

CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2018 – Mayor Butch Ostrander called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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

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

The City department reports were given. Councilwoman Golightly, Fire Department liaison, said truck #425 the rescue unit needs 6 new tires. Fire Chief Tim Murray has contacted Goodyear for the tires, estimated cost of \$300.00 each and Alley Auto Sales of Adel would mount and balance the new tires. Marie Hansen, Chair of De Soto Betterment Committee, gave the Mayor and Council a breakdown of the estimated expenditures totaling \$23,190.00 for the De Soto 2018 Sesquicentennial Celebration, June 23.

Mayor Ostrander opened the public hearing for the budget estimate for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 @ 7:24p.m. Clerk Thomas said she had received no written correspondence or phone calls regarding the city budget estimate. De Soto resident Carol Lee asked if the city levy rate increased over last year and Clerk Thomas stated no. With no other questions from the audience Mayor Ostrander closed the public hearing @7:25p.m.

Motion by Summy/Bach to approve the appointment of Certified Reserve De Soto Police Officer Brandon Carter; Bach, Baker, Golightly, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0; Mayor Ostrander gave the Oath of Office to Reserve Officer Carter.

Motion by Wilson/Baker to approve Resolution 2018-12; A Resolution approving and adoption of Budget and Certification of City Taxes for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019; Bach, Baker, Golightly, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Summy/Bach to approve Mainstay Systems It Service for the City of De Soto, monthly cost estimate \$260.00; Bach, Baker, Golightly, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Bach/Wilson to approve pay request #5 from Building Crafts for \$112,563.15 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrades Project; Bach, Baker, Golightly, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Summy/Baker to approve city matching contribution of \$1,000.00 to the Build with Bags grant program; Bach, Baker, Golightly, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Baker/Wilson to approve the Speck USA proposal of \$1945.00 to restripe specified lines and other parking area markings; Bach, Baker, Golightly, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Golightly to set a public hearing to vacate the alley directly south of the Holiday Mobile Home Park for March 20, 2018 @7:00p.m.; Bach, Baker, Golightly, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Christopher Janson and Josie Matteson with MSA Professional Services gave a power point presentation on updates to De Soto's subdivision regulations, site plan ordinance and Zoning Code. Discussion took place. No action taken.

Discussion took place regarding the sale of city property along Hwy 169 and Willow Street; Resident Robert Greenway gave Mayor Ostrander and Council 3 different options he proposed for purchasing the city property. Option 3, Robert Greenway to be hired as a Special Project Manager (part-time) at a salary of \$800.00 per month for one year. Mayor

Ostrander said one option is to list the city lot south of Casey's and keep the land behind Casey's for future needs of the city. No action taken at this time.

Recently the Stuart Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief met with the De Soto Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief, Mayor Ostrander and Councilwoman Golightly to review the procedures and ordinance that the City of Stuart uses relating to billing for services by the fire department. Discussion took place. Council instructed City Attorney Dalen prepare a new ordinance relating to billing for services by the De Soto Fire Department.

Councilwoman Golightly said she had contacted the company she had received quotes from for picnic tables, benches and flower planters and the cost increased slightly. Mayor Ostrander said he is donating a new 6 foot picnic table valued at \$500.00. Councilwoman Wilson, Park & Recreation liaison, will present the plan layout for the new additions to the Little Bridge Park at the March 20th council meeting.

Councilwoman Golightly reiterated that she feels the city should hire an outside consultant to update the city's employee handbook. Councilwoman Bach said last Thursday afternoon she met with Mayor Ostrander to review the updates that have been made to the current employee handbook and wants this project to stay in house. Councilwoman Wilson stated she does not want the city to pay an outside consultant. Councilwoman Bach said the updated employee handbook will be ready for the March 20th council meeting as a discussion item for entire city council to review.

Councilwoman Golightly said she felt that Darold Baker, grandson of Mayor Ostrander and brother of Councilman Baker not be hired again as the seasonal employee this summer because she felt it was a conflict of interest or nepotism. City Attorney Dalen said the hiring of the seasonal employee will need to be an action item on the next agenda.

Having no other business Mayor Ostrander asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Summy/Wilson to adjourn @9:16 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.