

De Soto Pride Newsletter



November 2010



CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2010

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

Answering roll call was: Mike Bach, Steve Cox, Ted Hansen; Absent Brandon Hutcheson.

Staff present included City Clerk Marcia Thomas, Public Works Nick Eckstein, Police Chief Ron Caudle, City Engineer Jerod Gross and City Attorney DuWayne Dalen.

Motion by Bach/Hansen to approve agenda: Bach, Cox, Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Hansen/Bach to approve the consent agenda. Bach, Cox, Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Bach/Hansen to appoint Matt Boston to fill the council seat vacancy; Bach, Cox, Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Chapman gave the oath of office to Matt Boston who is filling out the term ending December 31, 2011 of Councilman Dale Dippold.

Wayne Higgins, owner of De Soto Equipment, updated the Council on the concrete phases of his site plan. He has installed a security fence around his property because 3 large pieces of equipment have been stolen in recent months. With this added expense the concrete work had to be put back a little. He still hopes to pour some concrete yet this fall. Mayor Chapman thanked Mr. Higgins for coming to the Council meeting and updating the Council on the progress of his site plan.

Joe Carney updated the Council on his property @ 904 Guthrie. The outside of the property has been cleaned up and work continues on the roof. Mr. Carney's plan for his property is a transmission repair and tire shop.

Motion by Hansen/Boston to set the public hearing for the CDBG Housing Grant for November 16, 2010 @7:00P.M. City Hall, 405 Walnut Street, De Soto, IA. Bach, Boston, Cox, Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Bach/Hansen to approve the first reading of Ordinance 291, an Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of De Soto, Iowa, 2009, by adding no parking on Greene Street. Bach, Boston, Cox, Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Hansen/Bach to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 291, an Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of De Soto, Iowa, 2009, by adding no parking on Greene Street. Bach, Boston, Cox, Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Boston/Bach to adopt Ordinance 291, an Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of De Soto, Iowa, 2009, by adding no parking on Greene Street. Bach, Boston, Cox, Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Cox/Bach to approve the first reading of Ordinance 291, an Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of De Soto, Iowa, 2009, by amending section 65.01 regarding stop signs within the City. Bach,Boston,Cox,Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Boston/Hansen to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 292, an Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of De Soto, Iowa, 2009, by amending section 65.01 regarding stop signs within the City. Bach,Boston,Cox,Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Boston/Bach to adopt Ordinance 292, an Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of De Soto, Iowa, 2009, by amending section 65.01 regarding stop signs within the City. Bach,Boston,Cox,Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Boston/Bach to approve the first reading of Ordinance 293, an Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of De Soto, Iowa, 2009, by amending Municipal Infraction Ordinance. Bach,Boston,Cox,Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Boston/Hansen to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 293, an Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of De Soto, Iowa, 2009, by amending Municipal Infraction Ordinance. Bach,Boston,Cox,Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Boston/Hansen to adopt Ordinance 293, an Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of De Soto, Iowa, 2009, by amending Municipal Infraction Ordinance. Bach,Boston,Cox,Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Cox/Boston to approve Change Order #10; an adjustment of the total contract price has been requested by the City of De Soto for settlement of \$1363.50 for liquidated damages for the project due to completion of the work after the contract completion date. Bach,Boston,Cox,Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Bach/Hansen to accept the City Frontage Road in front on the new Casey's General store (Greene Street) project. Bach,Boston,Cox,Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Boston/Hansen to approve the 2010 Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. Bach,Boston,Cox,Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Chapman stated that his opinion is that dental insurance is a separate benefit than health insurance and that all full-time employees should be treated the same and pay the same amount for it. Discussion took place. Councilmen Bach and Hansen said their opinion is that since Clerk Thomas is getting a stipend amount of \$150.00 per month for not taking the City health insurance she should have to pay the full amount of the dental insurance if she chooses to take it and that an employee that is taking the City health insurance should only have to pay a partial amount. Mayor Chapman warned the Council you are discriminating against Clerk Thomas. Discussion took place. City Attorney Dalen said the League of Cities opinion is dental insurance is a separate benefit than health insurance and Clerk Thomas should be treated the same as any other full-time employee. Mayor Chapman said it seems this Council is not taking the professional advice of its City Attorney, City Engineer, City Building inspector and City Financial Advisor. Motion by Hansen/Bach that the City will offer dental insurance but any employee that takes it will have to pay 100% of it effective 01/01/2011. Discussion took place. Mayor Chapman told the Council you have completely gutted every benefit to these City employees since January 1st and not for the better. Councilman Hansen said not better for the employee but better for the City. Mayor Chapman said you are not going to be able to keep good employees when the City benefits for De Soto are far worse than the surrounding Cities. Bach,Hansen in favor; Boston, Cox opposed; Motion failed 2-2. Motion by Cox/Boston for the City to offer dental insurance and all full-time employees pay the same amount. Boston, Cox in favor; Bach, Hansen opposed; Motion failed 2-2.

Jane Johnson told the Mayor and Council that she resigned as De Soto Fire Chief but wants to stay on the Fire & Rescue department. Councilman Bach thanked Jane for all of her years of service.

Discussion took place regarding the employee handbook and the City of De Soto Hazard Mitigation Plan. More to follow at next month's Council meeting.

Karen Armstrong, who owns land by the new water tower, told the Mayor and City Council that Mr. Feldman with J & K Grading has taken \$20,000 to \$25,000 worth of black dirt from her property. There seems to be some confusion who owns the dirt. City Engineer, Gross said he believes the dirt belongs to Karen Armstrong. Mayor Chapman said he would look into this and the City would get back to Mrs. Armstrong.

Motion to adjourn until the next regular council meeting @7:00pm, November 16, 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.

19-Oct-10

Advertising, Publishing, Recording

Dallas County News \$ 17.21

Medical

Wellmark Health Plan of Iowa \$ 2,185.78

True North Company \$ 250.00

Contracts

Iowa Dept Natural Resources \$ 135.00

Iowa League of Cities \$ 40.00

Sternquist Construction \$ 24,680.12

Grimes Asphalt \$ 16,665.00

Nelson Agency \$ 175.00

McCoy Sanitation \$ 4,101.06

Brad Nydegger \$ 50.00

Brianna Glenn \$ 50.00

Mary Murphy \$ 35.00

Ashley Kuonen \$ 15.46

Follett Software Co \$ 550.00

Iowa Depart Transportation \$ 4,900.00

Dallas County Recorder \$ 9.00

Dykstra Concrete \$ 100.00

Utilities

MidAmerican \$ 3,200.30

Iowa Telecom \$ 435.90

Mediacom \$ 47.95

Verizon Wireless \$ 222.30



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Service/Repairs

Pete Howe	\$	4,291.95
Northway Well & Pump	\$	2,782.55
Strauss Lock Company	\$	624.50
Ahlers & Cooney	\$	32.00
Fullers Standard Service	\$	41.95
Jetco	\$	85.00
LGI	\$	376.10
Doug Ames	\$	500.00

Supplies/Parts

Ron Caudle	\$	100.00
Schildberg Construction	\$	77.65
Baldon & Son Hardware	\$	9.94
Acco	\$	423.57
Arnold Motor Supply	\$	6.98
Earlham Building Center	\$	68.81
Ed Roehr Safety Products	\$	84.98
Capital City Equipment	\$	353.73
Capital Sanitary Supply	\$	10.14
Hd Supply Waterworks	\$	876.47
Iowa Prison Industries	\$	122.76
St Paul Stamp Works	\$	78.38
Baker & Taylor	\$	243.00
Center Point Large Print	\$	74.28
McGregor Public Library	\$	10.00
Casey's General Store	\$	453.85
Kum & Go	\$	183.31
Crystal Clear Water	\$	31.10
Infomax	\$	483.34
Staples	\$	146.34
Postmaster	\$	114.52
Earlham Savings Bank/Visa	\$	632.12
Menards	\$	209.93

Engineering Fees

Snyder & Associates	\$	1,999.00
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Legal Fees

Finneseth, Dalen & Powell	\$	682.00
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Payroll & Benefits

Total	\$	23,190.75
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Total	\$	97,266.08
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**September 2010 Financials****Revenue:**

General Fund	\$	28,793.71
Park & Recreation	\$	590.90
Road Use Tax	\$	9,701.84
Employee Benefit	\$	2,476.13
Emergency	\$	328.94
Tax Increment Financing	\$	40,537.22
Friends of the Library	\$	1,310.53
Library Trust	\$	1,065.61
Debt Service	\$	5,003.81
CDBG		
Special Assessment	\$	6,758.00
Water Fund	\$	24,736.29
Sewer Fund	\$	14,127.31
Total	\$	135,430.29

Disbursements:

	\$	27,767.22
	\$	36,728.68
	\$	2,976.95
	\$	26,104.12
	\$	60.26
	\$	1,967.42
	\$	1,500.00
	\$	11,732.50
	\$	8,214.29
	\$	117,051.44

Candidates for Office in November Election

Steve Cox—City Council

I grew up in Adel and attended k-12 in the Adel De Soto Minburn school district and graduated from ADM in 1992. I attended California State University Fullerton where I attained my Bachelors degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance. I currently work in Management for Nationwide Insurance downtown. I have several years of leadership and management experience.

