, and Luke with no action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 7:55 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend executive session for 10 minutes until 8:05 p.m. attorney-client privilege to include the governing body, Steve, Andrea, and Luke with no action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes.

At 8:05 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 8:06 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk