

CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2017 – Mayor Hasty called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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

Staff present included City Clerk Marcia Thomas, Public Works Director Dan Van Langen, Police Chief Dustin Runge, Assistant Fire Chief Tim Murray and City Attorney DeWayne Dalen.

Motion by Wilson/Sanders to approve the agenda; Cramp,Sanders,Summy,Wilson,Wright all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Summy/Wilson to approve the consent agenda; Cramp,Sanders,Summy,Wilson,Wright all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Hasty opened the Public Hearing for the adoption of the De Soto Residential Urban Revitalization Plan @7:46p.m. Clerk Thomas stated she received no written objections to the proposed plan. Butch Ostrander asked the Mayor and Council if the city's sanitary sewer system had the capacity for residential or commercial growth north of I-80. Discussion took place. Several De Soto residents expressed their opposition to any tax abatement. Mayor Hasty said there is only 547.74 acres of agricultural land within the De Soto city limits and 315,886.20 acres in Dallas County so minimal ag land would be taken out of production with De Soto's Revitalization Plan. Several developers spoke in favor of the proposed Urban Revitalization Plan to help spur residential growth as well as commercial growth. Discussion took place. With no other questions from the audience Mayor Hasty closed the public hearing @8:53pm.

Motion by Wright/Cramp to approve Public Works Equipment sharing agreement pursuant to Iowa Code Section 28E between the Cities of Van Meter, Iowa and De Soto, Iowa; Cramp,Sanders,Summy,Wilson,Wright all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wright/Sanders to approve Resolution 2017-27; A Resolution approving public works equipment sharing agreement with the City of Van Meter, Iowa; Cramp,Sanders,Summy,Wilson,Wright all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Summy introduced the following Resolution entitled; Resolution 2017-28; A Resolution adopting the De Soto Residential Urban Revitalization Plan. Discussion took place. Councilman Sanders/Wilson moved to defer action on the Resolution and the proposal to the meeting to be held at 7:00p.m. on April 18, 2017 at 405 Walnut Street, De Soto, Iowa. Councilwoman Cramp and Councilwoman Wilson said they are not in favor of a 10 year tax abatement with the first 7 years 100% abated and the remaining 3 years on a sliding scale. Discussion took place. Councilwoman Cramp proposed a 7 year tax abatement with the first 4 years being 100% abated and the last 3 years on a sliding scale. Councilwoman Wilson proposed all qualified real estate assessed as residential property eligible to receive an exemption from taxation of the first \$350,000 of actual value added by the improvements, not including land values; Cramp,Sanders,Wilson,Wright in favor; Summy opposed; Motion carried 4-1.

Item #4 was tabled.

Motion by Wilson/Cramp to approve Kathleen Summy as a Library Board Trustee, term ending December 31, 2020; Cramp,Sanders,Wilson,Wright in favor; Summy abstained; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Wright/Cramp to approve Police Chief Runge purchase a DVR Camera System from WatchGuard with a purchase price of \$5,070.00; Cramp,Sanders,Summy,Wilson,Wright all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wright/Cramp to approve Police Chief Runge purchase cartridges for Taser Gun, estimate cost of \$957.68. Cramp,Sanders,Summy,Wilson,Wright all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Sanders/Wright to approve GPS tracking on police and public works vehicles; Discussion took place; Sanders, Wright in favor; Cramp,Summy,Wilson opposed; Motion failed 2-3.

Steven Jones updated the Mayor and Council on the Friends of De Soto Betterment Committee plans for the sesquicentennial celebration. June 23, 2018 is the date that has been chosen. More information will be forthcoming.

Having no other business Mayor Hasty asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Sanders/Wilson to adjourn @10:10pm; Cramp,Sanders,Summy,Wilson,Wright 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.