



**Council Present**

Brad Smith (Mayor)  
Barbara Northington  
Susanne Hood  
Lindsay Wenick  
Matt Wenick

**Public Present**

Mike Allen(Fire Chief)    Chuck White  
Jim Officer                    Rich Schwartz  
Andrea Officer                Drew Mecham  
Zach Williams                 Mel Herburger  
King Williams

July 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 Council Meeting called to order @6pm by Mayor Smith  
Minutes taken by Manager/Recorder Deborah Oatman

**1 Open Floor**

Public comment from Diane Higbie about her concerns of unbecoming behavior from council members was read. Deborah gave her resignation.

**2. Iron Triangle Mill Fire**

Mike Allen stated that when the Fire Department got there the whole east side was engulfed in flames and encroaching on farmers property and called John Day dispatch, who is always on standby where the mill is concerned. Mayor Smith stated that Drew was on an excavator when the wind really came up and with in 10 minuets there were flames. Zach Williams stated that the hog pile is always on fire internally. They were able to get rid of material for a while but that has dried up due to too much bark content and have a new de-barker machine going in that will help separate content. They are screening the material that burned and burning the larger material in the air burner and using the material as a berm around the edge and spreading out the rest of the remaining hot material working at keeping it to less than 18 inches deep then rolling it to keep the oxygen out. They are always looking for ways to market the material and have recently tilled sawdust into soil to improve the soils structure on parts of Jack Southworth's properties, have a debarker that will put out different product, would like to put a fire hydrant at the end of the city street that ends at the Southworth's property at their expense, and are willing to do a fire line around the city.

**3. Fire Chief Mike Allen**

Shared the cost analysis of the last large Iron Triangle fire proposing the city consider billing for some of the cost, which came to just over \$6000, considering that it is a continuous problem.



#### 4. Budget Approval

Motion was made by Councilor M. Wenick to adopt the resolution for this fiscal years budget, Councilor Northington seconded the motion Mayor Brad Smith made this statement "Be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Seneca hereby adopts the budget for fiscal year 2024-25 and the sum pf \$844,406, now on file at the City Hall at 106 A Ave Seneca Oregon. All were in favor, motion passed.

#### 5. Approval of Minutes


Councilor L. Wenick made a motion to approve April 2024 mins as written, seconded by councilor M. Wenick, all were in favor, motion passed.

Councilor Northington made a motion to approve the June 11 2024 minutes, seconded Councilor L. Wenick, all were in favor, motion passed.

#### 6. Bills Before Council

Councilor Northington made a motion to pay the bill, seconded by Councilor Hood, all were in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 7:15

  
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Attest: Mayor Brad smith