

November 19, 2025

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session November 19, 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, Jim Mitchell, Kris Enneking, and Steve Bennett. Councilmembers Ray Shinn and Mike Stallbaumer were absent. Also present were City Administrator Steve Brooks, City Attorney Luke Sunderland, 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 November 5, 2025.
2. Appropriation Ordinance Number 1506

Old Business:

City Administrator Steve Brooks presented a member application, bylaws, and establishment of Selection Committee for the proposed Park and Recreation Board. The council unanimously agreed with what Steve Presented. A resolution will come back at a later meeting to adopt the Park and Recreation Board Bylaws.

City Administrator Steve Brooks presented the Bullpen and warranty for lighting for the new ballfield. Steve advised the council that he suggested removing the 2 bullpens at this time and possibly considering it later once the field is built. This would save \$59,400 on the total cost of the project. Steve and City Attorney Luke Sunderland have reviewed both warranties from Musco and Techline for lighting and agree that Musco's warranty is better. Both Musco and Techline strongly encourage the 70-foot light poles. Steve's biggest concern with the 70-foot poles is that he doesn't want to have to buy new equipment to service the lights. The Wesco representative mentioned that they would watch the system at all times and would probably find the problem before the city would. The warranty would not cover natural disasters or vandalism. Jim Mitchell made a motion to table the decision on the bullpens and lighting until a later date when all council members are present. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 7:50 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 20 minutes until 8:10 p.m. for non-elected personnel to include the governing body, Steve, and Luke with possible action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:10 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to go back into open session. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All voted yes.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to allow Steve to advertise for the Recreation Director position. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Kris Enneking made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Michele Spring  
City Clerk