

# **CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

August 18, 2015 – Mayor Hasty called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Answering roll call was: Councilman Robert Greenway, Ted Hansen, Carol Lee and Kelly Summy.

Staff present included City Clerk Marcia Thomas, Public Works Director Dan Van Langen, Police Chief Chris Brooks and City Attorney DuWayne Dalen.

Motion by Summy/Greenway to approve the agenda; Greenway,Hansen,Lee,Summy all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Greenway/Hansen to approve the consent agenda; Greenway,Hansen,Lee,Summy all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Summy/Lee to approve Resolution 2016-01; A Resolution approving and adopting the City Street Finance Report; Greenway,Hansen,Lee,Summy all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Item # 2 was tabled; Public Works Director Van Langen is still in discussion with City Engineers.

Councilwoman Huen arrived @7:40pm.

Discussion took place regarding the city start proceedings to take ownership of the property located at 609 Walnut Street. In August of 2013 the city paid \$2,000.00 to Wisecup Trucking to demolish and remove a trailer, garage, footings and foundation from the property. Council instructed Clerk Thomas to put a lien on the property and the public works department will continue to mow the property as needed. No further action taken.

A resident of De Soto asked the council if they could use a car as a lawn decoration and plant flowers around it. The Council denied the request.

Police Chief Brooks discussed with the Mayor and Council purchasing a SUV for the police department and selling the 2005 Ford Crown Victoria. Council instructed Chief Brooks to get quotes on both new and used vehicles.

Much discussion took place regarding the Water Service Contract for Glenwood Knolls customers outside of the corporate city limits of De Soto. City Attorney Dalen has been communicating with the attorney for the Glenwood Knolls Association. The main point of contention is the Association requiring the City provide the Association with daily meter readings from the meter at the private main on a weekly basis and unless the meter readings are received on a weekly basis, the Association shall not be responsible for any spillage or water waste as a result of line breaks within the Association during the time period that it did not receive timely daily meter reads. Public Works Director Van Langen said he does take daily meter reads and notifies Glenwood Knolls by email if there is a significant jump in usage. Council instructed City Attorney Dalen to remove the paragraph in question from the contract.

Discussion took place with the out of town customers regarding chapter 92.03 rates for water service. Water service shall be provided to any customer located outside of the corporate limits of the City which the City has agreed to serve at rates set at 150% of the rates provided for customers living within the city corporate limits. The out of town customers wanted the council to justify their water rate increase. Councilman Hansen said the in town customers pay for water infrastructure projects through their property taxes and water fees. The

out of town customers do not pay city property taxes and therefore the council felt the 150% water rate for out of town customers was fair.

Having no other business Mayor Hasty asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Summy/Huen to adjourn @9:12pm; Greenway,Hansen,Huen,Lee,Summy all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor: Nick Hasty

Attest: City Clerk, Marcia Thomas

These minutes are subject to approval by the City Council at its next regular meeting.