

# **City of Seneca**

## **Council Meeting Minutes**

### **May 13, 2024**

Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Monday, May 13, 2024, at City Hall by Mayor Pro Tem Brad Storrs.  
Members present: Ryan Schauer, Jamie Lankford, Sheila Whitehead, Skyler Jones and Derinda Malone.

#### **Consent Agenda:**

Approval of Minutes: April 8, 2024

Approval of Bills: \$260,769.99

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

#### **DEPARTMENTS:**

##### **Police Department:**

Police Chief Altic reported they are getting ready for Public Safety grants.

Police Chief Altic reported they are reviewing the tornado episode and had a meeting afterwards. He stated there were notification problems about the school keeping the kids.

Police Chief Altic said the Eastern Shawnee Tribe is willing to assist with installing a storm siren in the area of Highway U and State Line Road. He said they currently are not getting any alerts from the State of Missouri.

Police Chief Altic said he attended the monthly Police Chief's meeting. He stated August 28, 2024 the new laws and statutes will go into effect.

Police Chief Altic said the Newton County 911 Board hired additional dispatchers and they now are fully funded and staffed.

Police Chief Altic reviewed Jeff Bartley from Waters Edge will be here Wednesday to look at the swimming pool.

Police Chief Altic reported Brian Phillips reviewed the Public Safety grants and we're 100% compliant.

Police Chief Altic stated we are moving surplus vehicles.

Police Chief Altic said it's a busy time for code violations with tall grass, trash and condemned buildings. He said it is difficult to find property owners to enforce citations.

##### **Public Works:**

Public Works Supervisor Jerrod Eidson was not present. Mayor B. Storrs reported the following:

- The water towers have been inspected and cleaned.
- Backhoe repairs have been done.
- 1 water leak was repaired.
- 1 sewer leak was repaired.
- The new digital water meters have been delivered.

##### **Fire Department:**

Fire Chief Crow stated there were 30 calls for April 2024.

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

Fire Chief Crow reported Seneca students were able to tour the Fire Station.

#### **VISITORS:**

Jared Whitehead and Andrew Poor - EV Chargers on Main Street & Green Space:

Jared Whitehead and Andrew Poor reviewed the REAP Grant and requested to install EV chargers in front of Track 94.

**Jerad Whitehead inquired if the city would allow him to use the Green Space for festivals and activities with alcohol sales. He said he would provide fencing and portable toilets along the alley. Mayor B. Storrs said he would look into the City's liability and report back to Jared Whitehead with an answer.**

**Jessi Rawlings – Water Bill Adjustment Request:**

**Jessi Rawlings attended the meeting requesting the City Council review her recent water bill with the charges for an outside water leak. Mayor B. Storrs said \$250 would be deducted from her total water bill and she could make payments on the balance until the leak expense is paid.**

**Nick Whitehead – Gas N Snack De-Annexation Request:**

**Nick Whitehead did not attend and requested this be reviewed later.**

**A motion was made to table N. Whitehead's request to de-annex Gas N Snack by D. Malone; seconded by S. Jones. All members voted yea; motion carried.**

**WATER COLLECTION ADJUSTMENTS:**

**A motion was made to approve the April 2024 Water Collection Adjustments by D. Malone; seconded by S. Jones. All members voted yea; motion carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**None.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**None.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Appoint Committee/Board Members.**

**Council members reviewed and selected City Committees and Boards to serve on.**

**A motion was made to adjourn by D. Malone; seconded by S. Whitehead at 7:05 p.m.**

**ATTEST:**

**CYNDY HUTCHINGS**  
**City Clerk**

**BRAD STORRS**  
**Mayor**