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City of Seneca - City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Date: June 9, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Seneca City Hall

Council Present:
- Mayor Andrea Officer
- Councilor Barbara Northington
- Councilor Matt Wenick
- Councilor Chuck White

Staff Present:
Deborah Oatman

Absent Council:
Melvin Herburger

Call to Order: Mayor Andrea Officer called meeting to order at 6pm.

Consent Agenda

The following items were presented under the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of May 12, 2026 Regular Council Minutes
- Financial Statement
- Order to Pay Bills
- Annual Grazing Lease Renewals

Councilor Matt Wenick requested that the Annual Grazing Lease Renewals be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion under New Business.

Motion: Councilor Barbara Northington moved to approve the Consent Agenda excluding the Annual Grazing Lease Renewals.
Second: Mayor Andrea Officer
Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Budget Adoption

Deborah informed the Council that the required LB-1 form budget summary was not published as required prior to budget adoption. Staff recommended postponing budget adoption until a properly noticed special meeting could be held.

Councilors discussed available meeting dates and agreed that budget adoption would be postponed till June 23rd for a special meeting following the publication of the required notice.

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Annual Grazing Lease Renewals
Council discussed the annual grazing lease renewals and management of leased grazing properties.

Discussion included:
- Evaluation of grazing practices on City-owned leased property.
- Concerns regarding overgrazing and long-term vegetation management.
- Possible future lease language addressing maintenance standards.
- Discussion regarding stocking rates and pasture management.
- Review of City liability considerations and property maintenance.

Council directed staff to continue researching appropriate grazing management standards and potential lease language revisions for future consideration.
No action was taken on the grazing lease renewals during this discussion.

Effluent Field Horse Grazing Agreement

Council discussed the proposed agreement allowing horses to graze the City's effluent property.

Topics discussed included:
- Fence maintenance responsibilities.
- Protection of irrigation infrastructure.
- Lessee liability for damages.
- Compatibility of the proposed use with surrounding properties.

Council reviewed the proposed agreement and discussed operational considerations.

Adjournment

There being no further business Mayor Andrea Officer adjourned the meeting at 6:27pm. adjourned.

Attest:

Andrea Officer

Deborah Oatman
City Manager/Recorder