

June 3, 2026

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session June 3, 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, Ray Shinn, and Jacee Corby. Steve Bennett and Kris Enneking were absent. Also present were City Administrator Steve Brooks, City Attorney Luke Sunderland, Chad Jones, and Michele Spring.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Jacee Corby. All voted yes. Motion carried. Consent agenda items:

1. Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held May 20, 2026.
2. Appropriation Ordinance Number 1519

Old Business:

New Business:

Mike Stallbaumer made a motion to approve the consideration of the retirement of Cathy Enneking, Bruce Hermes, and Jim Lueger from the Seneca Free Library Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the consideration of approval of the appointment of Samantha Boeding to the Seneca Free Library Board of Trustees to serve a term from May 2026 through April 2030. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve the consideration of approval of the appointment of Tony Scism to the Seneca Free Library Board of Trustees to serve a term from May 2026 through April 2030. The motion was seconded by Jacee Corby. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Joe Mitchell announced that he did not accept the nomination of David Frehe to serve on the Seneca Free Library Board of Trustees.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve consideration of approval of Special Event Cereal Malt Beverage License from the American Legion Riders Chapter 21 to be held at Seneca City Park at 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Elk Street on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, from 12:01 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. for American Freedom Festival. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Steve Brooks asked the council for their color choice for the fuel tank base and exterior of enclosure for generators. Steve and the council decided that the 061 Gray was the best of the choices presented.

Jacee Corby made a motion to approve the consideration of updated umpire rates. The updated umpire rates are: Behind the Plate Umpire – 1 game \$45, 2 games \$100, 3 games \$165; Field Umpire – 1 game \$35; 2 games \$75. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Steve Brooks updated the council on the water project. Recently Steve along with Dan Coltrane, Muhammed Khan, Greg Hicks and Brian Rusche reviewed the Flow Design, Conceptual Site Plan, contact time calculations, Water Analysis Results, and Vendor information for filter supplies. A few notes from the meeting are:

- The latest test indicates a higher Manganese level than in 2023.
- We may have to consider vacating Pioneer Street east of 1<sup>st</sup> Street.
- Possibly creating a new entrance for Knights of Columbus south of new water plant.
- Steve suggests having the Pilot Study from successful low bidder.

City Administrator Steve Brooks gave an update on the new ballfield. The “Remove existing light poles, return equipment to owner” on the drawing was an error on the side of PEC. Musco Lighting will be installed by Fleagle Electric and shop drawings are available for review. They would be able to install electrical service outlets at the light poles or nearby locations if desired. For additional cost desired areas of the sidewalks could be thickened for service trucks to cross. Flumes will be installed at the end of the underdrainage from the ballfield.

Steve asked for a Golf Course Committee Meeting with Finance & Service Committee with Joe, Mike, and Kris prior to the June 17 council meeting.

Ray Shinn announced sales tax received for May was \$123,509.46.

Jacee Corby made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Michele Spring  
City Clerk