

CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

Answering roll call was: Pam Bach, Terri Golightly, 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 Wilson/Sanders to approve the agenda; Bach, Golightly, Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

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

When Public Works Director Van Langen was giving his monthly report, Councilwoman Golightly asked him if he had written the Water Treatment Plant Update 2017 article in the city's last newsletter and he said yes. Councilwoman Golightly had issue with the sentence "The land for the well has been secured by the City of De Soto". Van Langen explained what the sentence meant and Councilwoman Golightly wanted to go on the record, "Stating she felt the sentence was premature".

Mayor Ostrander opened the public hearing concerning the progress, scope, budget and status of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project @7:42p.m. Mayor Ostrander said this public hearing is being held to update residents on the City's Waste Water Plant Improvements Project. This project is funded in part by a Community Development Block Grant and DNR/SRF Funds. The need for and goals of the project have not changed since the CDBG application was submitted to the State of Iowa in the fall of 2015. Building Crafts, Inc., is the contractor for the work on the project. Work on the project is approximately 10% complete. The grant is scheduled to close-out July 31, 2019. To date, \$47,204 in CDBG funds have been requested and \$234,610 in matching funds have been expended. Clerk Thomas said she received no written comments regarding the Waste Water Plant Improvements project. Resident Carol Lee asked what the total cost of the project was. Public Works Director Van Langen said the project cost was approximately 3.8 million. Mayor Ostrander asked if there were any other questions or comments from the audience. Having none, Mayor Ostrander closed the public hearing @7:45p.m.

Motion by Summy/Golightly approving the Fire Department elections of; Fire Chief Tim Murray, Assistant Fire Chief Brandon Hutcheson and Secretary Amanda Bridgeman; Bach, Golightly, Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Summy/Sanders approving the site plan for Delic Granite and Tile, property located on Lot 24, Golden Circle Air Plat 2, De Soto, Iowa; Bach, Golightly, Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Summy/Bach to approve pay request #3 from Building Crafts for \$177,388.75 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project; Bach, Golightly, Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Golightly to approve the audit report by Martens & Company, CPA, LLP for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017; Bach, Golightly, Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Bach to approve the engagement agreement with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. land acquisition for the De Soto Water Treatment Plant Project; Bach, Golightly, Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Rena Johanningmeier discussed with Mayor Ostrander and the City Council the Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield 2018 Health Insurance Plans for city employees, city pays 80% of the premium and the employee pays 20%; Motion by Summy/Wilson to approve the 2018 renewal rates for city health insurance for city employees; Bach, Golightly, Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Bach to approve the replacement of the furnace at city hall, cost \$2,658.00 Adel TV with a \$700.00 rebate from MidAmerican Energy; Bach, Golightly, Sanders, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion took place regarding the speeding and parking issues on Marshall and Oak Streets. There is a difference of opinion on whether the city council should change the city ordinance and only allow parking on one side of the street or leave the parking on both sides of the street. Public Works has posted new speeding signs and the Police Department is patrolling more in an effort to slow traffic down. Mayor Ostrander is asking the residents of Marshall and Oak Street to either come to the next city council meeting January 16, 2018 @7:00p.m. or call one of your council persons and let your voice be heard.

Discussion took place on updating the employee handbook. Councilwoman Golightly had given each council member a copy of the City of Johnston's employee handbook to review. Mayor Ostrander asked the council members to review the current employee handbook or others and make recommendations at the January 16, 2018 regular council meeting.

Councilwoman Golightly discussed with Mayor Ostrander and City Council changes being enacted in the laws that govern cities and the ADA rules and other valuable information on improving websites. Discussion took place. No action taken.

Councilwoman Golightly said to Mayor Ostrander and City Council, she felt no employee should receive a stipend in lieu of taking the city health insurance. Discussion took place. No action taken.

Having no other business Mayor Ostrander asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Summy/Wilson to adjourn @9:05 pm; Bach, Golightly, 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.