

April 25, 2011

The governing body met in special session at 6:00 p.m., April 25, 2011 in the councilroom. Mayor Joe Mitchell and council members Jim Mitchell, Steve Bennett, Bruce Hermesch, Ray Shinn and Galen Niehues were present. Bob Claas was absent. Also present were City Administrator Tami Haverkamp, Brian Rusche and Bob Vincent, Groundwater Associates.

At 6:00 p.m., Jim Mitchell moved and Ray Shinn seconded a motion to go into executive session for 1 hour and 25 minutes to take a tour of Maxwell Springs. Bob Vincent, Tami Haverkamp, Brian Rusche and Jane Strathman are to be included in the executive session. All five voted aye.

At 7:15 p.m., Galen Niehues moved and Ray Shinn seconded a motion to go out of executive session. All five voted aye.

The open meeting resumed at 7:30. Present were city councilmember Bob Claas and City Attorney Martin Mishler. Also present were Bill Kuhlman, Harold Shump, Marcena Stallbaumer, Mike Bennett, Debbie Bennett, Tom Stallbaumer, Debbie Stallbaumer, Tom Kramer and Kevin Kramer and reporters Heidi Wolfgang and Matt Diehl.

Mayor Joe Mitchell announced that the City of Seneca had received notice from Terri L. Luckerth that the application for platting and rezoning East Amber Estates (The Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 2 South, Range 12 East of the 6th P.M., in Nemaha County, Kansas LESS the Highway Right of Way) has been withdrawn and the land had been sold to Tom and Kevin Kramer except for ten acres.

Mayor Joe Mitchell addressed a letter that had been written by Doug Helmke and sent to the Courier – Tribune regarding Maxwell Springs and the use of the surrounding land.

Bob Vincent, Groundwater Associates, was present to answer any questions concerning Maxwell Springs and the land surrounding.

Discussion was held as to what to do with the land. Ray Shinn moved and Bob Claas seconded a motion to table this matter until more information is obtained. All six voted aye.

Ray Shinn moved and Jim Mitchell seconded a motion to start regular testing of Maxwell Springs on September 30 to be done every six months after that. All six voted aye.

Bruce Hermesch moved and Jim Mitchell seconded a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1315 requiring the periodic inspection of septic sewer systems and sewer lagoon systems located within 2000 feet of the collection points for Maxwell Springs City Water Supply with the exception of two residences (Gene Schmits and Bill Ronnebaum). Bruce Hermesch and Jim Mitchell voted aye, while Steve Bennett, Ray Shinn, Galen Niehues and Bob Claas voted naye.

Ray Shinn moved and Bob Claas seconded a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1315 amended to have annual testing and to grandfather in two residences (Gene Schmits and Bill Ronnebaum). Five voted aye, while Bruce Hermesch voted naye.

Galen Niehues moved and Jim Mitchell seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. All six voted aye.

Jane F. Strathman
City Clerk