

City of Pomona  
Regular City Council Minutes  
Monday, March 1, 2021  
7:00 p.m., City Hall

**Attendance:** Mayor Seneca **Council Members:** Richard Adler, Rick Smith, Joe Zamora, Timi Howard

**Others in attendance:** Maiyee Lor, Frank Downing, Jerry Turner, Sheriff Jeff Richards

**Meeting to order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Amend Agenda**

Mayor Seneca proposed an amendment to add library board appointment immediately under the resolution, and second, to declare April as Sexual Assault Awareness month. Council Member Adler accepted the motion. Seconded by Council Member Howard. The vote carried 4/0.

**Consent Agenda**

- Review Utility Accounts 30+ Days Delinquent
- Review Employee Vacation, Discretionary, and Comp Time Accruals
- Minutes of Previous Meetings
  - February 1, 2021
- Financial Reports/Action on bills
  - Current bills and prepaid bills

Council Member Smith accepted the motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Council Member Adler. The vote carried 4/0.

**Items of Business to Discuss:**

**Streets/Culverts/Sidewalks maintenance**

Mayor Seneca discussed the last snowfall and citizens expressed snow removal concerns: Buzzard's sidewalk to Ag shop.

Council discussed that in Ottawa, owners and business shovel their own. Council discussed ordinance requiring businesses and homeowners to shovel their snow. Council in discussion about an ordinance and law enforcement.

Mayor Seneca discussed concerns of city culverts, when flooded, it's just money going to ditch. Mayor Seneca feels the city needs to get those clear. When there are heavy rain, there are areas, over by Second St, it wash out. Council Member Smith asked if there are equipment to do it or need to hire it out. Mayor Seneca wanted to address city culverts and encourage home owners to take care of their own. Council discussed resurface streets and stuff washes into the culverts. Council discussed culverts issues and concerns. Mayor Seneca will report back on how many city culverts will need to be done and then decide from there what to do.

### **Sheriff Richards**

Sheriff Richards wanted to thank the Mayor for serving on the Sheriff's advisory board. This year the focus is on employee wellness and provide better service to the people. Mayor Seneca wanted to thank Sheriff for all his dedication and time.

### **Streets**

Council's discussion went back to streets: chip and seal some of the streets. Council discuss may go with Killough.

### **Items of Business to Consider Action:**

#### **Jerry Turner**

Mr. Turner thanked council for the time. Mr. Turner was approach by a patron about 4th and Tyler. The lots are vacant right now and an offer was made for the school to purchase them for the school. School board intent to make it a parking lot. Mr. Turner explained the proposal of the parking lot and the complications of parking and traffic there now. Mr. Turner explained about the barricades: the more shut down, the better off it is. Mr. Turner explained that ambulance will have to be re-directed.

The parking lot surface will be some sort of gravel until have funds to go further. Mr. Turner explained options to council about lighting and parking. Parents drop offs was discussed. The kids are parked at the new parking, along Hwy 68 and teachers park by west parking lot, over by Tyler Street and have plenty of space.

Mr. Turner explained parking options when hosting events to the council. Council discussed options with Mr. Turner and concerns of emergency vehicles through there and neighbors. Mr. Turner wants to go to the board and let them know he discussed it with the city council.

Council discuss the lot splits and timeframe. Mr. Turner shared that it is an opportunity to buy property adjacent to the school. Mr. Turner confirmed that as long as all are on the same page, he will share with the board and property owner that we be looking at 90 days. Mayor Seneca will stay in touch with Mr. Turner on timeframe. Mr. Turner does not want to drag it 180 days. Mayor Seneca will do everything she can to expedite it. Mr. Turner is willing to answer any questions.

Mayor Seneca plan on putting it on the agenda moving forward.

#### **Kevin Prouty lot splits**

Mayor Seneca will hold off until such time council knows more. Lot split may be different. If Kevin calls between now and planning commission meeting, he still will have a lot split at the planning commission meeting.

#### **Sewer Project Update**

Council shared they have seen them around town. Mayor Seneca ask for questions or concerns to relay over to them. The council is just waiting on the next step: when completed and inspected. Council stress about huge semi with bulldozer on Taylor Street and will tear streets up. There is an ordinance against them in place.

### **Pay Application #14**

Pay application #14 was not approved previously. Council discussed why it was not approved due to a lot not done. Council Member Smith motioned to table pay application #14. Seconded by Council Member Adler. The vote carried 4/0.

### **NW Fire District**

Mayor Seneca fire funds being handed back to fire district: entire \$611.54. Council discuss to pay all fund to fire district for scholarship and for anyone going into any type of emergency services, interpretation is anyone in emergency management training: fire, EMS, police, the whole broad strip. Council Member Adler motioned to forward \$611.54 to NW Fire District, and for use of scholarship for emergency personnel or management. Seconded by Council Member Howard. The vote carried 4/0.

### **Cemetery**

Mayor Seneca to discontinue surface mausoleum and many cities have discontinue those. No ordinance or resolution is needed per attorney as confirmed by clerk. Council Member Smith motioned that we not allow any additional above ground mausoleums in the segments of the cemetery. Seconded by Council Member Adler. The vote carried 4/0.

### **Resolution 2021-02: Abate a Nuisance**

Mayor Seneca attempt that it is an attempt to collect. Council Member Smith motioned to approved resolution no. 2021-02. Seconded by Council Member Adler. The vote carried 4/0.

### **April Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

Proclamation for April for Sexual Assault Awareness month. Council Member Adler accepted the motioned. Seconded by Council Member Howard. The vote carried 4/0.

### **Library Board member**

Audra Altic as library board member. Council Member Adler motioned that she [Audra Altic] be appointed to the library board. Seconded by Council Member Howard. The vote carried 4/0.

Council wanted update on library, planning and zoning, and appeals board. Mayor Seneca confirms we are still short on the boards and if have any suggestions to let Mayor Seneca know.

### **Executive Session**

Council Member Adler motioned For the Discussion of Personnel Matters for Non-Elected Personnel, Pursuant K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) for a Period of 15 Minutes with the Open Meeting to Resume in the Community Building of City Hall. Seconded by Council Member Howard. The vote carried 4/0.

The City Council entered into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m.

The City Council exited Executive Session at 7:57 p.m.

### **Meeting Adjourn**

Council Member Adler moved to adjourn. This was seconded by Council Member Howard and the vote carried 4/0. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. **ML**

  
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**Mayor Seneca**