

De Soto Pride Newsletter



December 2010



CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2010

Mayor Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Answering roll call was: Mike Bach, Matt Boston, Ted Hansen, and Brandon Hutcheson.

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

Motion by Boston/Hutcheson to approve agenda: Bach, Boston, Hansen, Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Boston/Hutcheson to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Hansen asked that the Meeting Minutes for October 19th, the Claims and Timecards be moved to item 15 on the agenda. Bach, Boston, Hansen, Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Councilman Cox arrived at 7:06p.m.

Nick Halfhill with Kum & Go asked the Council to approve temporary parking on one side of Adair Street for their employees. Discussion took place. Motion by Bach/Cox to approve the temporary parking for the Kum & Go employees on one side of Adair Street with Kum & Go being responsible for their own snow removal. Council asked Mr. Halfhill to come to the March 2011 City Council Meeting and give an update on the permanent solution to the parking issue. Mr. Halfhill agreed to do this. Bach, Boston, Cox, Hansen, Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Chapman opened the Public Hearing for the CDBG Housing Grant @ 7:33p.m. Clerk Thomas said she had not received any written correspondence or any telephone calls concerning the Housing Grant. Clerk Thomas read the Public Hearing announcements. The City of De Soto is proposing to submit a Housing Assistance Fund Application to the Iowa Department of Economic Development . The grant funds will be used to aid the city in rehabilitating approximately 8 single-family, owner-occupied properties located in a target neighborhood; the neighborhood is located in an area that is bordered by Maple Street on the north, Dallas Street on the west and the city limits on the south and east. The area also includes both sides of Maple and Dallas Streets. The application will be submitted to the Iowa Department of Economic Development on or before December 8, 2010. The city is requesting \$275,700 in Housing Grant Funds for the proposed rehabilitation of 8 homes. The city in conjunction with the Economic Development Corporation has agreed to provide \$34,000 in local matching funds over the life of the program. The total project cost is estimated at \$309,700. Because this program is intended to rehabilitate homes belonging to low and moderate income persons, 100% of the funds will benefit low and moderate income persons. It will not be necessary to displace or permanently relocate any homeowners as a result of the proposed program.

Temporary relocation out of the home may be necessary in some cases during lead-base paint mitigation activities. There were no questions from the public in attendance. Mayor Chapman closed the Public Hearing @ 7:37p.m.

Motion by Hansen/Hutcheson to approve Resolution 2010-19; A Resolution of the City of De Soto, Iowa, authorizing the expenditure of local funds to be applied to an Iowa Economic Development Housing Fund Application. Bach,Boston,Cox,Hansen,Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

The Council reviewed and approved the City's Community Development and Housing needs assessment for the CDBG Housing Grant application.

Motion by Boston/Hansen to approve Resolution 2010-20, a Resolution authorizing De Soto's commitment to work with Dallas County on a FEMA certified hazard mitigation plan. Bach,Boston,Cox,Hansen,Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Chapman appointed Councilman Boston as the Mayor Pro-Tem and the employee liaison.

Motion by Boston/Bach to approve the contribution of \$756.75 to the Dallas County Local Housing Trust Fund. Bach,Boston,Cox,Hansen,Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Bach/Boston to approve the Tif rebate payment of \$20,059.62 to De Soto Corner Properties due June 1, 2011. Bach,Boston,Cox,Hansen,Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hutcheson/Cox to have all full-time employees pay the same amount for the city dental insurance. Discussion took place. Councilmen Bach and Hansen feel that the stipend amount of \$150.00 per month to City Clerk Thomas, Public Works Director Van Langen and Deputy Clerk Granzow is for not taking the city's health and dental insurance. Councilmen Boston, Cox and Hutcheson feel that the stipend amount is for health insurance only and the dental insurance is a separate benefit. Boston,Cox,Hutcheson in favor; Bach, Hansen opposed; Motion carried 3-2.

Motion by Bach/Hutcheson to approve the City of De Soto hazard mitigation plan. The City of De Soto has two places for residents to take shelter in case of a tornado warning; the De Soto Intermediate school located at 305 Spruce Street and the United Methodist Church located at 421 Dallas Street. The primary responsibility for opening these two buildings will be our fire department and secondary will be our police department. Bach,Boston,Cox,Hansen,Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion took place regarding the meeting minutes for October 19, 2010. Councilman Hansen said the League of Cities stated council minutes must show the date, time and place, members present and actions taken at each council meeting. Their recommendation was that only factual information be in the minutes and not opinions. Councilman Hansen asked that a sentence in the October 19, 2010 be amended to read "Mayor Chapman said it seems this council is not taking the professional advice of its City Attorney". The sentence before read "Mayor Chapman said it seems this council is not taking the professional advice of its City Attorney, City Building inspector and City Financial advisor". The sentence was in the paragraph regarding dental insurance and Councilman Hansen felt that the reader could interpret that those entire professional's advice was in regards to the dental insurance and it was not. In making the statement, Mayor Chapman was talking about past council meetings as well. Clerk Thomas will make the change and publish the amended minutes. Councilman Hansen asked why Mayor Chapman received his \$50.00 per meeting compensation pay in November. Mayor Chapman said he had asked Clerk Thomas to prepare his check a little early this year so his family could get started on their Christmas shopping. Motion by Boston/Hansen to approve the meeting minutes for October 19, 2010, Claims and Timecards from 10/19/10 through 11/16/10.

