

January 21, 2026

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session January 21, 2026 at 7:30 p.m., in the council room, located at 531 Main Street, Seneca, Kansas. Present were Mayor Joe Mitchell and council members Ray Shinn, Jim Mitchell, Mike Stallbaumer, Kris Enneking, Jacee Corby, and Steve Bennett. Also present were City Administrator Steve Brooks, City Attorney Luke Sunderland, Kylee Bergstrom, Brian Rusche, Andrea Beyer, Robert & Heidi Wolfgang, and Michele Spring.

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

1. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held January 7, 2026.
2. Appropriation Ordinance Number 1510

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve Resolution 01212026: A Resolution to Grant an Exception in Accordance with Seneca City Code Section 5.20.161 to Permit the Sale, Possession, and Consumption of Alcoholic Liquor During an Event to be held on Private Owned Property. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the consideration of painting of a mural at North City Park. Steve drafted a contract that will be signed by the Northeast Arts Foundation and by the City of Seneca. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve the consideration of redistricting the voting wards within the City to make the voting population more evenly distributed. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. Ray Shinn, Steve Bennett, Mike Stallbaumer, Jacee Corby and Kris Enneking voted yes. Jim Mitchell voted no. Motion carried.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that we have been reviewing the township fire protection fees. A committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss this further and brought back in front of the council on a later date.

City Administrator Steve Brooks updated the council on the water treatment plant project. Midwest Engineering Group plans to start survey work preparing for the CAD drawings. Geotechnical services will begin at the site.

At 8:06 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 20 minutes until 8:26p.m. for non-elected personnel to include the governing body, Steve, and Michele with possible action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:26 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to go back into open session. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. No action was taken.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to retract the conditional offer that was made for employment to Dale Mclin. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jacee Corby made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk