

City of Seneca Council Meeting Minutes March 13, 2023

Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 13, 2023 at City Hall by Mayor Pro Tem Brad Storrs.
Members present: Skyler Jones, Jamie Lankford, Denny Sikes, Dustin Housley and Derinda Malone.

DEPARTMENTS:

Police Department:

Police Chief James Altic reported the building project is nearly finished. He said the remaining amount of money from the Eastern Shawnee Tribal gift went for the purchase of a patrol vehicle from Emergency Vehicle Services in Claremore. Police Chief Altic stated insurance reimbursement from the wrecked patrol vehicle was put toward another vehicle. He added both vehicles will be in service soon. Police Chief Altic said he will invite the Eastern Shawnee Tribe Business Committee to tour the remodeled police department.

Police Chief James Altic said he has contacted State Representative Eric Burleson who sent Naomi Baker to go over the floodplain issues. He said he has also talked with State Representative Dirk Deaton about homes going into the floodplain in the new mapping amendments. Police Chief Altic stated a petition for appeal needs to be submitted and the impact seen. He also stated we need to show the numbers and the effect on Seneca schools.

Police Chief James Altic said Seneca PD issued a search warrant for stolen property. There were reports of missing copper and they found truck parts and other items.

Police Chief James Altic reported they have been doing a lot of traffic stops and making arrests for warrants out of Joplin and Oklahoma.

Police Chief James Altic stated they are working several crimes against children at the Children's Center. He stated unfortunately they have been dealing with a lot of these cases.

Police Chief James Altic said thank you to Public Works. He said the new Public Works' employee replaced brakes and rotors on one of the patrol vehicles and he's a very good mechanic.

Police Chief James Altic said the patrol vehicle involved in a wreck with Officer Housley will have the claim reopened to have the transmission replaced.

Police Chief James Altic reported next month more marijuana training will be scheduled for law enforcement. He stated they are still waiting for state legislature. He added it's still against the law to drive while you're high.

Police Chief James Altic stated Bill #5 is being addressed now.

Public Works:

Public Works Supervisor Jerrod Eidson reported the following:

- ODEQ inspected the wastewater treatment plant last week.
- Cameras have been installed at the park due to the vandalism and also at Public Works shops due to theft.
- 3 water leaks were repaired.
- A water main was repaired on Shawnee Street.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Tyler Crow reported there were 32 calls last month.

Fire Chief T. Crow stated the Sarcoxie Fire Department came and got the old air packs.

Fire Chief T. Crow said the Department of Conservation had a 2002 Stewart and Stevenson truck available for donation to the Seneca Volunteer Fire Department. He said it only has 24,000 miles on it and they intend to use it for water rescue.

Fire Chief T. Crow said he is running for Seneca School Board in the April 4, 2023 election.

VISITORS:

Karen Tackett, Laura Rogers and Treva Golden attended representing the Firemen's Auxiliary Committee.

K. Tackett said the Firemen's Auxiliary Committee will not have the funding or manpower to put on the 4th of July fireworks festival this year. K. Tackett said approximately \$13,000 is needed for the fireworks and they don't have enough money in the bank. She added a lot of members will be out of town and not available to volunteer. K. Tackett said if someone else can pay for the fireworks, they would be happy to help but they just don't have the financial backing and manpower to sponsor the festival and fireworks.

Treva Golden said the Veteran's Association will be sponsoring the Seneca Easter Egg Hunt at the City Park April, 1, 2023 at 2:00. She said the event will be funded entirely by the Veterans and they ask only that other agencies assist with the advertising and flyers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the February 13, 2023 and February 27, 2023 Minutes by S. Jones; seconded by D. Housley. All members voted yea; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

A motion was made to approve the Bills Paid in the amount of \$75,002.59 by S. Jones; seconded by D. Malone. All members voted yea; motion carried.

WATER COLLECTION ADJUSTMENTS:

A motion was made to approve the February 2023 water collection adjustments by J. Lankford; seconded by D. Malone. All members voted yea; motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lost Creek Watershed and FEMA Mapping Revisions Review:

Mayor Brad Storrs said the topic was open for discussion. Police Chief Altic said in reference to Troy Lipe's concerns about the full culverts along K Highway are the responsibility of MoDOT. He added the FEMA online pins and updates are done but he encourages individuals to still send letters in about the mapping revisions. Police Chief Altic explained no new businesses will come and no manufacturing will be here as a result of more areas coming into the floodplain. He added it will impact the school and demographic data needs to be provided to DESE. Police Chief Altic said there will be discussion concerning the floodplain mapping revisions at the upcoming school board meeting. He said our elected officials need to contact FEMA and they are the individuals that can make a difference. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Storage Container Homes/Tiny Houses:

A motion was made to 'Table' the Storage Container Homes/Tiny Houses decision until the next Council Meeting for further consideration by D. Sikes; seconded by S. Jones. All members voted yea; motion carried.

A motion was made to go into Closed Session at 7:48 p.m. pursuant to Section 610.021; (3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting particular employees, Section 610.022 Closed meetings by S. Jones; seconded by D. Sikes. The following vote was recorded and roll was called. All members S. Jones, yea; J. Lankford, yea; D. Sikes, yea; D. Housley, yea and D. Malone, yea; motion carried.

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

A motion was made to accept the Volunteer Fireman letter of resignation from Randy Rogers by D. Housley; seconded by S. Jones. All members voted yea; motion carried.

A motion was made to return to Open Session at 8:48 by D. Malone; seconded by S. Jones. The following vote was recorded and roll was called. All members Councilman S. Jones, yea; Councilman J. Lankford, yea; Councilman D. Sikes; Councilman D. Housley, yea and Councilman D. Malone, yea; motion carried.

Councilman S. Jones handed out an initial swimming pool proposal from Carrothers Construction Company and asked councilmembers to review the packets for the next council meeting, April 10, 2023.

A motion was made to adjourn by D. Housley; seconded by D. Sikes at 8:52 p.m.

ATTEST:

CYNDY HUTCHINGS
City Clerk

BRAD STORRS
Mayor Pro Tem