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City of Seneca – City Council Regular Meeting
September 9, 2025
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Seneca City Hall

Council Present:

Mayor Andrea Officer
Councilor Barb Northington
Councilor Melvin Herburger
Councilor Matt Wenick
Councilor Chuck White

Staff Present:

Deborah Oatman
James Phillips

Public Present:

Fire Chief Mike Allen
Jason Miller
Linda Pace

1. Call to Order

Mayor Andrea Officer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Old Business

A. Health Insurance Hiring Incentive & Agreement

Council discussed applying the hiring negotiation/opt-out agreement uniformly to future employees.

MOTION: Councilor Northington moved to approve the hiring negotiation agreement moving forward for all City employees.

SECOND: Councilor Herburger.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

B. Sewer Availability Rate – Resolution 2025-5

Council reviewed a draft resolution to amend the sewer availability rate from \$10 to \$11 per month. Discussion included fairness to availability customers, burden on fixed-income property owners, and infrastructure needs.

MOTION: Councilor Northington moved to approve Resolution 2025-5 amending the sewer availability rate.

SECOND: None.

RESULT: Motion failed – no action taken.



4. New Business

Approval of Minutes – August 12, 2025

MOTION: Councilor Herburger moved to approve the August 12, 2025 Council minutes.

SECOND: Councilor Wenick.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

5. Open Floor / Public Comment

A. Fire Department: Fire Chief Mike Allen announced his resignation due to health and family circumstances and recommended Jason Miller as his successor. Council agreed to place the appointment on the next agenda. Tender 5751 is fully serviced and operational; second engine awaiting parts.

B. Fire/EMS Appreciation Event: Scheduled for October 9, 2025 with community barbecue. Notice to be included with utility bills.

C. RV Dump / Hunter Trash / Water Signage: Council discussed seasonal signage (August–November) at highway and golf course directing to RV dump, hunter trash receptacle, and water. Trash receptacle fee remains \$7. Consensus only – no formal action taken.

6. Bills Before Council / Financial Statements

MOTION: Councilor Wenick moved to approve payment of bills and financial statements as presented.

SECOND: Councilor White.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

7. Adjournment

With no further business, Mayor Andrea Officer adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm

Attest:

Andrea Officer
Andrea Officer, Mayor

Deborah Oatman
Deborah Oatman, City Manager/Recorder