

March 3, 2010

The governing body met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., March 3, 2010 in the councilroom. Mayor Joe Mitchell and councilmembers Bob Claas, Ray Shinn, Bruce Hermesch, Steve Bennett and Jim Mitchell were present. Councilmember Galen Niehues was absent. Also present were City Administrator Tami Dandliker, Brent Schulte, Greg Hulsing, Mary Jane Fleming, Dan Koch, Doug Berkley, Linda Honeyman, Dona Wilmeth, Jesse Knight, Joe Noble and Harry Leem and reporters Matt Diehl, Heidi Wolfgang and Jim Copeland.

Jim Mitchell moved and Steve Bennett seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2010 regular council meeting. Four voted aye, while Bruce Hermesch abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

Mayor Joe Mitchell read and signed a proclamation commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Pony Express.

Jesse Knight representing the American Legion Riders Post 21 was present to request permission to block Main Street between 8th and 9th Street on April 17, 2010 during a bike show and ask for a temporary beer license during the bike show. Bob Claas moved and Bruce Hermesch seconded a motion to grant requests to the American Legion Riders for the date and times requested. All five voted aye.

Dona Wilmeth representing the Seneca Downtown Impact gave the annual report from SDI and requested payment of an annual contribution in the amount of \$20000.00. Bruce Hermesch moved and Ray Shinn seconded a motion approving the annual payment request of \$20,000.00 to Seneca Downtown Impact. All five voted aye.

Permission was requested to trade in backhoe attachment and purchase a post hole digger for skid loader and a tiller. Jim Mitchell moved and Bruce Hermesch seconded a motion granting permission to go out for competitive bids for the post hole digger and tiller and to move forward after checking to get the best price at a cost less than \$3,000.00. All five voted aye.

Steve Bennett moved and Jim Mitchell seconded a motion to approve Pay Request No. 1 as submitted by Charlie's Construction for work and materials for the Water

Distribution System Improvements Project in the amount of \$18,646.85. All five voted aye.

Bob Claas moved and Ray Shinn seconded a motion to approve the reappointments of Terre Witters and Jeff Buser to the Seneca Housing Authority Board, terms to expire April 1, 2014. All five voted aye.

Bruce Hermesch moved and Ray Shinn seconded a motion to approve the Travel & Tourism Committee's recommendations for the following grant requests: American Legion Riders Post 21 - Bike Show - \$500.00; Nemaha County Historical Society - Heritage Days Golf Classic - \$210.80 and Seneca Downtown Impact - Seneca postcards - \$333.00. All five voted aye.

Bruce Hermesch moved and Steve Bennett seconded a motion to approve hiring Aquatic Center employees Stefan Ranieri and Karli Abbey as Assistant Managers; Eric Huerter, Jordan Kennedy, Marissa Lueger, Chelsey McGhee, Keegan McKernan, Kelly Runnebaum, Austin Schraad, Trevor Schulte, Julie Sperfslage, Melissa Sperfslage, Patrick Strathman, Andrew Todd and Eric Zinke as Lifeguards and Michaela Altenhofen, Jessie Bramhall, Michelle Haug, Trisha Schulte and Jamie Swart as Concession/Gate Employees for the 2010 season. All five voted aye.

Jim Mitchell moved and Bob Claas seconded a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance No. 1266, paying all bills. All five voted aye.

City Administrator Tami Dandliker reported to the council that a grant had been received from the STEP Foundation in the amount of \$4300.00 to replace the batting cage at Pearson Field.

Ray Shinn moved and Jim Mitchell seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. All five voted aye.

Jane F. Strathman
City Clerk