CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2019 – 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, Police Chief John Sparling, City Attorney DuWayne Dalen 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 Summy/Hansen to approve the consent agenda; Councilwoman Golightly asked that the claims be removed from the consent agenda; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

De Soto resident David Voll discussed with Mayor Ostrander and City Council the need for the city to build a new Public Safety Building/City Hall. Mayor Ostrander said that we actually have reached out to Tim Oswald with PiperJaffray, the city’s financial advisors, on this subject. Once the city goes to bid on the water treatment plant project we will know the city’s remaining debt capacity and how soon the city would be able to move forward with this project.

Mayor Ostrander opened the public hearing budget estimate for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 @7:32p.m. City Clerk Thomas stated she did not receive any phone calls or written correspondence regarding the public hearing. De Soto resident Carol Lee had several questions on the increased expenditures for the police department, fire department, public works, water and sewer funds. City Clerk Thomas stated that the police and fire department are both growing departments with increased expenditures. Public Works Director Van Langen increased the street maintenance line account in the Road Use Fund by $50,000 for needed repairs on Ellefson Drive. The sewer fund electrical expenditure is increased because the operating cost of the new waste water treatment plant has increased. The overall water fund budget is increased substantially because the city is funding part of the new water treatment plant project with our own cash reserves. A new fund, Sewer Revenue Sinking Fund was set up at the request of the auditor to transfer funds monthly from the Sewer Fund to the Sewer Revenue Sinking Fund for the purpose of paying the principal and interest payments on the new waste water treatment plant. With no other questions from the audience Mayor Ostrander closed the public hearing @ 7:45p.m.

Motion by Wilson/Summy to approve Resolution 2019-23; A Resolution approving the adoption of Budget and Certification of City Taxes for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Item no. 2 Approve Kum & Go Contract for Adair Street repair costs tabled; No action taken.

Scott Buse discussed with the Council his plan to construct a 118’ by 45’ steel building on Lot 19, on Ellefson Drive in De Soto for a RV and boat indoor storage facility. The building will have 7 bays, 14’ wide and 45’ deep with key pad entry access for the user. Motion by Summy/Golightly to approve the site plan submitted by Right Lane Storage, LLC; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Item no. 4 Iowa State Revolving Fund Environmental Information Document was tabled; No action taken.
Motion by Wilson/Golightly to approve a 2 ½ in and 1 ¾ in nozzles for the new fire tanker truck, estimated cost of $800.00 ea; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Bach/Golightly to approve setting March 19, 2019 @7:00p.m. for Notice of Public Hearing Amendment for fiscal year 2018-2019 City Budget; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Golightly had a concern on the engineering line account and utility system line account exceeding the budgeted amount in the Sewer Fund; Discussion took place on the cost of engineering for both the Waste Water Treatment Plant and the Water Treatment Plant. Motion by Summy/Wilson to approve the Claims; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Having no other business Mayor Ostrander asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Wilson/Summy to adjourn @8:45 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.