

City of Seneca Council Meeting Minutes March 11, 2024

Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 11, 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: February 12, 2024

Approval of Bills: \$99,583.98

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

DEPARTMENTS:

Police Department:

Police Chief Altic reviewed the 2023 Police Department Status Report. He said in 2023 Central Dispatch dispatched 7322 calls for service for Seneca PD.

Police Chief Altic stated bidding is going out for a Records Management System for Newton County that will monitor calls for service.

Police Chief Altic reported the PD remodeling is done including exterior siding replacement, repaired bay doors and the Evidence Room remodeling is completed.

Police Chief Altic reported the new patrol car is in service.

Police Chief Altic reviewed the new year training cycle begins in March 2024. He said hopefully all the required training will be complete by June 2024.

Police Chief Altic said Seneca PD will host several regional training sessions in the new Fire Station training room.

Police Chief Altic said the officers have been dealing with a lot of medical calls.

Police Chief Altic reported the Seneca High School Graduation ceremony is scheduled Sunday, May 19, 2024. He said it is scheduled on Sunday due to track events scheduled the Saturday before.

Police Chief Altic reported the Pool Committee has a meeting coming up.

Police Chief Altic stated the new floodplain amendments are scheduled to be released December 2025.

Public Works:

Public Works Supervisor Jerrod Eidson reported the following:

- The water line at the wastewater treatment plant has been replaced.
- Public Works responded to 3 sewer calls.
- Public Works repaired 2 water leaks.
- The roofing project is complete for both Public Works shop buildings.
- Seneca True Value donated a 10-gallon water cooler to Public Works.
- Boring under Highway K to replace a water line is scheduled next week.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Crow was not present.

VISITORS:

Darren King, Donnie Ackerson and Richard Brown attended to inquire why the Cemetery Board terminated King Brothers Backhoe services two weeks ago at the Seneca Cemetery. D. King said the Board President's reason for termination doesn't

have merit when a recent grave digging situation was difficult due to the location of the headstones. Mayor Pro-Tem said we will request a copy of the Cemetery Board Meeting minutes and review the vote by the Cemetery Board members.

Guy Wilkes attended the meeting to inquire if he could make payment arrangements for a bill for a water leak at 809 Cleveland Street for \$3,408.14. Public Works Supervisor Jerrod Eidson said he has made contact with an individual that can help locate the leak and determine what and where the problem is. The results will be reviewed at the next council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem B. Storrs said Mr. Wilkes can make payments on the bill until the total is satisfied.

WATER COLLECTION ADJUSTMENTS:

The recent water bill for Linda Whipkey at 1505 Maple Lane was reviewed due to her water bill increasing \$100 while Ms. Whipkey was in the hospital. A motion was made to adjust \$100 off Ms. Whipkey's water bill by D. Housley; seconded by R. Schauer. All members voted yea; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Pro Tem B. Storrs said the Day of Service was posted on the recent water bills and on Facebook for Saturday, May 4, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Council Concerns:

Mayor Pro Tem B. Storrs said he has received mapping for the intersection of Washington Avenue and Cherokee Avenue and properties in the area but needs clarification of ownership. He said he wants to confirm the property line and ownership of the parking lot and confirm responsibility from MoDOT.

A motion was made to adjourn by D. Malone; seconded by D. Sikes at 7:16 p.m.

ATTEST:

CYNDY HUTCHINGS
City Clerk

BRAD STORRS
Mayor Pro Tem