

City of Seneca

Council Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2024

Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Monday, November 11, 2024, at City Hall by Mayor Brad Storrs.
Members present: Ryan Schauer, Jamie Lankford, Sheila Whitehead, Skyler Jones and Derinda Malone.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of Minutes: October 14, 2024

Approval of Bills: \$55,963.36

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

DEPARTMENTS:

Police Department:

Police Chief Altic reported the new police vehicle is in service.

Police Chief Altic reviewed the issues with the Seneca Cemetery and stated he spoke with Bart Lievens about removing some trees on his property that borders the cemetery. Mr. Lievens said he was ok with it. Police Chief Altic said he received a grant from Lowe's that will be providing the Seneca Cemetery with 80 flags, poles, flag holders and hardware that were destroyed by the storm last Memorial weekend. He said the grant will total more than \$3,900 for the supplies and will be ready in about 10 days.

Police Chief Altic reported Shop With A Cop has met his goal for 85 kids and everything will finalize next week.

Police Chief Altic said things are moving forward with SB5. He said the judges got together and changed some of the wording that will be coming up in the pre-filing. Police Chief Altic said the failure to appear verbiage will make a substantial difference. He added Senator Jill Carter and Reggie Powers have been a big influence to get SB5 revised.

Police Chief Altic reported they have received a number call relating to heroin and fentanyl and resulting in 11 arrests. He added DEA and the FBI have assisted.

Police Chief Altic reported they have been dealing with a lot of DWI's and several fatalities. He said the Fire Department and Highway Patrol all helped with the accidents.

Police Chief Altic said the warrant arrests continue to keep the police officers real busy.

Police Chief Altic reported some creek dredging is going on to help with the FEMA project.

Public Works:

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

- The proposal to repair the cracks in the concrete of the wastewater treatment plant clarifier is \$24,792 with cost per additional linear foot over 120 lf \$200 per/lf. Public Works will be required to do the prep work involving the drainage and washing of the clarifier prior to Bill Davis beginning repairs.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Crow reported from November 2023 to November 2024 there were 436 calls. He added the number of calls increased by 60.

Fire Chief Crow said the annual Fire Department Christmas Dinner is scheduled Friday, December 13, 2024. An invitation was extended to everyone.

Fire Chief Crow reported all the trucks are in service except the one waiting for Mr. Kennedy to repair.

VISITORS:

None.

WATER COLLECTION ADJUSTMENTS:

214 Crestview – Sewer Variance Request:

A motion was made to approve the 214 Crestview sewer variance request and discontinue sewer billing from this date forward (11-11-2024) with no reimbursement for back billing by D. Malone; seconded by R. Schauer. All members voted yea; motion carried.

September 2024 and October 2024 Adjustments:

A motion was made to approve the September 2024 and October 2024 Water Collection Adjustments by S. Jones; seconded by S. Whitehead. All members voted yea; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

S. Jones inquired about the status of filling in the swimming pool and tearing down the park restrooms.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve Cemetery Board Appointments:

A motion was made to appoint the following list of Cemetery Board members by D. Malone; seconded by J. Lankford. 3 members voted yea; 2 abstained (R. Schauer and S. Whitehead). Motion carried.

Cemetery Board members: Michael Steele, Don Ackerson, Richard Brown, Tom Conduff, Janie Cook, Sandy Housley, Bob Morehead, Bonnie Morehead, Kay Palmer, Max Roark and Council members Jamie Lankford and Ryan Schauer.

A motion was made to appoint Michael Steele as the Cemetery Board Chairman by J. Lankford; seconded by D. Malone. 3 members voted yea; 2 abstained (R. Schauer and S. Whitehead). Motion carried.

Approve Surplus Vehicle Bids for City of Neosho:

A motion was made to approve the bid entry for \$8,500 for the 2012 Ford F-150 and \$9,000 for the 2014 Ford F-150 (amending the Water/Sewer Operating Budget if the bids are awarded) by S. Jones; seconded by S. Whitehead. All members voted yea; motion carried.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Concrete Clarifier Repair:

A motion was made to approve payment to Bill Davis and amend the Wastewater Operating Budget to repair the cracks in the concrete of the wastewater treatment plant clarifier for \$24,792 with cost per additional linear foot over 120 lf \$200 per/lf with Public Works doing the prep work involving the drainage and washing of the clarifier prior to repairs by S. Jones; seconded by R. Schauer. All members voted yea; motion carried.

Lead Service Line Inventory Bid Opening:

Mayor B. Storrs opened the sealed bids as follows:

Schulte Supply	\$241,450
Goins Enterprise, Inc.	\$287,500
Better By Design	\$341,000
Byrne & Jones Construction	\$348,500
Environmental Works	\$349,300
All Clear Plumbing & Sewer	\$359,000

A motion was made to award the 2024 City of Seneca Lead Service Line Inventory Project to Schulte Supply for \$241,450 by J. Lankford; seconded by D. Malone. All members voted yea; motion carried.

Jim Aslin, Schulte Supply Representative said the work crew is ready to start with the Digital Meter Installation Project and the Lead Service Line Inventory Project. Mr. Aslin said the both projects should be complete within 2 months.

A motion was made to go into Closed Session at 7:10 p.m. pursuant to Section 610.021; Section 610.022: (1) Legal Actions by S. Jones; seconded by D. Malone. Roll was called: Councilman R. Schauer, yea; Councilman J. Lankford, yea; Councilman S. Whitehead, 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. Whitehead, Councilman S. Jones, Councilman D. Malone, Police Chief J. Altic and C. Hutchings, City Clerk.

Mayor B. Storrs reported the following:

The jungle gym incident at the City Park has been closed for a settlement of \$8,000.

Mr. Driskell has been issued a work ticket with Liberty Electric and Liberty's customer service failed to process his request resulting in the delay.

The December 9, 2024, City Council Meeting will include dinner.

No action or voting was taken.

A motion was made to return to Open Session at 7:30 p.m. by S. Jones; seconded by S. Whitehead. The following vote was recorded. Roll was called: Councilman R. Schauer, yea; Councilman J. Lankford, yea; Councilman S. Whitehead, yea; Councilman S. Jones, yea and Councilman D. Malone, yea; motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn by R. Schauer; seconded by D. Malone at 7:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

CYNDY HUTCHINGS
City Clerk

BRAD STORRS
Mayor