My wife and I have been married for 11 years. We have two wonderful daughters; one who is in the 2nd grade and a baby now 10 months.

I am proud to live in De Soto and want to help us grow and become a stronger community. I have been serving a city council vacancy since the first of the year. As a member of the city council, I have worked well with the council and city employees in the effort to prioritize the city budget while taking care of the needs in our neighborhood focusing on the city government's core mission. It is important to me that the taxpayer's money is spent wisely and that improvements are made to our local economy. With your vote, I plan to continue to do this in a way that fosters partnership, participation and understanding. I realize we're all in this community together and your voice matters. Please consider me when you are voting.

Robert Greenway—City Council

I am Robert Greenway, seeking a seat as a De Soto council member. I have lived in De Soto just two years but have attempted to be active in the city activities.

I have helped both the Fire and Library Department's fund raisers, such as the Can Drive and the Master Griller Friday meals.

I have attended several council meetings and am aware of the problems, concerns and issues that are in the past and in the future.

I believe I can help more as a council member and would appreciate your support.

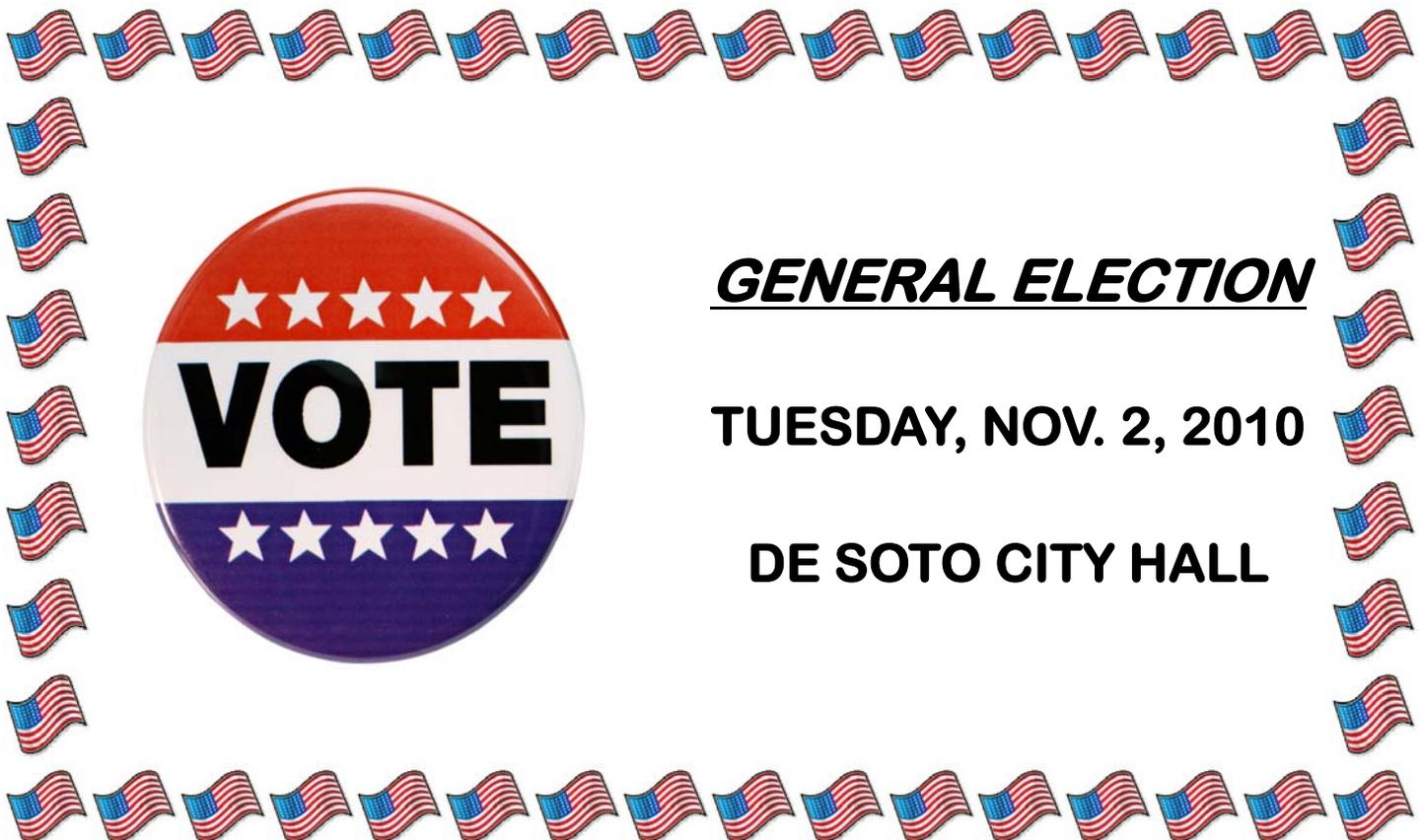
Steven Parker—City Council

My name is Steven Parker. My wife Charlene & I have lived in De Soto for over 35 years. We raised two daughters here who attended the ADM school district. In past years I helped organize De Soto's local "Neighborhood Watch" program, 2006 town celebration and other community events. I also served as the program's treasurer.

I have been a member of a charitable, community-minded organization; the "Loyal Order of the Moose" for 40 years. I am a two year Trustee and currently serve on the charitable fund-raising committee as the Committee Chairman of Moose Charities for our local lodge. I am also a member of the "Legion of the Moose."