Bach,Boston,Cox,Hansen,Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to adjourn until the next regular council meeting @7:00pm, December 21, 2010 @ City Hall.

Mayor: Josh Chapman

Attest: City Clerk, Marcia Thomas

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

Advertising, Publishing, Recording

Dallas County News	\$	429.33
Medical		
Wellmark Health Plan of Iowa	\$	1,939.09
Contracts		
R.W. IT Solutions	\$	1,876.25
Pam Granzow	\$	13.00
Marcia Thomas	\$	35.50
Chad Koch	\$	91.14
Banyon Data Systems	\$	129.00
Iowa Rural Water Association	\$	250.00
McCoy Sanitation	\$	4,101.06
Laura Allen	\$	1,300.00
Dykstra Concrete	\$	100.00
G.C.M.O.A.	\$	26.76
Utilities		
MidAmerican	\$	3,140.21
Iowa Telecom	\$	426.84
Verizon Wireless	\$	216.57
Service/Repairs		
Iowa One Call	\$	18.00
LGI	\$	439.75
O'Halloran	\$	2,104.61
Spring Valley Wireless	\$	3,995.00
Supplies/Parts		
Petty Cash	\$	56.15
Linweld	\$	8.39
Baldon & Son Hardware	\$	96.20
Acco Unlimited	\$	136.10
Arnold Motor Supply	\$	9.80
Barco Municipal Products	\$	201.86
Progressive Medical	\$	127.10
Continental Research	\$	55.31
Heiman Fire Equipment	\$	578.70
Iowa Prison Industries	\$	81.00
Hd Supply Waterworks	\$	242.27
G & L Clothing	\$	62.64
Olympia Book Corp	\$	69.59



***CITY HALL WILL
BE CLOSED ON
THE FOLLOWING DATES:***

Friday, December 24, 2010

Monday, December 27, 2010

Friday, December 31, 2010



Baker & Taylor	\$	376.73
Scroll Saw	\$	19.95
Taste of Home	\$	24.98
Casey's General Store	\$	396.48
Kum & Go	\$	234.62
Crystal Clear Water	\$	32.35
Infomax	\$	460.97
Menards	\$	132.11
Postmaster	\$	114.24
Earlham Savings Bank/Visa	\$	347.25
Electrical Engineering & Equip Co.	\$	486.12
Engineering Fees		
Snyder & Associates	\$	1,581.00
Payroll & Benefits	\$	21,212.95
Total	\$	47,776.97

October 2010 Financials

Revenue:

Disbursements:

General Fund	\$	53,261.80	\$	17,157.37
Park & Recreation				
Road Use Tax	\$	7,152.17	\$	21,348.87
Employee Benefit	\$	9,985.26	\$	3,420.96
Emergency	\$	1,326.32		
Tax Increment Financing	\$	86,999.92	\$	1,725.00
Friends of the Library	\$	19.00		
Library Trust	\$	2,022.63	\$	3,869.26
Debt Service	\$	16,459.94		
CDBG				
Special Assessment	\$	2,212.00		
Water Fund	\$	21,862.54	\$	12,765.42
Sewer Fund	\$	12,566.31	\$	11,764.55
Total	\$	213,867.89	\$	72,051.43

TEXT-A-TIP

Text information about unlawful activities such as: sale of alcohol to minors, underage use of alcohol, tobacco or drugs anywhere in Dallas County.

Please provide the location and times of such activities when possible.

515.559.7790



Information provided to TEXT-A-TIP is anonymous.

Paid for by Dallas County JAAG
(Juvenile Anti-Alcohol Group)

911 HELP !!!

Dear Residents,

In an effort to cooperate with local **Law Enforcement** and **Fire & Rescue Teams**, the City of De Soto is asking ALL residents to clearly mark your properties with your house numbers.

We ask that the house numbers be placed in a clearly visible location that may be seen easily from the street on the front of your home. Per ordinance 150.02 (*Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3d]*) the house numbers need to be at least two and one-half (2 1/2) inches in height and of a contrasting color with their background.

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to serving this community to the best of our abilities.

The City of De Soto



Dallas County Local Housing Trust Fund
 has a mission “to provide and expand safe and
 affordable housing to low income residents of
 Dallas County.” DCLHTF Owner-Occupied
 Rehabilitation Program assists homeowners
 within Dallas County with housing repairs
 and correcting code violations.



In order to qualify applicants for DCLHTF
 Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program, the
 applicant(s) **and property** must meet certain
 eligibility requirements.



Please contact City Hall @ 834-2233 for more information

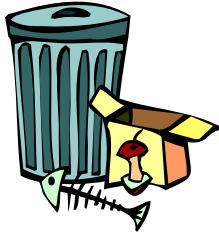


REMINDER : Utility Bills



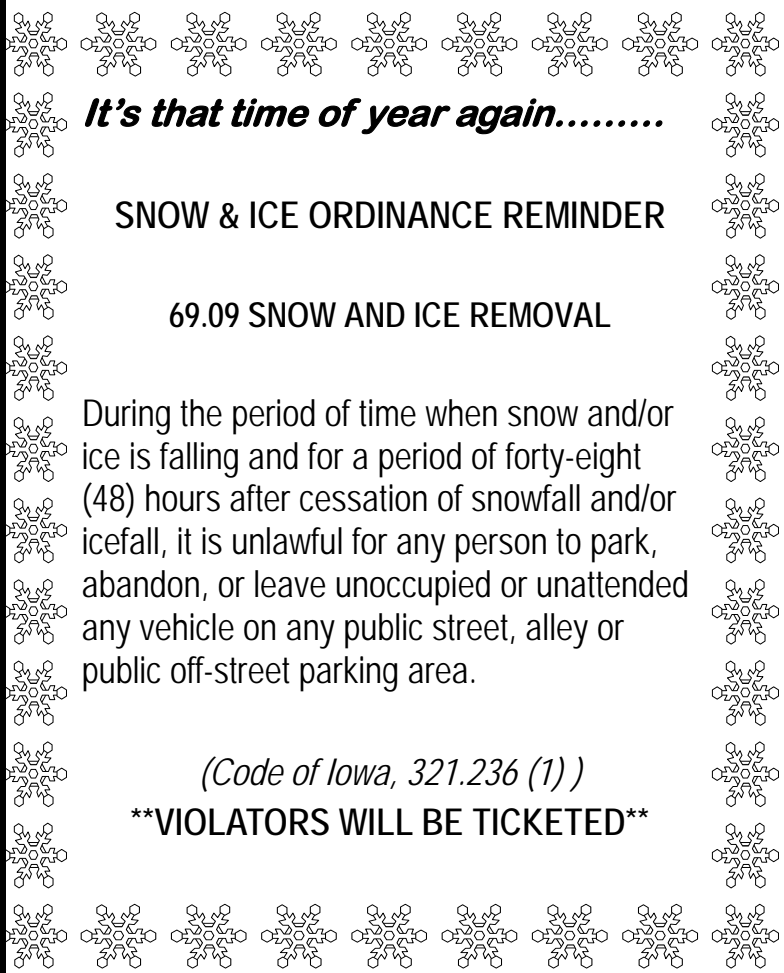
- **December 2010** payments must be received by **5:00 pm Wednesday, December 15, 2010.**
 - Payments received after 5:00 pm on **December 15, 2010** will have penalties applied, and a delinquent/disconnect notice sent.
 - **Payments not received by 8:00am December 23, 2010 will be subject to shutoff and a \$75 reconnect fee due before water will be turned back on.**
- We also offer payment by Visa or MasterCard and ACH payments.
- ACH automatically transfers the monthly amount due from your checking or savings account on the 15th of each month (or next business day after if the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday).
- If you use electronic bill pay please allow sufficient time for processing and mailing of these payments (5-7 days).

If your yard is fenced in, please leave the gate unlocked in order for the maintenance personnel to get to your meters. The meters are read every month around the 15th depending on the weather. If you have dogs out in a fenced yard, they would appreciate it if you would pick up after your pets at least near the meters. If they are unable to get to your meters, your bills will be estimated.



For trash and non-hazardous items,
 The City of De Soto uses
 South Central Iowa Landfill
 2496 State Highway 92
 Winterset, IA
 515-462-3083

You may call them or McCoy Sanitation
 @ 1-800-961-4011 for questions regarding
 debris or garbage



It's that time of year again.....

SNOW & ICE ORDINANCE REMINDER

69.09 SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

During the period of time when snow and/or ice is falling and for a period of forty-eight (48) hours after cessation of snowfall and/or icefall, it is unlawful for any person to park, abandon, or leave unoccupied or unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley or public off-street parking area.

(Code of Iowa, 321.236 (1))

****VIOLATORS WILL BE TICKETED****

PET LICENSES

2011 Pet licenses will be available beginning December 1st at City Hall. The cost is \$5.00 for spayed/neutered pets and \$15.00 for unaltered pets. You must provide a current rabies vaccination certificate in order to purchase a license.

License fees become delinquent after January 31, 2011. The penalty is \$5.00 plus \$2.00 for each additional month the license is not obtained.

To purchase by mail, please send a copy of the current rabies vaccination certificate for each pet to be licensed, a self-addressed stamped envelope, and a check for the total annual fee payable to the "City of De Soto" at P.O. Box 100, De Soto, Iowa 50069



De Soto City Hall
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De Soto, IA 50069

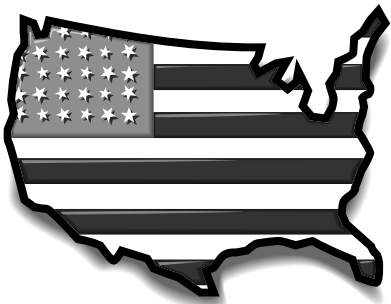


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