CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2017 – Mayor Butch Ostrander called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Answering roll call was: Mathew Sanders, Kelly Summy, Karen Wilson; Absent: Pam Bach and Emily Cramp.

Staff present included City Clerk Marcia Thomas, Interim Police Chief Justin Edwards and City Attorney DuWayne Dalen.

Motion by Wilson/Sanders to approve the agenda; Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Summy/Wilson to approve the consent agenda; Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 3-0.

Fire Chief Gina Lark informed Mayor Ostrander and the City Council that she was moving out of the city’s fire district and Tim Murray would be the new Fire Chief. Everyone thanked her for her service and dedication to the City of De Soto and wished her well.

Linda Wunsch, with the Greater Dallas County Alliance, discussed with the Council how the Alliance has helped to promote economic development in De Soto. Ms. Wunsch said the Alliance has provided marketing materials for the Karen Armstrong property. The Alliance has been contacted by All States Ag in the past to see if any state programs were available to them. The Alliance has worked on various projects for the Kading property. They also will help with applying for a RISE Grant with the Iowa Department of Transportation, which is used for road infrastructure for business to business activity.

Motion by Wilson/Sanders to approve the appointment of Kinsey Christensen to the De Soto Library Board of Trustees, term ending 01/01/18; Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Summy/Wilson to approve the appointment of John Sparling as the new De Soto Police Chief, starting salary of $47,000; eligible for review after 90 days with a possible $3,000 salary increase; Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Wilson/Sanders to approve the first reading of Ordinance #320; An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of De Soto, Iowa, 2009, by amending section 69.08(15) no parking on Adair Street, north of Spruce Street; Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Sanders/Summy to set October 17, 2017 @7:00pm for a public hearing for the rezoning of 325 Walnut Street, De Soto, Iowa from C-2 (Central Business District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential); Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 3-0.

Casey Patton with Bartlett & West Engineering and Chris Janson with MSA Professional Services discussed with the Mayor and City Council the progress on the site plan and subdivision ordinances changes being considered. Discussion took place. No action taken.

Discussion took place on the City of De Soto’s current Golf Cart Ordinance; City Council decided not to make any changes to the current ordinance. No action taken.

Having no other business Mayor Ostrander asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Summy/Wilson to adjourn @8:55 pm; Sanders, Summy, Wilson all in favor; Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor: Butch Ostrander Attest: City Clerk, Marcia Thomas

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