I attend city council meetings and stay informed and involved in the community.

I have a commitment to De Soto and her residents. I am not attempting any personal gain or benefit, I simply care about this town. I would like to see De Soto grow enough to improve our financial security as a town, while promoting and protecting our sense of community. I would like to have a community building where the town could all come together, or be rented at times for private parties to create revenue for the town. As councilman, I will listen to the residents of De Soto to ensure fairness, honesty and quality of decisions.





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



- **November 2010** payments must be received by **5:00 pm Monday, November 15, 2010**.
- Payments received after 5:00 pm on **November 15, 2010** will have penalties applied, and a delinquent/disconnect notice sent.
- **Payments not received by 8:00am November 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.

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City Hall will be closed on the following:

- Thursday, November 11—Veteran’s Day
- Thursday, November 25—Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, November 26—Day after Thanksgiving



**Daylight Saving
Time Ends
Sunday, November 7
At 2:00 am**

“Fall back” one hour

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



An Evening of Music

We invite all who enjoy singing and listening to gospel songs to please join us. We are encouraging everyone that would like to participate to come, bring music and any instruments that you want to share.

Welcome one and all to make a joyful noise unto the Lord!



De Soto United Methodist Church

November 3, 2010

7:00 pm



For more information, please call 834-9427 or 834-2476

F.Y.I.

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

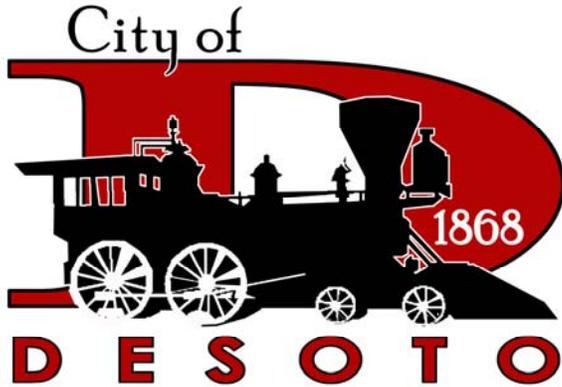
You may call them or McCoy Sanitation
@ 1-800-961-4011 for questions regarding
debris or garbage



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PO Box 100
De Soto, IA 50069

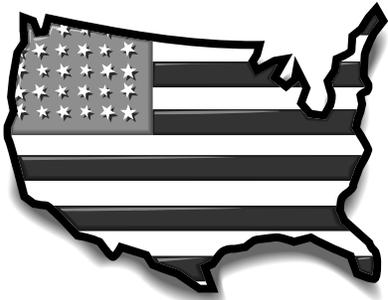


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