

CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2020 – Mayor Butch Ostrander called the meeting to order at 7:00pm; 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: Ted Hansen; Council members on the call/Zoom meeting were Pam Bach, Kelly Summy and Karen Wilson.

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

Motion by Bach/Wilson to approve the agenda; Bach, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Ostrander pulled the August 18, 2020 meeting minutes from the consent agenda; Motion by Hansen/Summy to approve the consent agenda excluding the meeting minutes; Bach, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Golightly logged on to the zoom council meeting @7:15p.m.

Councilwoman Golightly said she has been in contact with a person with the State of Iowa to get more information regarding the CARES Act funding to local governments; more information will be forthcoming.

Motion by Summy/Wilson to approve Resolution 2021-04; A Resolution approving the Street Finance Report for De Soto 2020; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Summy/Wilson to approve recommendation for City Engineers Veenstra & Kimm to award the Spruce Street and Adair Street Sidewalk project to Carrick Concrete with the low bid of \$95,699.38; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Ostrander wanted clarification from the Council concerning the August 18th meeting minutes in regards to the city purchasing a new city website or updating the current city website; the motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Golightly to approve the purchase of a new city website from CIVICCMS; Bach, Golightly in favor; Hansen, Summy, Wilson opposed; Motion failed 2-3. Motion by Summy/Wilson to approve the August 18, 2020 meeting minutes; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Ostrander discussed with the Council adding a 24 x 70 addition to the north side of the Fire Station to accommodate the Police Department; Mayor Ostrander, Police Chief Sparling, Fire Chief Booth and Public Works Director Van Langen will be getting bids for the grading work, electrical, concrete, construction material, roof, etc.

Fire Chief Booth discussed with the Mayor and Council repairs needed to the old PW truck to get it road ready for the fire department to use as a grass/brush vehicle; Council instructed Booth to have Tim Murray inspect the truck to see if it is worth the necessary expenditures.

Van VanBuren, part-time realtor with Iowa Realty discussed with the Mayor and Council 2 parcels of land the owner wants to donate to the city; the city will pay for the cost of doing an appraisal, updating the abstract and paying Mr. VanBuren a finder fee; the owner is requesting a value placed on the donation for tax purposes.

Having no other business Mayor Ostrander asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Summy/Hansen to adjourn @8:25 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.