

February 18, 2026

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session February 18, 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 Jim Mitchell, Mike Stallbaumer, Kris Enneking, and Steve Bennett. Councilmembers absent were Jacee Corby and Ray Shinn. Also present were City Administrator Steve Brooks, City Attorney Luke Sunderland, Tony Altenhofen, Brock Corby, Travis Stallbaumer, Brian Rusche, Dylan Blevins, and Michele Spring.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve amending the agenda to add New Business Item 7 and 1 executive session. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

1. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held February 4, 2026.
2. Appropriation Ordinance Number 1512

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1460: An Ordinance Amending in Part Portions of the Current Code of the City of Seneca, Kansas, Regulating the Wards of the City of Seneca, Kansas; and, Repealing any Conflicting Ordinances and Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All present voted yes.

Steve Bennett made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1461: An Ordinance Amending in Part Portions of the Current Code of the City of Seneca, Kansas, Regulating Revenue and Finance within the City of Seneca, Kansas; and, Repealing any Conflicting Ordinances or Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All present voted yes.

Old Business:

New Business:

Travis Stallbaumer, Tony Altenhofen, and Brock Corby presented the annual 2025 Spring Creek Report. Tony Altenhofen asked the council for a possible increase in funding from the City. Mayor Mitchell suggested talking to the City Administrator and Council Committee and having them make a suggestion to the council.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the consideration of the hiring of Brooke Stallbaumer as Manager of the Seneca Aquatic Center for the Summer 2026 at the rate of \$17.75. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the consideration of running an ad for maintenance position. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All present voted yes. Motion carried. This is to fill a position for Bill's retirement at the end of April 2026.

Brian Rusche presented a request for a treatment plan for sludge maintenance. The proposal was to treat and add aeration to the Sunset and Golf Course lift stations and add aeration only to Boeckman Drive lift station. Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the maintenance plan with the start-up cost of

\$26,500 and after that it would be an annual cost of \$20,000. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve the appointments of the Parks and Recreation Board: Joe Schmelzle; Mark Baker; Jessica Hermes; Mitchell Heiman; Kylee Bergstrom; Alan Meyer; and Paige Niehues. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Police Chief Dylan Blevins announced that the award of the \$536,000 Public Safety Grant awarded by Senator Moran to the Senca Police Department will be used for upgrades to police technology.

Steve Bennett made a motion to approve the consideration of resignation of Jacob Canerdy as Journeyman Lineman. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Brian Rusche announced that the divers are currently in town, but should be done in 5 days.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that he has signed and submitted the ballfield contracts to AHR Representative Eric Stallbaumer.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that he has signed the agreement for geotechnical services approving the boring of soil samples at the water plant as part of the design work for the new water plant project.

At 8:14 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes until 8:24 p.m. for Attorney-Client Privilege to include the governing body, Steve, and Luke with no action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:24 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.

Kris Enneking made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk