

August 19, 2009

The governing body met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., August 19, 2009 in the council room. Mayor Joe Mitchell and councilmembers Galen Niehues, Bob Claas, Jim Mitchell, Bruce Hermesch, Steve Bennett and Ray Shinn were present. Also present were City Administrator Tami Dandliker, Richard Massieon, Clete Kramer, Brent Schulte, Everett Callaghan, Monty Noland, Ken Carlson, George and Cleta Renyer, Linda Honeyman, Dave Hutfles, Tony Bartkoski, and Mike and Debbie Bennett and reporters Jim Copeland and Matt Diehl.

City Clerk Jane Strathman swore in Ray Shinn as 1st Ward Councilmember of the City of Seneca to replace the unexpired term of Steve Haas who resigned.

Bob Claas moved and Jim Mitchell seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2009 regular council meeting. Five voted aye, while Galen Niehues abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

Public Comments were given by Everett Callaghan, Debbie Bennett, Mike Bennett, Cleta Renyer and Clete Kramer concerning the position of Park and Recreation Director.

Bob Claas moved and Bruce Hermesch seconded a motion to enter into a Water Rate Agreement with Rural Water District No. 2, Nemaha County, Kansas for three years. All six voted aye.

Mayor Joe Mitchell read a letter of resignation from Ray Shinn for the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission effective upon the swearing in as a Council Member. Galen Niehues moved and Jim Knight seconded a motion to accept the letter of resignation as read. All five voted aye, while Ray Shinn abstained.

Ken Carlson was present to inform the council that he is not ready to move forward with the annexation of Lot 1 of the Carlson Addition at this time as suggested by the Planning Commission. He states the reason being because it is landlocked with no street access.

Linda Honeyman was present to give the Seneca Downtown Impact quarterly report.

Mayor Joe Mitchell recommended the appointments of Ray Shinn, Steve Bennett, Brian Rusche, David Key, Jim Knight, Tami Dandliker and himself to serve on the steering committee for the City's Source Water Protection Plan. Bob

Claas moved and Bruce Hermesch seconded a motion to approve the appointments as recommended. All six voted aye.

David Hutfles was present to answer questions and inform the council of the ideas he has for a park and recreation position and to state what he has accomplished.

Galen Niehues moved and Bruce Hermesch seconded a motion to hire a recreation director without establishing a salary. A vote was not taken.

Galen Niehues moved and Bruce Hermesch seconded a motion to rescind the previous motion. All six voted aye.

Galen Niehues moved and Bob Claas seconded a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1294, regulating traffic within the corporate limits of the City of Seneca, Kansas incorporating by reference the "Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, 37th Edition 2009", providing certain penalties and repealing Ordinance No. 1282. All six voted aye.

Bruce Hermesch moved and Galen Niehues seconded a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1295 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 2009. All six voted aye.

Galen Niehues moved and Bruce Hermesch seconded a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1296 creating the office of City Recreation Director, providing for appointment; providing for qualifications and educational requirements, providing for duties, knowledge, and work skills, hours of work, types of tools and equipment for which proficiency is required; describing physical demands and defining the work environment. Four voted aye, while Steve Bennett and Bob Claas voted naye.

Mayor Joe Mitchell recommended the appointment of Ray Shinn to replace Steve Haas on the Emergency Services (Fire, EMS, Police), Personnel, and Safety Committee. Bob Claas moved and Galen Niehues seconded a motion to approve the recommendation by Mayor Joe Mitchell. All five voted aye.

Galen Niehues moved and Jim Mitchell seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. All six voted aye.

Jane F. Strathman
City Clerk