



City of Seneca – Regular Council Meeting

Date: January 13, 2026

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Seneca City Hall

Council Present:

Mayor Andrea Officer
Councilor Barbara Northington
Councilor Matt Wenick
Councilor Melvin Herburger

Public Present:

Christine Long Suzie Hood
Jim Klum
Stephanie Thompson
Wanda Wenick

Staff Present:

Deborah Oatman, City Manager/Recorder

1. Call to Order

Mayor Andrea Officer called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Councilor White was noted as absent.

2. Public Hearing – Special Library District

Mayor Officer stated the purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing regarding a proposed Special Library District and to allow public input prior to Council consideration. Stephanie Thompson, Chair of the Save Our Library Committee, presented information regarding the proposed Special Library District. Discussion followed with the majority of public support giving the citizens of Seneca the chance to vote.

3. Council Thoughts Following Public Discussion

Councilor Melvin Herburger stated that while he initially had concerns, after discussion he agreed that the matter should be placed before the public to allow voters to decide.

Councilor Barbara Northington stated that supporting the resolution was a move toward the future of the community and that allowing citizens the opportunity to vote was the right course of action.

Councilor Matt Wenick stated that although he was initially opposed, he recognized that the citizens of Seneca had made their position clear and expressed support, noting that he did not want to move forward without first hearing from the public.

Mayor Andrea Officer stated her desire to see the measure pass for the benefit of future families in Seneca, noting that when communities lose support for critical amenities such as hospitals, law enforcement, or libraries, the community begins to decline.



4. Motion – Support for Save Our Library Resolution

Motion made by Councilor Northington, seconded by Councilor Herburger.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

5. Agenda Item – Advertising Seneca

Item tabled until the February Council meeting.

6. Agenda Item – Appointment of Budget Officer

Motion made by Councilor Wenick, seconded by Councilor Herburger to appoint Deborah Oatman as Budget Officer.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

7. Agenda Item – Payment of Bills

Motion made by Councilor Northington, seconded by Mayor Officer.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passed.

8. Adjournment

Mayor Andrea Officer adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Attest:



Andrea Officer, Mayor



Deborah Oatman, City Manager/Recorder