

City of Seneca

Council Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2023

Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 18, 2023 at City Hall by Mayor Pro Tem Brad Storrs. Members present: Ryan Schauer, Jamie Lankford, Denny Sikes and Dustin Housley. Skyler Jones and Derinda Malone were not present.

The City Clerk swore in Ward I Councilman B. Storrs, Ward II Councilman R. Schauer and Ward III Councilman J. Lankford.

Approve the April 4, 2023, Election Results:

A motion was made to approve the April 4, 2023, Municipal Election Results by D. Housley; seconded by D. Sikes. All members voted yea; motion carried.

DEPARTMENTS:

Police Department:

Police Chief James Altic reported PD is still one car down. He said another patrol vehicle is on order from Emergency Response Vehicles in Vinita, OK.

Police Chief Altic stated Seneca PD is still very busy with over 11,000 calls for service. He added we can compare that with Granby PD of 1800 calls for service last year adding our calls for service is a direct result of the casino.

Police Chief Altic said PD has been dealing with a lot of felony drug charges and child crimes. He said our area has a high number of hits for prostitution due to the casino.

Police Chief Altic said a search was conducted at 1013 Hamilton resulting in more drugs and a stolen car. He added arrests were made.

Police Chief Altic reported there have been a number of car chases and were able to use spikes at the roundabout.

Police Chief Altic stated they are having in-service training and SRO James Kelly is attending. He stated PD is covering at the school for Officer Kelly while in training.

Police Chief Altic said there will be discussion at the next School Board meeting to hire another SRO at the Seneca Junior High and Seneca Intermediate School. He added it is a necessity due to a lot of problems.

Police Chief Altic reviewed code violations are ongoing now for tall grass and rubbish in yards. He stated the property owners receive notice and have ten days to clean everything up or receive a citation.

Police Chief Altic said we will host First Responders Training at the Fire Station training room.

Police Chief Altic said a lot of school events are coming up such as Project Graduation Saturday, April 22, 2023, downtown with a silent auction at City Hall and graduation is coming up also.

Public Works:

Public Works Supervisor Jerrod Eidson was not present but reported the following:

- 2 water leaks repaired.
- Parks are painted and sand has been purchased and placed around the playground equipment.
- The wastewater plant is undergoing UV lights maintenance.
- An employee left.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Tyler Crow reported there were 30 calls last month.

Fire Chief Crow stated the Fire Department held the "Don't Drink and Drive" mock presentation at the High School. He added they had a helicopter and ambulance for the presentation also. Fire Chief Crow said a video of this year's event will be shown next year and every two years they will do it again.

Fire Chief Crow said R. Rogers bought boots last year and brought them to be used by a fireman. He said the boots are new and asked if we could reimburse R. Rogers for them.

A motion was made to reimburse R. Rogers for the fireman boots by J. Lankford; seconded by D. Housley. All members voted yea; motion carried.

Fire Chief Crow explained an Active 911 app is available that can be downloaded on a phone and it opens a map and shows current location to the fire. He said the app will also show all fire hydrants, landing zones for helicopters, etc. Fire Chief Crow said the app for 15 users is \$225.00 annually with a 90-day demo. He said he would be the one to load the information and activate users.

A motion was made to allow Fire Chief Crow to purchase the Active 911 app by D. Sikes; seconded by J. Lankford. All members voted yea; motion carried.

VISITORS:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the March 13, 2023, Minutes by D. Housley; seconded by D. Sikes. All members voted yea; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A motion was made to approve the Bills Paid in the amount of \$78,956.44 by D. Housley; seconded by D. Sikes. All members voted yea; motion carried.

WATER COLLECTION ADJUSTMENTS:

A Seneca resident has requested her water bill be adjusted due to the need to have the line flushed periodically. Her residence is at the end of a water line and recently hydrant testing was done. Discussion followed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Storrs said Public Works employees Paul and Jerrod will take water samples and have her water tested tomorrow and the results will be reviewed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Police Chief Altic said the City of Seneca is due to have its response prepared to FEMA. He stated our written response will need to emphasize that approximately 200 homes will be added to the floodplain and incur the expense of flood insurance as a result of the proposed mapping amendments.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appoint City Members as follows:

Municipal Judge: Duane Cooper

A motion was made to appoint Duane Cooper as Municipal Judge by D. Housley; seconded by D. Sikes. All members voted yea; motion carried.

City Attorney: Will Peterson

A motion was made to appoint Will Peterson as the City Attorney by D. Sikes; seconded by D. Housley. All members voted yea; motion carried.

City Clerk: Cyndy Hutchings

A motion was made to appoint Cyndy Hutchings as the City Clerk by D. Housley; seconded by D. Sikes. All members voted yea; motion carried.

City Collector: Pam Ramsey

A motion was made to appoint Pam Ramsey as the City Collector by D. Sikes; seconded by D. Housley. All members voted yea; motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem:

A motion was made to appoint Ward I Councilman Brad Storrs as Mayor Pro-Tem by J. Lankford; seconded by D. Sikes. All members voted yea; motion carried.

US Cellular – Third Amendment to Facilities Space Lease:

A motion was made to extend the US Cellular Facilities Space Lease by 1 year by D. Housley; seconded by R. Schauer. All members voted yea; motion carried.

Track 94 Brewery – Liquor License Renewal Request:

A motion was made to approve the Track 94 Brewery Liquor License request by D. Housley; seconded by R. Schauer (2 abstained – D. Sikes and J. Lankford), motion carried.

Storage Container Homes/Tiny Houses:

A motion was made to ‘Table’ the Storage Container Homes/Tiny Houses decision until the next Council Meeting for further consideration by D. Sikes; seconded by J. Lankford. All members voted yea; motion carried.

Council Concerns/Comments:

Mayor Pro-Tem B. Storrs said the City of Seneca will formally recognize Law Enforcement Week May 15 – May 19, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem B. Storrs said he would like to have a Community Day of Service in Seneca helping our neighbors.

A motion was made to adjourn by D. Sikes; seconded by J. Lankford at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

CYNDY HUTCHINGS
City Clerk

BRAD STORRS
Mayor Pro Tem