

De Soto Pride Newsletter

October 2010



CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2010

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

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

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, Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Bach/Cox to approve the consent agenda. Bach, Cox, Hansen, Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Cox/Bach to accept the resignation of Councilman Dale Dippold; Bach, Cox, Hansen, Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Cox/Hutcheson to appoint David Arzani to fill the Council seat vacancy; Cox and Hutcheson in favor; Bach and Hansen opposed; Councilman Hutcheson had to disconnect from the proceedings due to a fire call. Motion failed 2-2. Motion by Bach to appoint Dallas Bradford to fill the Council seat vacancy; No second was made; Motion failed. Motion by Hansen to appoint Robert Greenway to fill the Council seat vacancy; No second was made; Motion failed. Mayor Chapman asked the Council to contact each of the candidates prior to the Special Council Meeting October 4, 2010 and be prepared to appoint one of them or the City will need to have a Special Election to fill the Council seat vacancy.

Motion by Hansen/Bach to approve Resolution 2010-18, a Resolution naming the frontage road in front of the City property and the new Casey's property as Greene Street. Bach, Cox, Hansen in favor; Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Hansen/Cox to approve pay application payment 2 for \$24,680.12 to Sternquist Construction for the Casey's frontage road. Bach, Cox, Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 3-0.

James Eismann, project manager of the new water tower for CB & I was present at the City Council meeting to address liquidated damages for the new water tower project. Discussion took place. Mayor Chapman asked City Engineer Jerod Gross to go through their engineering fees and determine if the City had any additional cost due to the water tower not being finished on time. Mayor Chapman asked Mr. Eismann if he would be willing to review the findings by City Engineer Gross and he said he would.

Motion by Bach/Hansen to approve the bid of \$3995.00 from Spring Valley Wireless for replacement of 2 siren receivers; replace the siren receiver on the old water tower and the installation of a new base radio. Bach, Cox, Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion took place regarding De Soto Equipment's property located @ Lot 16 Ellefson Drive. Mayor Chapman stated that when Mr. Higgins presented his site plan to the Council it included several different illustrations showing concrete phase 1 through phase 7 to be implemented over a period of time. The Council instructed Clerk Thomas to send a letter to Mr. Higgins asking that he come to the next Council meeting to discuss his property.

Joe Carney discussed with the Council his property located at 904 Guthrie. His intention is to have a Tire Repair and Hoist Service Center there. There are major repairs being done on the structure and roof. The Council asked Mr. Carney if he could move some of his trailers to a different location and he said he could. Mr. Carney said he would report back to the Council on his property's progress at the next Council meeting in October.

Councilman Hansen said the property located at 417 Locust has been sold now and the City can notify the owner of our building and property regulations. Council instructed Clerk Thomas to send copies of De Soto's ordinances relating to the property maintenance issues.

Motion by Bach/Hansen to require stop signs on Sycamore Street, Willow Street and the corner of Greene Street and Ash. Bach,Cox,Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 3-0. The first reading of the new ordinance will be read at our October 19th Council meeting.

Motion by Bach/Cox to have no parking on Greene Street. Bach,Cox,Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 3-0. The first reading of the new ordinance will be read at our October 19th Council meeting.

City Attorney Dalen discussed with the Council 2010 Legislative changes in regards to our own City ordinances. Dalen felt one change in particular, section 364.22 of the Iowa Code, Municipal Infractions, would benefit the City if we changed our current ordinance to coincide with the Iowa Code. The first reading of the new ordinance will be read at our October 19th Council meeting.

Motion by Bach/Hansen to approve the \$16,665.00 bid from Grimes Asphalt for chip seal on Cedar Street. Bach,Cox,Hansen in favor; Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Cox/Bach to approve Simmering & Cory applying for another Housing Grant with the City setting a specific target area and contributing \$34,000.00. Bach,Cox,Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Cox/Bach to approve the purchase of a used Crown Victoria car for a second police vehicle with forfeiture money from Dallas County. Bach,Cox,Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Cox/Hansen to approve replacing the door lock on the Fire station for \$656.18. Bach,Cox,Hansen all in favor; Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Bach/Hansen to set Beggars Night to be October 31st from 6:00-8:00p.m. Bach,Cox,Hansen all in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion to adjourn until the next regular council meeting @7:00pm, October 19, 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.

