

CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 20, 2016 – Mayor Hasty called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Answering roll call was: Mathew Sanders, Kelly Summy, Karen Wilson, and Clayton Wright.

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

Motion by Summy/Wright to approve the agenda; Sanders,Summy,Wilson,Wright all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Wilson/Sanders to approve the consent agenda; Sanders,Summy,Wilson,Wright all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Wilson/Summy to appoint De Soto resident Pam Bach to fill the city council seat vacancy, term ending December 31, 2017; Summy, Wilson in favor; Sanders, Wright opposed; Motion failed.

Motion by Sanders/Wright to appoint De Soto resident Emily Cramp to fill the city council seat vacancy, term ending December 31, 2017; Sanders, Summy, Wright in favor; Wilson opposed; Motion carried 3-1.

Motion by Summy/Wilson to approve Resolution 2017-16; A Resolution waiving the right to review plat of survey for James & Judith Yoder, property located at 23338 330th Street, Adel, Iowa, an official plat in Dallas County, Iowa, pursuant to Iowa Code 354.9. Sanders,Summy,Wilson,Wright all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Summy/Wright to approve the site plan for I-80 Trailers, owner Jerry Poore, proposed location Lots 14 & 15, Ellefson Drive, De Soto, Iowa; Sanders,Summy,Wilson,Wright all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sanders/Wilson to approve Dustin Runge as the new Chief of Police for De Soto, Iowa; Sanders,Summy,Wilson in favor; Wright abstained; Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Summy/Wilson to approve the annual salary of \$47,000 for Police Chief Runge; after 6 months a job review with a possible salary increase; Sanders,Summy,Wilson in favor; Wright abstained; Motion carried 3-0.

Renae Johanningmeier with Group Benefits, LTD discussed with Mayor Hasty and city council the benefits of a health savings account/with a high deductible vs a traditional health plan for city employees; Discussion took place; Motion by Summy/Sanders to approve city employees have the option to select a HSA/High deductible plan with the city contributing \$2,250.00 annually to their HSA account; Sanders,Summy,Wilson,Wright all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Renae Johanningmeier with Group Benefits, LTD discussed with Mayor Hasty and city council life insurance and long term disability insurance plans; currently the city has a \$10,000 term life for full-time employees and no long term disability; Discussion took place; Motion by Wright/Sanders to approve full-time employees have a \$25,000 term life plan and all full-time employees have a disability plan; Sanders,Summy,Wilson,Wright all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Summy/Sanders to approve Clayton Wright as a reserve Police Officer for the City of De Soto Police Department; Sanders,Summy,Wilson in favor; Wright abstained; Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Wright/Summy to approve the amendment to the CDBG Administrative contract with Simmering and Cory; Sanders,Summy,Wilson,Wright all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Sanders/Wilson to approve the purchase of new tires from Alley Auto for the public works red truck; Sanders,Summy,Wilson,Wright all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Summy/Wilson to approve the bid of \$1,250.00 from Rick Dykstra to tear out and remove broken concrete on Ash Street and add rock as needed; Sanders,Summy,Wilson,Wright all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion took place regarding the City of De Soto doing a residential, single family, owner occupied tax abatement for new construction homes; Several De Soto residents expressed their concerns and objections to any type of tax abatement. No action taken.

Having no other business Mayor Hasty asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Sanders/Wilson to adjourn @8:45pm; Sanders,Summy,Wilson,Wright all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor: Nick Hasty

Attest: City Clerk, Marcia Thomas

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