

Council hears reports, receives funding requests

(KMZA)--The Seneca City Council heard reports and received funding requests from two organizations when they met last week.

Kylee Bergstrom, executive director of the Seneca Area Chamber and Downtown Impact, presented her organization's annual report.

Bergstrom said they did over 20 events last year—including taking over the Farmers Market. She also said they provided over \$58,000 in chamber gift certificates last year, and launched a new website.

Bergstrom requested a 5 percent annual increase in funding from the city for a five-year period, beginning next year.

Mayor Joe Mitchell voiced concerns about making a five-year funding commitment, and instead suggested a one year funding increase.

The Council voted to provide \$44,100 to the organization for 2026, which is a \$2,100 increase.

The Council also heard the annual report from Northeast Kansas Enterprise Facilitation.

Facilitator Theresa McAnerney presented the update to the council.

The program offers free and confidential business coaching in a five-county area—including Nemaha.

Since beginning in 2003, McAnerney said they have a total of 1,857 clients, with 334 of those from Nemaha County.

She requested funding in the amount of \$5,000 per year for 2025-2027, which the Council approved. That's the same amount the organization received the past three years.