

October 7, 2009

The governing body met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., October 7, 2009 in the councilroom. Mayor Joe Mitchell and councilmembers Bob Claas, Steve Bennett, Ray Shinn, Jim Mitchell, Galen Niehues, and Bruce Hermesch were present. Also present were City Administrator Tami Dandliker, Bill Schroyer, Celene Haverkamp, Lester Niehues, Virginia Freese, Margi Ross, Leslie Scoby, Brent Schulte, Dean Luckeroth, and reporters Matt Diehl, Robert Wolfgang, and Jim Copeland.

Galen Niehues moved and Bruce Hermesch seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2009 regular council meeting. All six voted aye.

Bob Claas moved and Ray Shinn seconded a motion to have Joe Mitchell sign a Mental Health Awareness Week Proclamation. All six voted aye. Several members from Kanza Mental Health were at the meeting to accept the Proclamation.

Bob Claas moved and Bruce Hermesch seconded a motion to pay the City of Sabetha one-third of the cost for a spare parts package to have on hand for the wayside horn system. One-third of the cost would be \$9315.34. The full parts package cost is \$27,946.02 to be split three ways between Seneca, Sabetha, and possibly Axtell. This motion is contingent on Axtell going forth with the agreement. All six voted aye.

Bruce Hermesch moved and Jim Mitchell seconded a motion to accept a proposal from Ground Water Associates to study area west of Maxwell Springs. The purpose of the study is to determine the recharge area for the spring and learn how Dean Luckeroth's proposed development would or would not affect the quality and quantity of water taken from the springs. Mr. Luckeroth has agreed to pay one-half of the cost for the study. The City of Seneca will be responsible for the other one-half. Galen Niehues, Bob Claas, Ray Shinn, Bruce Hermesch, and Jim Mitchell voted aye, while Steve Bennet voted naye.

Jim Mitchell moved and Bob Claas seconded a motion to accept the agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation and Nemaha County for the US-36 Access Management Study. All six voted aye.

Ray Shinn moved and Bob Claas seconded a motion to allow Mark Feldkamp clean and cut drainage ditch to grade from snake road to fence, south of the first dirt pile, approximately 1300 feet. Mr. Feldkamp will throw the excess

dirt to the east of the ditch and city crew will haul dirt off from there. Mr. Feldkamp's estimate is \$650.00. This is to be done to hopefully improve drainage on the city's property and Duane Todd's property. All six voted aye.

Bob Claas moved and Jim Mitchell seconded a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance No. 1261, paying all bills. All six voted aye.

Mayor Joe Mitchell commented on "Meter Change-Out" & "Utility Customer Move-In/ Move-Out and Transfers of Services" descriptions.

City Administrator Tami Dandliker invited everyone to the park committee's "Big Wheels Show" event being held on Saturday, October 10, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. This event will help fund the park project.

City Attorney Rich Massieon requested to have City Administrator Tami Dandliker check on water rights for Maxwell Springs.

Galen Niehues moved and Jim Mitchell seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm. All six voted aye.

Nicole L. Ronnebaum
Assistant City Clerk