

June 17, 2026

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session June 17, 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, Jacee Corby, Steve Bennett, and Kris Enneking. Also present were City Administrator Steve Brooks, City Attorney Luke Sunderland, Brian Rusche, Dylan Blevins, Travis Emmons, and Michele Spring.

Mike Stallbaumer 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 June 3, 2026.
2. Appropriation Ordinance Number 1520

Kris Enneking made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1463: An Ordinance amending in Part Portions of the Current Code of the City of Seneca, Kansas, Regulating the Installment and Replacement of Curb and Gutter within the City of Seneca, Kansas; and repealing any conflicting Ordinances or Resolutions. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. All voted yes. Motion carried. Jim Mitchell asked if there should be standardized guidelines. City Administrator Steve Brooks was going to relay this information to the Planning Commission.

Old Business:

New Business:

Jacee Corby made a motion to approve the consideration of Employee Health Insurance Benefit. This benefit cost is 27% lower than the current year. The motion was seconded by Ray Shinn. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to table the consideration of approval of Fire Truck Purchase to allow time for the Fire Chief to talk with their executive board about the possibility of loaning money from the Fire Department Relief Fund. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

City Administrator Steve Brooks Updated the council with the meeting he had with Musco, AHRS, and Fleagle Electric regarding the lighting and electrical for the new ballfield.

At 8:07 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to recess into executive session pursuant to the attorney client exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) to include the governing body, Luke, and Steve. The open meeting will resume in the city council chambers at 8:22 p.m. with possible action. 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. Motion carried. No action was taken.

At 8:22 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss a potential candidate for the electric department position pursuant to the nonelected personnel exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) to include the governing body, Brian, and Steve. The open meeting will resume in the city council chambers at 8:42 p.m. with possible action. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:42 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to go back into open session. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the hire of Troy Lay as Journeyman Lineman at a rate of \$48 per hour plus two weeks of vacation. The motion was seconded by Jacee Corby. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the hire of Gary McGuire as Journeyman Lineman at a rate of \$45 per hour plus two weeks of vacation. The motion was seconded by Jacee Corby. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:45 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss the City Administrator evaluation to the nonelected personnel exception, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) to include the governing body, Luke, and Steve on call. The open meeting will resume in the city council chambers at 9:05 p.m. with possible action. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 9:05 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to extend executive session to discuss the City Administrator evaluation to the nonelected personnel evaluation, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) to include the governing body, Luke, and Steve. The open meeting will resume in the city council chambers at 9:15 p.m. with possible action. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 9:15 p.m., Jim Mitchell made a motion to go back into open session.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve a \$5000 pay increase for Steve Brooks effective June 19, 2026 through June 18, 2027. The motion was seconded by Steve Bennett. 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 9:17 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk