DeSoto Pride Newsletter

CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 18., 2014 – Mayor Nick Hasty called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Answering roll call was: Robert Greenway, Ten Hansen, Gina Huen, Carol Lee and Kelly Summy.

Staff present included City Clerk Marcia Thomas, Public Works Director Dan Van Langen, Police Chief Kelly Owen, Fire Chief Brandon Hutcheson and City Attorney DeWayne Dalen.

Motion by Summy/Lee to approve the agenda; Greenway, Hansen, Huen, Lee, Summy all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Summy/Huen to approve the consent agenda; Greenway, Hansen, Huen, Summy all in favor; Lee opposed approving the claim to McKinney Excavating as it is action item #6; Motion carried 4-1.

Motion by Summy/Lee to approve Steven Jones as a De Soto Public Library Trustee; Greenway, Hansen, Huen, Lee, Summy all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Greenway/Huen to approve Ordinance #307; An Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of De Soto, Iowa, 2009, by amending Chapter 155 to update construction codes. Greenway, Hansen, Huen, Lee, Summy all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Huen/Greenway to waive the 2nd & 3rd readings of Ordinance #307; An Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of De Soto, Iowa, 2009, by amending Chapter 155 to update construction codes. Greenway, Hansen, Huen, Lee, Summy all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Summy/Greenway to adopt Ordinance # 307; An Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of De Soto, Iowa, 2009, by amending Chapter 155 to update construction codes. Greenway, Hansen, Huen, Lee, Summy all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Greenway/Lee to approve Resolution 2015-11; A Resolution approving Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Indebtedness Certification to the Dallas County Auditor. Greenway, Hansen, Huen, Lee, Summy all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Summy/Greenway to approve McKinney Excavating invoice of \$44,590.00 for the city share of the Cedar Street Bridge project. Greenway, Hansen, Huen, Lee, Summy all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion took place on terms of a tax abatement for the Oak Hill Development in De Soto. Motion by Summy/Huen to do a 10 year, 100% tax abatement for residential single family owner occupied homes; a cap of \$400,000.00 on the structure would be abated; the lot would not be abated; a \$300.00 cost per home will be added to the building permit to reimburse the city for attorney fees. The tax abatement ends and the developer is to build 50 homes by December 31, 2020. Hansen, Huen, Summy in favor; Greenway, Lee opposed. Motion carries 3-2.

Having no other business Mayor Hasty asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Hansen/Huen to adjourn @8:45pm; 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.

Season Greetings

City Offices & De Soto Public Library
Will be closed for the Holidays
December 24th & 25th and January 1st



Just a friendly reminder from our Waste Management drivers - Please keep at least 3 feet between your garbage & recycling totes!!!

PET LICENSES

2015 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, 2015. The penalty is \$5.00 plus \$2.00 for each additional month the license is not obtained.

The City can no longer mail the license and tag through the post office. The tag catches on their machines.



Attention Citizens - PLEASE READ

The City will soon be plowing the snow and ice from your city streets. This is a reminder that as hard as we try not to hit mail boxes and garbage cans accidents do happen. It is the responsibility of the home owner to ensure the proper placement of your mail box. This means it is also the responsibility of the home owner to replace or repair it if it is damaged by our plows. Now is a good time to check to make sure that your mail box does not hang into the streets right of way and that it is secure, often times the snow coming off the plow is heavy and can do damage to mail boxes that are not properly mounted to a post.

Also, please remember to shovel an area specific for your waste tote. Just because the plow has gone by your house one time doesn't mean we're done. If you place your tote on the edge of the street it will be hit by our plows.

Lastly - **Please Please** have a talk with your young children about the dangers of playing in snow piles. Keep them out of forts built at the end of driveways or dead end streets. Too many close calls in the past!

....let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!



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

DALLAS COUNTY LOCAL HOUSING TRUST FUND

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 and property must meet certain eligibility requirements.

Please contact City Hall

@ 834-2233 for more information



\$\$ REMINDER - UTILITY BILLS \$\$

December 2014 payments must be received by 4:00 pm Monday, December 15, 2014.

Payments received after 4:00 pm on **December 15, 2014** will have penalties applied, and a delinquent/disconnect notice sent.

<u>Payments not received by 8:00am December 22, 2014 will be subject to shut off and a</u> \$75 reconnect fee due before water will be turned back on.

- * We also offer payment by Visa or MasterCard and ACH payments. A night drop box is available outside City Hall as well.
- * 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).









Please join us for a Potluck, Fellowship & Cards/Games

On December 12, 2014 From 6:30 p.m. - ???



Everyone Welcome!!

Please Join Us Sunday Mornings!

Sunday School......9:00 a.m.
Worship Service......10:00 a.m.

Coffee/Fellowship to follow service.

The City of DeSoto will be celebrating a Birthday!! 150 Years old...in 2018

We are looking for volunteers to help form a planning committee.

Please contact Chair Carrie Cox if you are willing to help us

throw a party!!

Carrie Cox email: carriecox75@hotmail.com Phone Number: 515.635.5755



Recycling CONFUSION??

Your new recycle bin (Green w/ Yellow Lid) will be picked up

on the following days:

* Places began

Mark Your

Calendar!!

December 3, 17 & 31

* Please have garbage out by

6:00 AM to avoid being missed!



ALSO, Your garbage tote is BROWN and your recycling tote is GREEN w/YELLOW LID

AND...DO NOT put motor oil in garbage totes!!



Waste Management 2014 Holiday Schedule:

Thank you for choosing Waste Management as your environmental services provider.

To assist in your planning for the upcoming year, Waste Management will observe the following six holidays:

New Years Day,
Memorial Day,
Independence Day,
Labor Day,
Thanksgiving Day,
Christmas Day.

If a holiday is during the week, Monday through Friday, prior to your service day, collection will be delayed by one day. If the holiday is on Saturday or Sunday, your collection will not change. The holiday schedule is effective for all services including trash, yard waste, and recycling and only applies the week of the holiday. Service the week before and after the holiday will not be impacted.





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WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION CALENDAR

EW = Even collection weeks for customers with every other week service.

OW = Odd collection weeks for customers with every other week service.

Holiday Schedule - Highlighted in yellow. Service will be delayed by one day if your day is on or after a holiday.

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FREE STORAGE!!



American Mini Storage

Adel De Soto I-80 Exit 110— Only 10 minutes west of West Des Moines

Bring this ad in and receive one month FREE with a one year lease CALL for details—515-991-1502