CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 18, 2018 – Mayor Butch Ostrander called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Answering roll call was: Pam Bach, Terri Golightly, Ted Hansen, Kelly Summy and Karen Wilson.

Staff present included City Clerk Marcia Thomas, Public Works Director Dan Van Langen, Police Chief John Sparling, City Attorney DuWayne Dalen, Library Director Brianna Glenn and Fire Chief Tim Murray.

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

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

Mayor Ostrander opened the Public Hearing @7:37p.m. to consider approval of a proposed Amendment No. 1 to the 2016 Urban Renewal Plan for an Urban Renewal Area in the City of De Soto, Iowa, State of Iowa. Clerk Thomas said she had not received any phone calls or written correspondence regarding this public hearing. Mayor Ostrander asked the audience if they had any questions regarding the public hearing. De Soto resident Carol Lee asked for clarification regarding Amendment No. 1. Mayor Ostrander said the property owner has two parcels of land he is trying to combine into one parcel. One of the parcels is in our 2016 Urban Renewal Area and the other one is not. The property owner has asked the city to remove Lot 3 from our 2016 Urban Renewal Area so that both parcels of land are in the same taxing district allowing the Dallas County Auditor’s office to combine the parcels. With no more questions, Mayor Ostrander closed the public hearing @7:40p.m.

Motion by Summy/Wilson to approve Resolution 2019-14; A Resolution determining an area of the City to be a blighted area, and that the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, development, or a combination thereof, of such area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the city; designating such area as appropriate for Urban Renewal Projects; and adopting amendment no. 1 to the 2016 Urban Renewal Plan and moved that the Resolution be adopted; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hansen/Summy to approve a 4% salary increase for Police Chief John Sparling effective date 01/01/19; new annual salary will be $55,120.00; Bach, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Golightly opposed; Motion carried 4-1.

Motion by Summy/Wilson to approve Police Officer Kelly Davenport hourly wage increase to $17.00 and an additional 2 hours per week; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Bach/Wilson to approve Wellmark Health Premium and Fees for City Employees, effective date 02/01/19; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hansen/Golightly to approve Master Agreement with HR Green Engineering for site plan reviews; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Summy/Wilson to approve Home Rule Proclamation; Home Rule is essential to effective and responsive municipal governance in Iowa and provides flexibility to make decisions at the local level; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.
Motion by Wilson/Hansen to approve Subordination Agreement for Dean Petty, property located @ 309 Locust Street, De Soto, Iowa; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Item No. 8; No action taken.

Public Works Director Van Langen updated Mayor Ostrander and Council on the ongoing communication he has had with Kum & Go regarding the needed repair cost to Adair Street; Discussion took place; Council instructed Public Works Director Van Langen to close Adair street 01/02/19 if negotiations break down.

Discussion took place on Urban Revitalization; No action taken.

Having no other business Mayor Ostrander asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Hansen/Wilson to adjourn @9:25 pm; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, 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.