

CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2015 – Mayor Hasty called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Answering roll call was: Councilman Robert Greenway, Ted Hansen, Carol Lee, Kelly Summy; absent Gina Huen.

Staff present included City Clerk Marcia Thomas, Police Chief Chris Brooks and Library Director Brianna Glenn.

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

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

Mayor Hasty opened the public hearing of the City of De Soto to consider the submission of an application for a Community Development Block Grant @ 7:16pm. The grant application will request funding assistance for improvements to the City's waste water treatment facility. City Clerk Thomas said the need for the proposed project is the result of a new NPDES permit being issued by the DNR for the City's wastewater treatment facility. The permit has revised effluent limitations that the City's existing treatment system is unable to comply with. As a result, wastewater treatment facility improvements must be constructed. The project will be funded with a combination of CDBG funds and SRF loan funds. Total project costs are \$2,986,000. The grant application will be submitted to the Iowa Economic Development Authority no later than January 8, 2016. The City is requesting \$500,000 in CDBG funds for the proposed project. The project will result in City-wide benefit and based on the recent survey, 62% of the residents living in the community are of low-and-moderate income. The proposed project activities will take place at the site of the existing wastewater treatment plant. The proposed project will not result in the displacement or relocation of any persons or businesses. Since this project will not result in the displacement or relocation of any persons or businesses, there are no plans being made to assist displaced persons. The nature of the proposed project includes improvements at the wastewater treatment facility that include the construction of Back End MBBR treatment system with UV disinfection. The Mayor then asked Clerk Thomas whether any written objections had been filed by any City resident or property owner to the proposal. The City Clerk advised the Mayor and the City Council that zero written objections had been filed. The Mayor then called for oral objections to the proposal and zero were made. Mayor Hasty then closed the public hearing @7:20p.m.

Mayor Hasty gave the oath of office to newly elected council members, Kelly Summy, Karen Wilson, Robert Greenway, Mathew Sanders and Clayton Wright.

Motion by Summy/Greenway to approve Zach Clear as the De Soto Fire Chief and Brandon Hutcheson as the assistant Fire Chief, effective January 1, 2016. Greenway,Hansen,Lee,Summy; all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Item no. 3 was tabled.

Motion by Summy/Greenway to approve the appointment of Reserve Police Officer Steven Lor with a pay rate of \$1.00 per year. Greenway,Hansen,Lee,Summy; all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Lee/Greenway to approve the appointment of Reserve Police Officer Mathew Miller with a pay rate of \$1.00 per year. Greenway,Hansen,Lee,Summy; all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Lee/Summy to approve the appointment of Reserve Police Officer Patrick Scignoli with a pay rate of \$1.00 per year. Greenway,Hansen,Lee,Summy; all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Summy/Greenway to approve hiring certified part-time police officer Justin Edwards with a pay rate of \$16.00 per hour. Greenway,Hansen,Lee,Summy; all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Item #8 was tabled.

Item #9 was tabled.

Motion by Summy/Hansen to approve the appointment of De Soto City Clerk, Marcia Thomas, to serve a three year term, starting January 1, 2016 on the Dallas County Local Housing Trust Fund board.

Greenway,Hansen,Lee,Summy; all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Lee/Greenway to set January 19, 2016 @7:00pm for a public hearing to review an application for a State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan and to make available to the public the contents of an environmental informational document and the City's facility plan. Greenway,Hansen,Lee,Summy; all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Huen arrived @ 8:40pm.

Mike Macri, with Ferguson Commercial Real Estate Services and Tim Schutte with Exit Realty gave a brief overview of economic development for De Soto and city properties for sale.

Having no other business Mayor Hasty asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Huen/Summy to adjourn @8:40pm; 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.