

De Soto Pride Newsletter

January 2011



CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 21, 2010

Mayor Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Answering roll call was: Mike Bach, Matt Boston, Steve Cox, 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, Cox, Hansen, Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Boston/Hansen to approve the consent agenda. Bach, Boston, Cox, Hansen, Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hutcheson/Hansen to approve IamResponding free 60 day trial offer subscription with a \$50.00 set up fee cost for the fire department. Cox, Hansen, Hutcheson in favor; Bach, Boston opposed; Motion carried 3-2. The yearly subscription fee is \$300.00 and the Council will review the data at the end of the trial period and decide if the software is beneficial for the fire department.

Motion by Hutcheson/Boston to approve Mike Wetrich, Tim Murray and Jane Johnson to attend a EMS conference in January with a cost of \$145.00 per person. Bach, Boston, Cox, Hansen, Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion took place regarding fire truck #422. Fire Chief Wetrich said truck #422 is not worth fixing. The needed repairs are too great. Mayor Chapman asked Wetrich to compile a list of all needed repairs to the existing vehicles and report back to the Council at the regular January Council meeting. Councilman Boston said the City has neglected the fire department needs over the last several years and it is going to take tax revenue to get the department back to where it needs to be. Councilman Boston stated a possible solution is to consider a 28E Agreement with the Adel or Van Meter fire department. Councilman Hutcheson and Councilman Hansen were opposed to a 28E Agreement. Councilman Hutcheson said he didn't think the savings would be significant and was concerned about the response time. Councilman Hansen stated he did not want to see the City lose their fire department. Councilman Bach asked Fire Chief Wetrich to prepare a listing of needed repairs for the fire trucks and the City will research the cost of a 28E agreement with Van Meter or Adel. More discussion will take place during the budget workshops.

Motion by Boston/Hutcheson to approve wastewater samplers for IDNR required testing. Bach, Boston, Cox, Hansen, Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Boston/Bach to approve the Fulcrum Benefits quote with United Healthcare for the City's health insurance. Bach, Boston, Cox, Hansen, Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Boston/Cox to approve the Fulcrum Benefits quote with Delta Dental for the City's dental insurance. Bach, Boston, Hansen, Cox, Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Boston/Hutcheson to approve the final application of \$11,855.57 for partial payment no.3 to Sternquist Construction for the Casey's Frontage Road. Bach, Boston, Cox, Hansen, Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Bach/Boston to approve acceptance of the new water tower project. Bach, Boston, Cox, Hansen, Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hutcheson/Hansen to approve City Clerk Thomas's appointment to the Dallas County Local Housing Trust Fund board; 3 year term 2011-2014. Bach, Boston, Cox, Hansen, Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hutcheson/Hansen to approve the sale of old Christmas decorations to fund the purchase of new Christmas decorations. Bach, Boston, Cox, Hansen, Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cox/Boston to amend Chapter 15, Mayor compensation, to include the annual salary of \$1000.00. Boston, Cox, Hansen, Hutcheson in favor; Bach opposed. Motion carried 4-1.

Discussion took place regarding the Employee Personnel handbook. City Clerk Thomas will get each Council member a copy of the current handbook. More discussion will take place at the first budget workshop in January, 2011.

Motion to adjourn until the next regular council meeting @7:00pm, January 18, 2011 @ 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.

21-Dec-10		Supplies/Parts	
Advertising, Publishing, Recording		Acco Unlimited	\$ 192.40
Dallas County News	\$ 155.94	Business Forms & Accounting	\$ 394.04
Medical		Center Point Large Print	\$ 39.54
Wellmark Health Plan of Iowa	\$ 1,245.32	Family Circle	\$ 12.70
Contracts		Central Library Services	\$ 100.00
Brianna Glenn	\$ 28.43	Demco	\$ 237.79
Dallas County Recorder	\$ 9.00	Capital Sanitary Supply	\$ 258.16
IAMU	\$ 404.09	Baldon & Son Hardware	\$ 63.85
Banyon Data Systems	\$ 2,310.00	Inventory Trading Co	\$ 183.00
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	\$ 40.00	Freedom First	\$ 104.55
McCoy Sanitation	\$ 4,033.02	Iowa DOT	\$ 242.89
Nelson Insurance	\$ 108.00	Logan Contractor Supply	\$ 122.50
IMFOA	\$ 75.00	Arnold Motor Supply	\$ 69.50
Dykstra Concrete	\$ 100.00	Brown Supply Co	\$ 277.44
Utilities		Carpenter Uniform	\$ 25.99
MidAmerican	\$ 2,838.40	Central Service & Supply	\$ 251.86
Iowa Telecom	\$ 420.43	Dale Edwards Trucking	\$ 247.81
Mediacom	\$ 47.95	Evans Sign & Display	\$ 553.10
Verizon Wireless	\$ 212.32	Quality Control Equipment	\$ 7,538.00
Service/Repairs		Sprayer Specialties	\$ 86.52
Iowa One Call	\$ 63.90	Gall's Inc.	\$ 142.95
LGI	\$ 399.85	Iowa State University	\$ 138.15
Eagle Engraving	\$ 89.08	G & L Clothing	\$ 194.32
Iowa Codification	\$ 117.00	Baker & Taylor	\$ 533.27
		Central Iowa Library	\$ 125.00
		Hi-Way Auto & Tire	\$ 532.90
		Casey's General Store	\$ 208.24

