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City of Seneca – City Council Meeting Minutes

Date: August 11, 2026
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: Seneca City Hall

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

Public Present:
Don Pierce
Jim Klum
Jason Miller (Fire Chief)
Kip Mortimore

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Andrea Officer called the meeting to order at approximately 5:59 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA
The consent agenda included the July 14, 2026, City Council meeting minutes and the financial statement for approval and payment of bills. City Manager/Recorder Deborah Oatman reported that the financial statement was unavailable due to a banking error and would be corrected and presented at the next meeting.
Councilor Barbara Northington made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the financial statement removed and brought forward at the next meeting. Councilor Matt Wenick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN FLOOR
Don Pierce thanked the City for allowing the combination of two lots at 216 B Street for construction of his new home and for assisting with a fence concern.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SALE
The Council discussed selling two surplus vehicles donated for Fire Department use. Fire Chief Jason Miller reported that the vehicles were believed to be 2001–2002 models with approximately 200,000 or more miles. The Council requested year, mileage, condition, photographs, titles, and comparable values before setting a minimum bid.
The Council agreed that proceeds from any sale should remain with the Fire Department for equipment replacement or other appropriate needs. No minimum bid or sale was approved.

ELECTION OPENINGS
The Council reviewed upcoming election openings for positions currently held by Barbara Northington, Matt Wenick, and Melvin Herburger. Filing deadlines discussed were August 18 for incumbents and August 25 for non-incumbent candidates.

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COMMUNITY EXERCISE GRANT PROGRAM

Mayor Officer reported on a Grant County 4-H Extension District exercise program. Mayor Officer and Jennifer Carter are being trained to conduct the program. Equipment and insurance will be provided at no cost to the City or participants. Sessions are proposed for approximately one hour, two days per week at City Hall, with an October start appearing most likely. The City will seek public input on preferred session times through the billing newsletter and other community outlets. Mayor Officer will obtain additional program information and promotional materials.

FREE DUMP DAY

The Council clarified that Free Dump Day is intended for paying customers disposing of oversized items that would normally incur an additional charge, such as appliances, couches, and similar items. It is not intended for accumulated household garbage. The next City newsletter will clearly explain the purpose and eligibility of the event.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilor White addressed concerns about City coverage when the City Manager is away and stated that arrangements are made to ensure City needs can be handled. Mayor Officer thanked him for the clarification.

PAYMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

The Council proceeded with payment of bills. There being no further business, Mayor Andrea Officer adjourned the meeting.

Adjournment:

Mayor Officer adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:30

Atttest: Andrea Officer
Andrea Officer, Mayor

Deborah Oatman
City Manager/Recorder