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Council Present
Brad Smith (Mayor)
Barbara Northington
Susanne Hood
Melvin Herburger

Public Present
Mike Allen (Fire Chief)
Chuck White
Linda Pace
Sam Seebart
Rich Schwartzer

Mark Webb Sherilyn Webb

October 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 Council Meeting called to order @6pm by Mayor Smith Minutes taken by Manager/Recorder Deborah Oatman

#1 Open Floor No comments

## #2 Mark Webb

Mark asked how would the community like to see their relationship with Mark develop if he is elected to the office of Grant County Judge. Mayor Smith thanked Mark for his concern and stated that most likely we will be reaching out when needed.

## #3 Answers to September's Council Meeting Questions

- a. City Manager resigned, what happened to that?

  Deborah rescinded resignation with no opposition from council
- b. Public Works position, was it open long enough?

  It was determined after conversing with LOC and CIS attorneys that there is no set time for job opening announcement.
- c. City Park next to food cart, is it up to code, do we need another park? After investigation it was determined that it is up to code. Rich Schwartzer informed the council that the property was deeded to the city, back taxes waved with stipulations that it be designated as a park.

## #4 Iron Triangle Water Usage

Councilor Northington would like a plan for the proposed fire hydrant Iron Triangle. Mayor Smith asked the question who will pay for the pump when it goes out if they are not contributing. Rich Schwartzer studied the electric bills finding out that they should pay for the billing after the delivery charge to the city. Councilor Herburger suggested the possibility of a lease with city maintaining ownership. All were in a agreement to finish discussion next meeting.



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#5 New Sewer Rate Resolution

Mayor Smith asked for a motion to consider Resolution 2 2024/08. Councilor Herburger made the motion to adopt resolution 2 2024/08 amending sewer rates which was seconded by Councilor Northington, all in favor, motion passed.

#6 Speed Signs with Radar

After some conversation with ODOT it has been determined that if the City pays \$5000 towards two Speed Feedback Signs ODOT will install signs with Seneca owing them afterward. Mayor Smith asked for a motion, Councilor Northington made the motion to adopt agreement with ODOT, second by Councilor Herburger, all in favor, motion passed.

#7 Minutes Approval

Mayor Smith asked for a motion to approve minutes. Councilor Northington made a motion to approve September 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 minutes, second by Councilor Hood, all in favor, motion passed.

#8 Bills Before the Council

Mayor Smith asked for a motion to pay bills. Councilor Northington made a motion to pay bills for October, second by Councilor Herburger, all in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 7pm

Attest: Mayor Brad Smith



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## RESOLUTION 2 2024/08

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SEWER RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL, BUSINESS, AND SCHOOL SEWER USERS UNDER CODE 8-3-9 AND ALL AMENDMENTS THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Seneca, has determined that it is in the City of Seneca's public health, safety and welfare that each RESIDENTIAL sewer user rate be:

- > \$57.00 for active use of the City's sewer system.
- > \$15.00 for non-active connections to the City's sewer system (Availability Fee).

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Seneca, has determined that it is in the City Seneca's public health, safety and welfare that each BUSINESS sewer user rate be:

- > \$65.00 for active use of the City's sewer system.
- > \$15.00 for non-active connection to the City's sewer system.

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Seneca, has determined that it is in the City Seneca's public health, safety and welfare that each SCHOOL sewer user rate be:

\$67.00 for active use of the City's sewer system.

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Seneca has determined it necessary to set the RESIDENTAIL, BUSINESS, AND SCHOOL sewer rates as stated herein to aid in compensating the City for its expenses associated with maintaining and supplying sewer service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Seneca that the above noted findings are adopted and the RESIDENTIAL, BUSINESS, AND SCHOOL sewer rates on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 are now as follows in the chart below.

	RESIDENTIAL		BUSINESS		SCHOOL	
	Increase	New Rate	Increase	New Rate	Increase	New Rate
Jan 1st 2025	\$5.00	\$57.00	\$5.00	\$65.00	\$5.00	\$67.00

Resolution 2 2024/10 shall be effective January 1st 2025

ADOPTED by the common council this day  $8^{th}$  in the year 2024.

\_in the month of October

**Brad Smith Mayor** 

Attest: Deborah Oatman, City Manager/Recorder