

CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 17, 2017 – Mayor Butch Ostrander called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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

Staff present included City Clerk Marcia Thomas, Public Works Director Dan Van Langen, Police Chief John Sparling and City Attorney DuWayne Dalen.

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

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

During public forum, Mayor Ostrander gave all the candidates' time to address the Council and residents regarding their candidacy and why they are running for city council.

Mayor Ostrander opened the public hearing for the rezoning of 325 Walnut Street, De Soto, Iowa from C-2 (Commercial Business District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential) @8:02p.m. Clerk Thomas said she had received no phone calls or written correspondence regarding the rezoning. Property owner, Nick Franceschi told the Mayor and Council that he and his wife had originally planned to construct a building on the property for his wife's online business but their plans changed. The property has been on the market for over a year and the only interest has been for residential not commercial. With no questions from the audience, Mayor Ostrander closed the public hearing @8:04p.m. Motion by Summy/Wilson to approve the rezoning of property located at 325 Walnut Street, De Soto, Iowa from C-2 (Commercial Business District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential); Bach, Cramp, Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Bach/Cramp to approve the second 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; Bach, Cramp, Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Summy and seconded by Wilson that the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is finally passed be suspended; Bach, Cramp, Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Summy and seconded by Sanders that the 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 now be voted on for final consideration and adoption; Bach, Cramp, Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Sanders to approve the first reading of Ordinance #321; An Ordinance amending the Code Of Ordinances of the City of De Soto, Iowa, 2009, by adding load limits on Osage Avenue; Bach, Cramp, Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Cramp and seconded by Sanders that the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is finally passed be suspended; Bach, Cramp, Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Summy and seconded by Wilson that the Ordinance #321; An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of De Soto, Iowa, 2009, by adding load limits on Osage Avenue now be voted on for final consideration and adoption; Bach, Cramp, Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Cramp to approve Resolution 2018-07; A Resolution approving the State of Iowa 2017 financial report fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 for the City of De Soto; Bach, Cramp, Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Summy/Bach to approve amendment #1 to the Bartlett & West Contract for the Water Treatment Plant Project; Bach, Cramp, Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Sanders to approve Change Order #1 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project; a decrease of \$30,915.00 to original contract amount; Bach, Cramp, Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Summy/Wilson to approve Building Crafts, Inc., general contractor application for payment #1 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrade project in the amount of \$73,439.75; Bach, Cramp, Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

No action on item #13.

Motion by Cramp/Wilson to approve Clerk Thomas opt out of long term disability insurance provided by the city and instead the city cover her spouse on delta dental; Clerk Thomas stated that when an employee turns 60 years old the city should review whether the long term disability insurance for that employee is still a benefit. The long term disability policy will pay 60% of one's salary should the employee become disabled but will first subtract social security disability income and their IPERS disability income. Clerk Thomas stated the insurance company would pay nothing or very little if she were to become disabled. Councilwoman Bach said the City could also tell the employee you either take the long term

disability insurance or you don't and not offer an alternative. Clerk Thomas agreed the Council has that right; Bach, Cramp, Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion took place in regards to the City of De Soto provide Police Chief Sparling a 3 year employment contract. Mayor Ostrander suggested to the Council that he, Chief Sparling, City Attorney Dalen and one or two council persons have a separate meeting to discuss this. No action taken.

Having no other business Mayor Ostrander asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Wilson/Sanders to adjourn @8:55 pm; Bach, Cramp, Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor: Butch Ostrander Attest: City Clerk, Marcia Thomas

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