

August 5, 2026

The governing body of the City of Seneca met in regular session August 5, 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, Robert Ohlsen, Troy Lay, Dylan Blevins, Brian Rusche, 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 July 15, 2026.
2. Appropriation Ordinance Number 1523

Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1465: An Ordinance Regulating Public Offenses within the Corporate Limits of the City of Seneca, Kansas; Incorporating by Reference the "Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities, Edition of 2026. The motion was seconded by Jacee Corby. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jacee Corby made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1466: An Ordinance Regulating Traffic within the Corporate Limits of the City of Seneca, Kansas; Incorporating by Reference the "Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, Edition of 2026", providing Certain Penalties and Repealing Ordinance Number 1456. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve Resolution No. 08052026: A Resolution to Grant an Exception in Accordance with Seneca City Code Section 5.20.161 to Permit the Sale, Possession, and Consumption of Cereal Malt Beverages During an Event to be held on City-Owned Property. This Resolution goes with the Special Event CMB License that is being requested from Sts. Peter and Paul Church to allow Cereal Malt Beverages in the Streets that were approved for closure at the last council meeting. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

New Business:

Robert Ohlsen with the Seneca Fire Department came in front of the council to request the approval of taking the Stutz to Indianapolis, September 16 through September 20, 2026 for two shows. Ray Shinn made a motion to approve the consideration of Robert Ohlsen taking the Stutz to the two shows in Indianapolis contingent on insurance due to Robert hauling the truck with his personal truck. The motion was seconded by Jacee Corby. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jacee Corby made a motion to approve the consideration of the appointment of Andrew Sneed as Seneca Free Library Board Member, term retroactive from May 1, 2026 to expire April 30, 2030. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Ray Shinn made a motion to approve the consideration from Sts. Peter and Paul Church of Special Event CMB License on Sunday, September 6, 2026 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. for annual church picnic. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Brian Rusche presented the list of curb and gutter work to be done by J&B Contractors and announced that the list may change to stay under the \$80,000 budget. Jim Mitchell made a motion to approve the consideration of Curb and Gutter work for 2026 as presented. The motion was seconded by Jacee Corby. Mayor Mitchell brought up the discussion of possibly spending more to get all the projects listed done. After much discussion Jim Mitchell rescinded his motion. Ray Shinn made a motion to approve the curb and gutter work by J&B Contractors trying to stay as close to \$83,220.80 as possible, but not to exceed \$85,000. The motion was seconded by Jacee Corby. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Jacee Corby made a motion to approve the consideration of entering into an Engagement Agreement with Gilmore Bell to serve as Bond Counsel and Economic Development Counsel for upcoming Bond Obligation Requirements. The motion was seconded by Kris Enneking. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Dylan Blevins, Brian Rusche, and Troy Lay each gave updates of projects for their departments.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced the tentative cost of living adjustments factored at 4.9% of average annual salary and the standard merit base proposed \$.75 per hour per person for 2027 wages.

City Administrator Steve Brooks announced the City's fund balances and the Cost of Service/Retail Rate Study results.

Ray Shinn announced the sales tax received in July 2026 was \$109,905.32.

At 8:40 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 8:50 p.m. with no action. The motion was seconded by Mike Stallbaumer. All voted yes. Motion carried.

At 8:50 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.

Jacee Corby made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Mitchell. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Michele Spring
City Clerk