

## **CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

July 16, 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, Public Works Director Dan Van Langen, Police Chief John Sparling, Fire Chief Tim Murray and City Attorney DuWayne Dalen.

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

Motion by Wilson/Summy to approve the consent agenda; Councilwoman Golightly asked that the minutes and claims be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor of the consent agenda, excluding the minutes & claims; Motion carried 5-0.

Jean and Colin Menning presented Police Chief Sparling with the Quilt of Valor for his military service.

During Clerk Thomas's monthly department report, Mayor Ostrander said the city was contacted in early December, 2018 by the Office of the State Auditor, to review the city operations. The State Auditor's office released a review on the City of De Soto for the period July 1, 2014 through August 31, 2018. The review was requested by a City official as a result of concerns regarding the propriety of certain disbursements and multiple payments to vendors on a single disbursement listing which was approved by City Council. The City official also expressed concerns that payments related to the construction of the City's waste water treatment plant had exceeded the amounts bid for the construction. The State Auditor's office reported the disbursements identified by the City official were properly supported and approved and appropriate for City operations. The State Auditor's office also reported disbursements selected for testing were appropriate for city operations. The State Auditor's office concluded their investigation of the City of De Soto and met with Mayor Ostrander, City Clerk Thomas and City Attorney Dalen on June 26, 2019. The State's representatives said they concentrated on receipts, disbursements, credit card transactions, bank statements and payroll during their investigation. They concluded by stating they found no fraudulent activity or misappropriation of city funds. They also stated the city will be receiving a bill from the State for this investigation. Mayor Ostrander, Councilman Summy, Councilwoman Wilson, Councilwoman Bach, Councilman Hansen said, "For the public record, I am not the city official that contacted the State Auditor's Office". Councilwoman Golightly said twice she found where the claims listing the city council members signed did not match the claims listing published in the Dallas County Newspaper. Councilwoman Wilson and Councilwoman Bach both asked "did you ever bring this up in a council meeting"? Councilwoman Golightly said no, she had not. Mayor Ostrander closed the discussion.

Motion by Wilson/Summy to approve Resolution 2020-01; A Resolution Setting Hearing and Authorizing Notice to Property Owners of proposed decision to acquire property by condemnation on August 20, 2019@ 7:00p.m.; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Summy to approve the estimate of \$7,460.00 from Carrick Concrete to replace the sidewalk in front of city hall; Public Works will do the tear out of the old sidewalk; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Summy/Wilson to approve the proposal from Ed Leedom to perform duties of Public Nuisance Code Enforcement Officer for the City of De Soto; Ed used to be one of Des Moines Code Compliance Officers; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Hansen to approve setting 25mph on Ash Street; Council instructed City Attorney Dalen to have the first reading of the new ordinance at our August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hansen/Summy to approve the temporary Water Purchase Agreement between Xenia Rural Water District and the City of De Soto; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Bach to approve Xtreme Tree estimate of \$3,150.00 to remove 1 damaged tree and trim other needed trees at Little Bridge Park; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Summy/Hansen to approve adding additional permitted use for Motor Vehicle Sales (Car Dealership) to M-1A Limited Industrial District Zoning; Council instructed City Attorney Dalen to have the first reading of the new ordinance at our August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Golightly to approve the sidewalk grant for \$207.00 for the property located at 212 Locust Street; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Golightly protested Clerk Thomas's meeting minutes, June 18, 2019 in regards to Police Chief Sparlings salary increase; Councilwoman Golightly felt her opinion on Chief Sparling's salary increase was not clearly stated; Councilwoman Golightly said on the invoice from Bartlett & West Engineering they had separated the invoice with general services \$2,340.00 and water services \$1,430.00 and Councilwoman Golightly felt the entire invoice was for water services. Councilwoman Golightly questioned the invoice submitted by Steve Nichols, as to who did the electrical inspections, since Nichols is not certified for Commercial electrical inspections; Motion by Summy/Hansen to approve the minutes and claims as written; Bach, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Golightly opposed; Motion carried 4-1.

Having no other business Mayor Ostrander asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Summy/Wilson to adjourn @9:40 p.m.; 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.