



City of Seneca – Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 10, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Seneca City Hall

Council Present:

Mayor Andrea Officer

Councilor Melvin Herburger

Councilor Matt Wenick

Public Present:

Linda Pace

Jim Klum

Staff Present:

Deborah Oatman

1. Call to Order

Mayor Andrea Officer called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present. Councilor Northington and Councilor White excused.

2. Approval of Minutes

December Minutes

Councilor Herburger made a motion to approve the December minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wenick.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

January Minutes

Councilor Wenick made a motion to approve the January minutes. The motion was seconded by Mayor Officer.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

4. Staff Report

Audit Update

Deborah Oatman reported that documentation from Business Oregon has been received after follow-up communication. John Russell is scheduled to meet onsite February 23, 2026, to review audit-related matters and determine next steps.

Surplus Fire Department Vehicles

Discussion was held regarding two Dodge Durango vehicles previously donated to the Fire Department. Council discussed options including offering the vehicles to other municipalities through a state transfer website prior to sale. If no municipality expresses interest, the vehicles may be sold with proceeds directed to the Fire Department.

No formal action was taken.



Legislative Capital Construction Project

Deb Oatman reported submitting a Legislative Capital Construction Project request for improvements to the existing fire hall compound, including paving and installation of a gate. The request was not selected this session. Senator McLane has indicated willingness to sponsor the project during the 2027 legislative session. Additional federal funding requests have been submitted through Senator Wyden and Senator Merkley's offices. Letters of support are pending.

SCA (Small City Allotment) Grant

Council discussed potential road improvement priorities under the ODOT Small City Allotment program. Eligible projects must be road-related. Suggested priorities included completion of the dump road and improvements near the park and golf course.

AARP Grant

An AARP grant application was submitted for fire hall improvements. The maximum award amount is \$15,000.

Upcoming Meetings and Training

Budget Law Training – February 24, 2026

First Budget Meeting – March 10, 2026 (to be published in the newspaper)

CIS Conference – Small city-focused sessions on cyber security, HR, safety, emergency management, and public works.

5. Payment of Bills

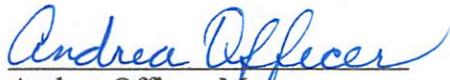
Councilor Herburger made a motion to approve payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wenick.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Andrea Officer adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:20 p.m.

Attest:


Andrea Officer, Mayor



Deborah Oatman, City Manager/Recorder