

City of Seneca

Council Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2025

Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Monday, February 10, 2025, at City Hall by Mayor Brad Storrs.

Members present: Ryan Schauer, Jamie Lankford, Skyler Jones and Derinda Malone. Sheila Whitehead was not present.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Minutes: December 9, 2024 and December 20, 2024

Approval of Bills: \$230,746.75

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

DEPARTMENTS:

Police Department:

Police Chief Altic reported a new reserve officer, Justin Shephard has started with Seneca PD. Police Chief Altic said Officer Shephard is a McDonald County Sheriff and lives in Seneca and is available to work part time.

Police Chief Altic stated he has heard from Sidney at FEMA and we are waiting for forms to be signed to move forward with the grant. He added the mapping has not changed yet.

Police Chief Altic reported Seneca PD has been working several major crimes including a robbery.

Police Chief Altic said an officer was heading to Highway 43 and Bethel Road and a deer hit the side of the new patrol car.

Police Chief Altic said he met with new Newton County Sheriff and said Seneca PD has the highest arrest rates along with the City of Neosho. He added we currently pay \$10/day jail fee, Neosho pays \$45/day for 24 hours but release is required after 24 hours due to SB5.

Police Chief Altic said they have been busy with pursuits, DWI's and crashes related to DWI's.

Police Chief Altic stated they have been receiving calls about the contractors working on the Lead Service Line Inventory project.

Police Chief Altic said they had training a couple weeks ago and will finish up in March.

Police Chief Altic reported they have been working with local immigration for criminal violators, felonies, etc. and working with ICE. He added there is a big number of various immigrants. Police Chief Altic stated there are more meetings coming up.

Police Chief Altic stated the storm siren at north Cherokee Avenue is not working due to a dead short and needs to be replaced. He added Modoc wants a siren in the area of their buffalo ranch. Police Chief Altic said we are looking into grant assistance and a new siren replacement could take up to 8 to 12 weeks to do the installation.

Police Chief Altic reported they made a run to Springfield with 199 pounds of pills brought into the box at PD to be taken to DEA.

Police Chief Altic reported they had 11,000 calls for service counted through Central Dispatch in 2024 which compares to approximately 1450 calls for Granby.

Public Works:

Public Works Supervisor Jerrod Eidson reported the following:

- 3 water leaks repaired.
- 2 sewer calls were resolved.
- The Lead Service Line Inventory Project is half finished.

- Nearly 200 new digital meters have been installed with 4 crews here now.
- Sewer pumpers can now dump at the treatment plant for \$450/4000 gallon tank.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Crow reported there were 37 calls in January.

Fire Chief Crow reported Engine #2 is waiting for parts.

Fire Chief Crow reported everything is up and going.

VISITORS:

Jeff Glines, Director of Area Agency on Aging and two other representatives, discussed how they provide food and meals to senior citizens. He said there is a need in Seneca for the meals and they are looking for a location to provide the meals and social time once a week on Wednesdays. Mr. Glines said it doesn't cost the city anything and they do all the preparation, transporting the cooked meals from the Neosho kitchen and set up at the local location. He stated they follow all state and federal compliances but need volunteers to help. Mr. Glines said through the CARS program transportation can be provided at not cost to the individuals and the meals are free or a \$3.50 donation can be made by individuals. Mr. Glines said the program has been very successful and gets the senior citizens into the community to share a meal and socialize. He added it is available to any senior citizen that would like to participate. It was recommended to Mr. Glines to contact the Ministerial Alliance to find a location with a kitchen. Mr. Glines said there is also a mobile food pantry through Ozark Food Harvest that can provide food to individuals in Seneca and does not interfere with the local food pantry.

WATER COLLECTION ADJUSTMENTS:

December 2024 and January 2025:

A motion was made to accept the December 2024 and January 2025 water collection adjustments by R. Schauer; seconded by S. Jones. All members voted yea; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Brad Storrs reviewed his attendance and participation at the inauguration at Jefferson City with Senator Jill Carter. He said the Capitol building is gorgeous and it was a great experience and a lot of fun.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill 2025-01: Ordinance 2025-01 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of a Revenue Anticipation Note (State of Missouri – Lead Service Line Inventory Loan Program) Series 2025, in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$160,000; Prescribing the Form and Details of the Note; and Authorizing Certain Other Actions and Documents in Connection Therewith.

A motion was made to request the First Reading by "Title Only" of Bill 2025-01: Ordinance 2025-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of a Revenue Anticipation Note (State of Missouri – Lead Service Line Inventory Loan Program) Series 2025, in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$160,000; Prescribing the Form and Details of the Note; and Authorizing Certain Other Actions and Documents in Connection Therewith by D. Malone; seconded by R. Schauer. Roll was called: R. Schauer, yea; J. Lankford, yea; S. Jones, yea; D. Malone, yea. All members voted yea; motion carried.

Mayor Brad Storrs conducted the First Reading by "Title Only" of Bill 2025-01: Ordinance 2025-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of a Revenue Anticipation Note (State of Missouri – Lead Service Line Inventory Loan Program) Series 2025, in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$160,000; Prescribing the Form and Details of the Note; and Authorizing Certain Other Actions and Documents in Connection Therewith.

A motion was made to accept the First Reading by "Title Only" of Bill 2025-01: Ordinance 2025-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of a Revenue Anticipation Note (State of Missouri – Lead Service Line Inventory Loan Program) Series 2025, in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$160,000; Prescribing the Form and Details of the Note; and Authorizing Certain Other Actions and Documents in Connection Therewith by D. Malone; seconded by S. Jones. Roll was called: R. Schauer, yea; J. Lankford, yea; S. Jones, yea; D. Malone, yea. All members voted yea; motion carried.

A motion was made to request the Second Reading by "Title Only" of Bill 2025-01: Ordinance 2025-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of a Revenue Anticipation Note (State of Missouri – Lead Service Line Inventory Loan Program) Series 2025, in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$160,000; Prescribing the Form and Details of the Note; and

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Set Date for “Day of Service”:

Mayor Brad Storrs said he was open to suggestions for any new projects and reaching more people in the community and when to do it. Michael Steele said the Ministerial Alliance is scheduling a community service day also and we could work together.

A motion was made to go into Closed Session at 7:39 p.m. pursuant to Section 610.021; Section 610.022: (1) Legal Actions by S. Jones; seconded by J. Lankford. Roll was called: Councilman R. Schauer, yea; Councilman J. Lankford, yea; Councilman S. Jones, yea and Councilman D. Malone, yea; motion carried.

Closed Session: Members present: Mayor B. Storrs, Councilman R. Schauer, Councilman J. Lankford, Councilman S. Jones, Councilman D. Malone, Police Chief J. Altic, Fire Chief T. Crow and C. Hutchings, City Clerk.

No action or voting was taken.

A motion was made to return to Open Session at 9:22 p.m. by S. Jones; seconded by R. Schauer. The following vote was recorded. Roll was called: Councilman R. Schauer, yea; Councilman J. Lankford, yea; Councilman S. Jones, yea and Councilman D. Malone, yea; motion carried.

A motion was made to amend the Operating Budget (Police Department Public Safety) to purchase from Flock Safety LPR cameras for up to \$8,500 by S. Jones; seconded by R. Schauer. All members voted yea; motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn by S. Jones; seconded by D. Malone at 9:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

CYNDY HUTCHINGS
City Clerk

BRAD STORRS
Mayor

