

March 4, 2026

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session March 4, 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, Steve Bennett, Jacee Corby, and Ray Shinn. Also present were City Administrator Steve Brooks, City Attorney Luke Sunderland, Jeff Kidd, and Michele Spring.

Kris Enneking 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 18, 2026.
2. Appropriation Ordinance Number 1513

Old Business:

New Business:

Jeff Kidd presented the annual updated insurance cost for SBS insurance. The City will see about a 4% increase in premiums. Jacee Corby made a motion to approve the renewal of insurance with SBS Insurance effective April 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the consideration from Nemaha Central High School of Street Closure of Main Street from 3rd Street to 8th Street for annual Prom Grand March on Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve the consideration of appointment of Steve Brooks as Director 2 to serve on the Board of Directors of the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) for a two-year term to expire April 30, 2028. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Steve Brooks asked the council if they would consider selling the KMEA Renewable Energy Credits (REC) sales to local businesses. The credits are not worth a considerable amount. If the council has a desire, KMEA will assist with the contract of sale.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that bids were solicited for a lawn mower from Bruna Implement, Heinen True Value, and Heritage Tractor. This is done every year to keep mowers in a three-year rotation. Brian and Steve opened the sealed bids on February 26, 2026. The low bid came in from Heinen True Value for a Toro Mower Model #72924 5000 Z Master for a trade in price of \$6,668. A second bid was received from Heritage Tractor for a 7960M Ztrak for a trade-in price of \$10,700, and Bruna did not submit.

LOZ Dive inspected the reservoir tank over 5 to 5.5 days and the initial verbal report is that the tank looks to be in very good condition.

City Administrator Steve Brooks updated the council that the geotechnical soil survey is complete.

Ray Shinn announced that the sales tax received in February 2026 was in the amount of \$137,630.68.

At 8:07 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss applicant reviews for the Park and Recreation Director position pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for 15 minutes until 8:22 p.m. to include the governing body and Steve with no action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:22 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.

Jacee Corby made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk