

CITY OF DESOTO – SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 29, 2020 – Mayor Butch Ostrander called the meeting to order at 7:03pm; The City of De Soto met via an electronic meeting due to Iowa Governor Kim Reynold’s Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, which among other matters, ordered the prohibition of community gatherings of ten or more people at all locations. Therefore, in-person meetings of the City Council are impossible or impractical as contemplated by Iowa Code Section 21.4(1) (b).

Answering roll call was: Council members on the call/Zoom meeting were Pam Bach, Terri Golightly, Karen Wilson; Councilman Summy connected @7:07p.m.; Absent: Ted Hansen.

Staff present included City Clerk Marcia Thomas, Police Chief John Sparling and Public Works Director Dan Van Langen.

Motion by Wilson/Bach to approve the agenda; Bach, Golightly, Wilson all in favor; Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Ostrander opened the Public Hearing on the proposed drawings, specifications, proposed form of contract, and engineer’s probable cost for construction of Water Main, Wastewater Service Line and Emergency Connection for the De Soto Water Treatment Plant @7:05p.m. City Engineer Mikael Brown said Contract 2019-03 is the second construction contract to go to bid for the Water Treatment Plant Project. The first Contract 2019-02 is for the Groundwater Well No. 5. Contract 2019-03 is for the construction of a new water main, a new wastewater service line and the emergency connection to Xenia Rural Water.

Councilwoman Golightly asked Brown why the Council didn’t receive the bidding documents for the De Soto WTP Contract 2019-03 in their packets. Brown said he found an error in the document and the correction couldn’t be made in time to get the new material printed for their packets. Councilwoman Wilson asked Brown how many contractors he expects to bid the project. Brown said City Clerk Thomas will send the Advertisement for Bids document to the Dallas County Newspaper to be published and he will also upload the Bid documents to Plan House websites where contractors can view the documents and bid. De Soto resident Carol Lee asked if Xenia Rural Water was doing the emergency connection at their cost and Brown said no the cost would be the responsibility of the city. Clerk Thomas said she did not receive any phone calls or written correspondence regarding the Public Hearing. With no other questions Mayor Ostrander closed the Public Hearing @ 7:15p.m.

Motion by Summy/Wilson to approve proposed drawings, specifications, proposed form of contract, and engineer’s probable cost for construction of Water Main, Wastewater Service Line and Emergency Connection for the De Soto Water Treatment Plant; Bach, Summy, Wilson all in favor; Councilwoman Golightly said she would still vote yes but wanted it noted that she was not pleased with the engineer for failing to get the bid documents to the Council in their packets; Motion carried 4-0.

Having no other business Mayor Ostrander asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Summy/Wilson to adjourn @7:28pm; Bach, Golightly, Summy and Wilson all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor: Butch Ostrander

Attest: City Clerk, Marcia Thomas

These minutes are subject to approval by the City Council at its next regular meeting.