

September 16, 2009

The governing body met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., September 16, 2009 in the councilroom. Mayor Joe Mitchell and councilmembers Ray Shinn, Bob Claas, Galen Niehues, Jim Mitchell, Bruce Hermesch and Steve Bennett were present. Also present were City Administrator Tami Dandliker, Richard Massieon, Everett Callaghan, Dave Engelken, Ron Osterhaus, Larry Osterhaus, Bill Dalinghaus, Bobby Dalinghaus, Duane Todd, Bruce Stanley, Jacque Stanley, Tom Haverkamp, Eric Cowling, Dennis Droge, Maxine Broxterman, Galen Broxterman, Donna Hammes, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Palmer, Brent Schulte, Richard Schmitz, Mary Alice Uphaus, Ray Blevins, Don Uphaus, Gale Hunninghake, Myra Easton, Karen Osterhaus and Mike Sack and reporters Matt Diehl, Heidi Wolfgang and Jim Copeland.

Galen Niehues moved and Jim Mitchell seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2009 regular council meeting. All six voted aye.

Public Comments were received from Duane Todd and Everett Callaghan.

Richard Massieon gave an opinion concerning the petition for proposed ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 1296, an ordinance creating the position of city recreation director. After much discussion, Bob Claas moved and Steve Bennett seconded a motion to accept the petition as presented. Bob Claas and Steve Bennett voted aye, while Ray Shinn, Jim Mitchell, Bruce Hermesch and Galen Niehues voted naye.

Bruce Hermesch moved and Galen Niehues seconded a motion not to accept the petition or go to a vote. Four voted aye, while Bob Claas and Steve Bennett voted naye.

Donna Hammes, Seneca Housing Authority, presented the 2008 Annual Report and presented a Payment In Lieu of Taxes check to the city.

Consideration of the Planning Commission's recommendation to deny Application for Rezoning of the following property belonging to Tom and Deb Haverkamp/Seneca Fertilizer from R-1 and A-1 to I-1. Richard Massieon explained to the council they have three choices: To adopt the recommendation from the planning commission; to override

the recommendation from planning commission or to return the recommendation to the planning commission to reconsider. Bruce Hermes moved and Jim Mitchell seconded a motion to send it back to the planning commission with the recommendation to reconsider the rezone change as an I-1. All six voted aye.

Galen Niehues moved and Ray Shinn seconded a motion to allow any future incurred fees on this property. All six voted aye.

The Seneca Heritage Festival is requesting on Saturday morning, October 3, 2009 the south side of Main Street between 3rd and 4th streets be closed and from Saturday noon until Sunday, October 4, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. the north side of Main Street between 3rd & 4th streets be closed. Bob Claas moved and Steve Bennett seconded a motion to allow the closing of the streets for Heritage Days on October 3 and 4, 2009. All six voted aye.

Galen Niehues moved and Jim Mitchell seconded a motion to approve a \$25.00 donation to the Sts. Peter and Paul PTO Booster Club. All six voted aye.

Galen Niehues moved and Bob Claas seconded a motion to approve a \$90.00 donation for the annual fire and burn prevention education program. All six voted aye.

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