

City of Seneca

Council Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2024

Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 8, 2024, at City Hall by Mayor Pro Tem Brad Storrs. Members present: Ryan Schauer, Jamie Lankford, Denny Sikes, Dustin Housley and Derinda Malone.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Minutes: March 11, 2024

Approval of Bills: \$37,712.90

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda by R. Schauer; seconded by D. Housley. All members voted yea; motion carried.

DEPARTMENTS:

Police Department:

Police Chief Altic reported the Seneca PD assisted in tracking down homicide suspect Scott Burleson. He stated he was caught north of Seneca.

Police Chief Altic reported Seneca PD assisted to catch the wanted individual that crashed at Indigo Sky.

Police Chief Altic stated Seneca PD has been involved in cases with meth, heroin, fentanyl etc. and has turned those cases over to the Drug Task Force.

Police Chief Altic stated some of the police officers' overtime will be reimbursed through mini-grants for holiday and/or safety campaigns.

Police Chief Altic said Seneca PD has been working numerous warrant arrests. He said due to SB005 warrants are piling up and it puts a burden on communities with jail fees incurred.

Police Chief Altic said DOJ and FBI agents have been here to assist with cases.

Police Chief Altic reported the Floodplain Mapping Revisions may not pass until December 2025. He added hopefully Seneca's will be left as it is.

Police Chief Altic reviewed the Swimming Pool Committee made their recommendations. J. Altic said they have looked at area pools. He said new designs and pictures were provided adding he reached out the City of Lamar because they are wanting to replace their pool. He said a 5600 sq/ft pool costs approximately \$5.2 million, a 5100 sq/ft pool costs approximately \$4.8 million. He said after review he'd like to move forward. J. Altic stated we can use the current location and use the basketball court area for a new pool and tear down the old one. He said he'll get 3 proposals and possibly consider adding pickleball courts. J. Altic said the city pool and pool house have been vandalized several times.

Police Chief Altic reviewed officers attended in-service training last week. He added the State of Missouri is mandating more training hours.

Police Chief Altic stated the Police Academy attendance is low.

Public Works:

Public Works Supervisor Jerrod Eidson reported the following:

- 1 water leak was repaired.
- Public Works has been working on the Fire Station culverts.
- Public Works found a cavity under the east side section of the Fire Station foundation. Foundation Recovery Systems was contacted to return and foam fill it.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Crow stated there were 33 calls for March 2024. Year to date total calls is 101.

Fire Chief Crow said they are replacing a clutch in a brush truck.

Fire Chief Crow reported everything is going well.

VISITORS:

Ashok Patel attended to secure a liquor license for a new restaurant he plans to open within less than a year at 310 Washington Avenue.

A motion was made to secure a liquor license for Ashok Patel to open a restaurant at 310 Washington Avenue by D. Malone; seconded by D. Housley. D. Malone, voted yea; D. Housley, voted yea; R. Schauer, voted yea; J. Lankford abstained; D. Sikes, abstained. Motion carried, 3 votes yea; 2 abstained.

Marylin Rogers (Did not attend):

Requested an adjustment on her water bill for a water leak at 1038 Adams Avenue.

A motion was made to allow M. Rogers to amortize her water bill balance over 6 months of payments by D. Housley; seconded by J. Lankford. All members voted yea; motion carried.

Michelle Ruddick (Did not attend):

Requested an adjustment on her water bill for a water leak at 1507 Washington Avenue.

A motion was made to allow M. Ruddick to amortize her water bill balance over 6 months of payments by R. Schauer; seconded by D. Housley. All members voted yea; motion carried.

Jared Whitehead was present to ask the City Council if he can install EV chargers in front of Track 94 Brewery during the city's Sidewalk Improvement Project. He said the commercial EV charger cables can go under the sidewalk or on free standing awnings. Mayor B. Storrs said the Sidewalk Improvement Project is already engineered and designed. He added we'll get more information for the next council meeting.

WATER COLLECTION ADJUSTMENTS:

A motion was made to approve the January 2024, February 2024, March 2024 Water Collection Adjustments by R. Schauer, seconded by J. Lankford. All members voted yea; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve April 2, 2024 Municipal Election Results:

A motion was made to approve the April 2, 2024 Municipal Election Results by D. Housley; seconded by D. Sikes. All members voted yea; motion carried.

Swear in Elected Officials: Mayor & Ward I, Ward II, Ward III Aldermen:

The City Clerk swore in Mayor Brad Storrs, Derinda Malone Ward I Councilman, Skyler Jones Ward II Councilman and Sheila Whitehead, Ward III Councilman.

Appoint the following members: Municipal Judge, City Attorney, City Clerk and City Collector:

A motion was made to appoint Duane Cooper, Municipal Judge; Will Peterson, City Attorney; Cyndy Hutchings, City Clerk; Pam Ramsey, City Collector by D. Malone; seconded by S. Jones. All members voted yea; motion carried.

Select Mayor Pro Tem:

Councilman R. Schauer nominated Derinda Malone for Mayor Pro Tem.

A motion was made to appoint D. Malone as Mayor Pro Tem by R. Schauer; seconded by S. Jones. All members voted yea; motion carried.

Schedule City Wide Yard Sales and City Wide Clean Up:

A motion was made to schedule the City Wide Yard Sales for May 31 and June 1, 2024 and schedule the City Wide Clean Up for June 5 thru 8, 2024 by S. Jones; seconded by D. Malone. All members voted yea; motion carried.

A motion was made to go into Closed Session at 7:45 p.m. in pursuit of Section 610.020; (1) Legal actions, Section 610.021 Closed meetings by S. Jones; seconded by D. Malone. The following vote was recorded, and roll was called. All members Councilman R. Schauer, yea; Councilman J. Lankford, yea; Councilman S. Whitehead, yea; Councilman S. Jones, yea; Councilman D. Malone; motion carried.

Closed Session: Members present: Mayor Pro Tem Brad Storrs, Councilman R. Schauer; Councilman J. Lankford; Councilman S. Whitehead; Councilman S. Jones; Councilman D. Malone; Police Chief James Altic; Public Works Supervisor Jerrod Eidson; Fire Chief Tyler Crow and City Clerk, Cyndy Hutchings.

Police Chief James Altic reviewed the Police Officers Bill of Rights 590-502 and the recent revisions.

Fire Chief Tyler Crow presented a Volunteer Fireman Application for Dustin Kirkpatrick.

A motion was made to approve adding Dustin Kirkpatrick to the Seneca Volunteer Fire Department as a Volunteer Fireman by S. Jones; seconded by D. Jones. All members voted yea; motion carried.

A motion was made to return to Open Session at 8:20 p.m. by D. Malone; seconded by R. Schauer. The following vote was recorded and roll was called. All members Councilman R. Schauer, yea; Councilman J. Lankford, yea; Councilman S. Whitehead, yea; Councilman S. Jones, yea; Councilman D. Malone, yea; motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn by D. Malone; seconded by S. Jones at 8:22 p.m.

ATTEST:

**CYNDY HUTCHINGS
City Clerk**

**BRAD STORRS
Mayor**