21-Sep-10		Service/Repairs	
Advertising,Publishing,Recording		Feld Fire	\$ 1,967.14
Dallas County News	\$ 226.16	Spring Valley Wireless	\$ 4,135.00
Iowa Newspapers	\$ 35.00	Speck USA	\$ 735.00
The Exchange	\$ 45.00	Arnold Motor Supply	\$ 53.09
Medical		Denco Corp	\$ 31,919.00
Wellmark Health Plan of Iowa	\$ 2,171.79	Iowa One Call	\$ 39.60
Dues, Subscriptions,Licenses		Titan Machinery	\$ 750.07
IAMU	\$ 414.09	LGI	\$ 536.10
ACS Firehouse Solutions	\$ 220.00	Advance Networking Services	\$ 450.00
Contracts		Doug Ames	\$ 450.00
McCoy Sanitation	\$ 4,096.06	Supplies/Parts	
Eric Delaney	\$ 98.00	Baldon & Son Hardware	\$ 122.42
Nick Eckstein	\$ 79.25	Acco	\$ 519.50
Patrick Rohert	\$ 150.00	HD Waterworks	\$ 204.00
City of Waukee	\$ 720.00	Overhead Door	\$ 40.75
Simmering & Cory	\$ 1,500.00	Capital Sanitary Supply	\$ 271.21
IMFOA	\$ 172.00	Baker & Taylor	\$ 338.75
Dykstra Concrete	\$ 100.00	Center Point Large Print	\$ 37.14
Utilities		Golden Horse LTD	\$ 13.77
MidAmerican	\$ 3,333.04	State Library of Iowa	\$ 55.27
Iowa Telecom	\$ 393.02	Carpenter Uniform	\$ 74.55
Mediacom	\$ 95.90	Casey's General Store	\$ 188.79
Verizon Wireless	\$ 219.67	Kum & Go	\$ 695.30
		Crystal Clear Water	\$ 45.10

Supplies/Parts

Infomax	\$	450.68
Staples	\$	27.19
Postmaster	\$	300.64
AgriLand FS	\$	853.48
Continental Research Corp	\$	94.12
Earlham Savings Bank/Visa	\$	1,560.72
Menards	\$	99.44
Central States Lab	\$	294.90
Dakota Supply Group	\$	1,095.90
Freedom First	\$	116.05
Heiman Fire Equipment	\$	3,240.00
Galls Inc	\$	102.95
Iowa Codification	\$	210.00
Engineering Fees		
Snyder & Associates	\$	1,764.50
Legal Fees		
Finneseth, Dalen & Powell	\$	473.00
Ahlers & Cooney	\$	50.00
Payroll & Benefits	\$	22,123.22
Total	\$	90,567.32

**August 2010 Financials****Revenue:**

General Fund	\$	11,619.64
Road Use Tax	\$	10,290.35
Employee Benefit	\$	72.09
Emergency	\$	9.56
Tax Increment Financing		
Friends of the Library	\$	760.08
Library Trust	\$	943.54
Debt Service	\$	73.33
CDBG	\$	8,248.00
Stimulus Water Tower		
Water Fund	\$	23,264.23
Sewer Fund	\$	13,474.55
Total	\$	68,755.37

Disbursements:

	\$	19,259.40
	\$	5,337.23
	\$	3,026.43
	\$	
	\$	200,035.26
	\$	
	\$	1,353.08
	\$	
	\$	1,246.50
	\$	9,743.32
	\$	8,346.83
	\$	248,348.05

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



- **October 2010** payments must be received by **5:00 pm Friday, October 15, 2010**.
 - Payments received after 5:00 pm on **October 15, 2010** will have penalties applied, and a delinquent/disconnect notice sent.
 - **Payments not received by 8:00am October 25, 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.



The Mayor and City Council are asking for volunteers to form a *Community Betterment Committee*

Some examples of ideas/items that could be discussed are:

- City signage**
- City celebrations**
- Beautification of City**

If you are interested in joining this committee, please e-mail Mayor Josh Chapman @ mayorchapman@gmail.com or



**BEGGAR'S NIGHT
IN
DE SOTO**

**Sunday
October 31st
6pm—8pm**

FOR SALE

2 side-by-side cemetery plots located in Oakland Cemetery in De Soto

**\$325.00 each
Cash only**

Call 834-2482

FREE

SPORTS CARD APPRAISALS!

Do you have an old card/sports memorabilia collection?

I am the official appraiser for the John "Red" Kerr basketball collection and am currently working with the families of two former New York Yankee players.

I will be in this community this month and am offering FREE appraisals.

Michael Osacky
Contact me at 847-436-8444 or
www.baseballintheattic.com



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

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



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Chicken Noodle Dinner & Bazaar

**De Soto United Methodist Church
421 Dallas St.**

Saturday, October 23, 2010

Dinner 11am—1pm

Bazaar Sale 10:00am—???

De Soto City Hall
PO Box 100
De Soto, IA 50069

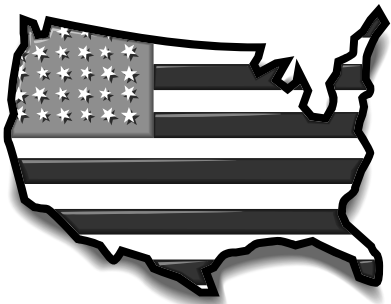


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