Supplies/Parts

Kum & Go	\$	277.63
Crystal Clear Water	\$	57.00
Infomax	\$	479.38
Menards	\$	264.93
Staples	\$	276.22
USA BlueBook	\$	542.00
Earlham Savings Bank/Visa	\$	1,039.05
Legal		
Ahlers & Cooney	\$	238.50
Finneseth, Dalen & Powell	\$	968.00
Engineering Fees		
Snyder & Associates	\$	473.00
Payroll & Benefits	\$	36,298.34
Total	\$	66,488.25

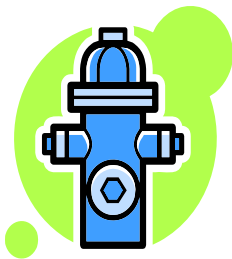
November 2010 Financials**Revenue:**

General Fund	\$	29,027.34	\$	19,141.51
Park & Recreation				
Road Use Tax	\$	8,436.92	\$	4,340.35
Employee Benefit	\$	2,821.52	\$	2,092.43
Emergency	\$	374.79		
Tax Increment Financing	\$	30,750.10	\$	1,427.00
Friends of the Library	\$	41.00	\$	153.43
Library Trust	\$	84.77	\$	69.54
Debt Service	\$	4,817.64	\$	15,320.00
Housing Grant			\$	1,300.00
CDBG				
Special Assessment	\$	3,182.00		
Water Fund	\$	21,425.30	\$	7,377.42
Sewer Fund	\$	13,499.35	\$	14,999.54
Total	\$	114,460.73	\$	66,221.22

Disbursements:

January is National Radon Action Month

Radon is a colorless, tasteless, and odorless gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer. Test results for homes in Dallas County showed an average radon level per home of greater than that of smoking $\frac{1}{2}$ a pack of cigarettes per day. Is your family safe? Please contact Dallas County Environmental Health (993-5803) for a free radon test kit and information on how to protect your home.



If you have a fire hydrant in front of your house, PLEASE make sure that snow is cleared from around it in case of emergency

Christmas Tree Pick Up

McCoy Sanitation will pick up your natural Christmas tree with the regular trash pick up on Wednesday, January 5, 2011

If the tree is over 6 ft tall, they ask that you cut it up in a few sections



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

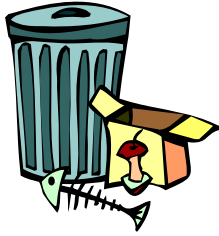


REMINDER : Utility Bills



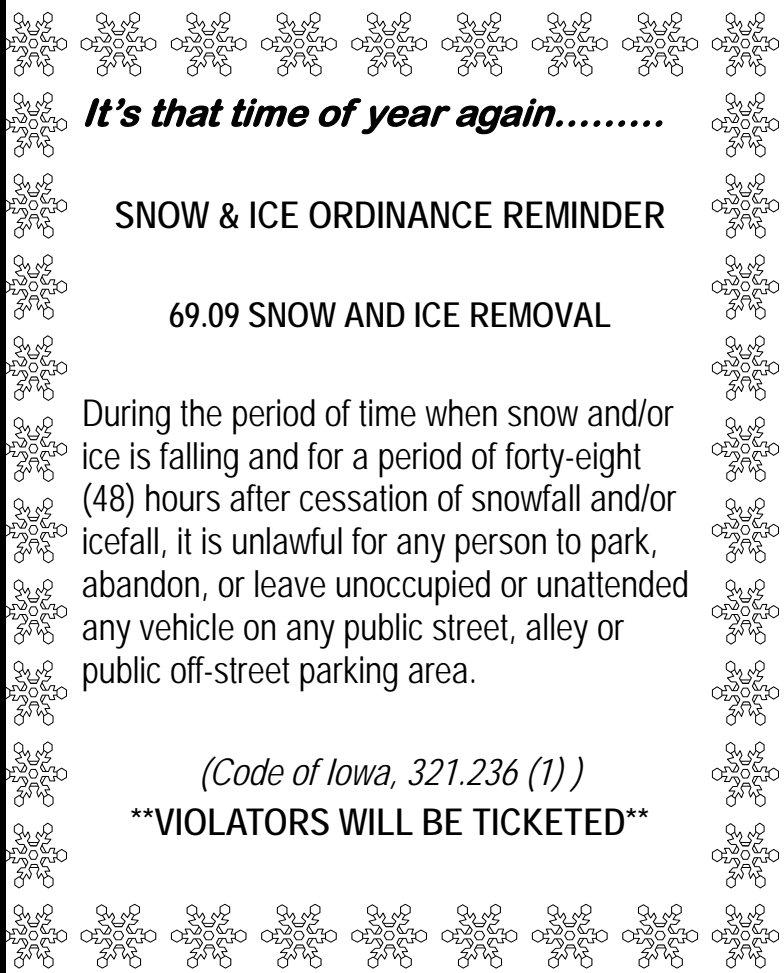
- **January 2011** payments must be received by **5:00 pm Monday, January 17, 2011**.
 - Payments received after 5:00 pm on **January 17, 2011** will have penalties applied, and a delinquent/disconnect notice sent.
 - **Payments not received by 8:00am January 25, 2011 will be subject to shutoff and a \$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

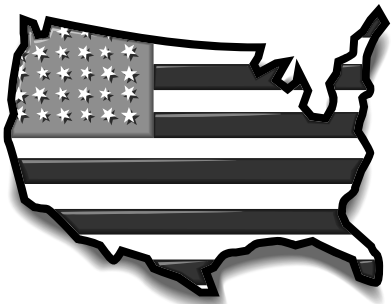


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JANUARY



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