

March 18, 2026

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session March 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, Steve Bennett, and Jacee Corby. Also present were City Administrator Steve Brooks, Brian Rusche, Dylan Blevins, Julie Bergman, Kylee Bergstrom, and Michele Spring.

Jacee Corby made a motion to approve the amended agenda adding New Business Item #6 and taking off the Contractual Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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 March 4, 2026.
2. Appropriation Ordinance Number 1514

Old Business:

New Business:

Julie Bergman with Rainbow Communications gave an update on the Fiber Project that Rainbow has been working on in Seneca.

Kylee Bergstrom with Seneca Area Chamber and Downtown Impact gave her annual report.

Jacee Corby made a motion to approve the consideration of a \$0.50 wage increase across the board for lifeguards and pool manager. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve the hiring of the 2026 Lifeguards for the Seneca Aquatic Center as presented. The motion was seconded by Jacee Corby. All voted yes. Motion carried. Assistant Manager Zoey Sudbeck; Lifeguards: Brendan Holthaus; Olivia Ganstrom; Caleb Strathman; Jordyn Haverkamp; Kate Niehues; Jayden Seitz; Braxten Cain; Conner Lueger; Kyler Ganstrom; Shannon Tincher; Adrian Sudbeck; Anna Coleman; Bailey Snyder; Charlotte Rottinghaus; Emma Niehues; Hannah Bergman; Harper Strathman; Kennedy Carlson; Noah Hilbert; Nola Sudbeck; Wrigly Williams; Ava Stallbaumer; Logan Uphaus; Danica Wurtz; Luke Ganstrom; and Nathaniel Miller.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to table the consideration of Interlocal Agreement for Maintenance Agreement Services. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the consideration of hire of Matthew Sperflage as Public Works Employee at \$18.75 per hour. The motion was seconded by Jacee Corby. All voted yes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced that he plans to close the city for a couple hours on Monday, March 23, 2026 for staff to attend the funeral of Bill Osterhaus. Steve and Brian are looking into purchasing a bronze plaque in memory of Bill to be placed near the Concession stand near Swisher Baseball Field.

At 8:00 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss applicant reviews for the Park and Recreation Director position and applicant review for the Police Department 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, Dylan, and Steve with possible action to be taken. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:15 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 8:16 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk