

CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2020 – 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, Library Director Brianna Glenn and City Attorney DuWayne Dalen.

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

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

Police Chief Sparling introduced Matt Collins, Certified Police Officer with Polk County, to Mayor Ostrander and City Council; Officer Collins has been given a tentative offer of employment pending a background check.

Mayor Ostrander opened the Public Hearing on the proposed property tax levy for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 @7:12p.m. Clerk Thomas said she did have a phone call from De Soto resident Carol Lee. Thomas explained that the city did have an increase in property valuations. The city was using the additional revenue to hire a 2nd full-time Police Officer; also the city hired a Code Compliance official and joined the Adel Chamber of Commerce to help facilitate our economic development. With no other questions from the audience, Mayor Ostrander closed the Public Hearing @7:20p.m.

Mayor Ostrander gave the Oath of Office to Alex Wagenknecht, Certified Reserve Officer for the City of De Soto.

Motion by Summy/Wilson to approve Resolution 2020-19; A Resolution approving fiscal year 2021 Maximum Property Tax Dollars; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Hansen to set date and time for a Public Hearing for Adoption of Budget and Certification of City Taxes for Budget Year 20/21, for the next regular city council meeting, March 17, 2020 @7:00p.m.; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Summy/Bach to approve the renewal of Brenda Sage as a Library Board Trustee; term 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2023; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Bach to approve Contractor's Release of Claims for the Waste Water Treatment Improvements Project; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Item No. 6 was tabled; Public Works Director Van Langen was attending an Iowa Rural Water Conference; Councilman Summy had a question regarding UV bulbs and housings that were slightly damaged due to dewater lagoons at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. No action taken.

Motion by Summy/Hansen to approve Written Notice of Works in Operation, Loan Recipient Acceptance & Certification of Project Completion; (WWTP Improvements Project – CS1920759-G1); Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Summy to approve Written Notice of Works in Operation, Loan Recipient Acceptance & Certification of Project Completion; (WWTP Improvements Project – CS1920759-R1); Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Item No. 9 was tabled. No action taken.

Motion by Wilson/Bach to approve the RFP from Martens & Company, CPA, LLP for the annual audit exam for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, 2021 and 2022; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Item No. 11 was tabled; City Attorney Dalen is reviewing the fire department billing services agreement by and between Quick Med Claims, LLC and the City of De Soto; No action taken.

JD Albright with Keystone Equity Group, LLC, discussed with Mayor Ostrander and City Council moving forward with the De Soto 2020 Residential Urban Renewal Plan and the Agreement for Private Development between Keystone Equity Group and the City; Discussion took place.

Councilwoman Wilson is working with Wellmark's Healthy Hometown program; In December, Councilmembers and several residents of De Soto took part in a walking audit that is designed to help community members identify and visualize ways to provide a better environment to walk and bike. Councilwoman Wilson is working on a \$50,000 sidewalk grant with matching funds. The City will be notified in May if we are selected to receive the grant.

Councilwoman Golightly discussed with Mayor Ostrander and City Council reviewing the water, sewer and garbage/recycling rates. Councilwoman Golightly said when the city was negotiating the new contract with Waste Management she felt they didn't compare apples to apples with Ankeny Sanitation; Councilwoman Wilson said in her opinion the city did negotiate a very good contract with Waste Management. Clerk Thomas said Ankeny Sanitation's bid was \$2.00 per month per household more than Waste Management. City Attorney Dalen said he receives a utility bill from Dallas Center and they also use Waste Management for garbage and recycling and his monthly bill for that service is \$19.50. De Soto residents pay \$15.50 monthly. Councilwoman Golightly would like the City Council to review water/sewer rates.

Having no other business Mayor Ostrander asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Wilson/Summy to adjourn @9:28 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.