

CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 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 and Karen Wilson; Council members on the call/Zoom meeting were Pam Bach, Terri Golightly, and Kelly Summy.

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

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

Councilman Hansen asked to move action items 16, 17, 18 ahead of action item #4; Motion by Bach/Summy to approve the consent agenda moving items 16, 17, 18 ahead of action item #4; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Tim Oswald with PiperSandler discussed with the Mayor and City Council the Water Treatment Plant funding; there will be three SRF loans; \$615,000 (Old TIF Go Bond); \$814,000 (New TIF Go Bond) and \$2,380,000 (Water Revenue Bond); The City is also using \$500,000 from cash reserves in the water fund; The city received a \$500,000 CDBG Grant and a \$100,000 State of Iowa contribution towards the financing. Discussion took place.

Discussion took place on the first reading of Ordinance #340; adding Chapter 161 Housing Code; rental inspections; Council instructed City Attorney Dalen to make some minor changes; No action taken.

No action taken on item #3.

Motion by Wilson/Bach to approve the City of De Soto accept the donated property parcels 15-30135025 & 15-30135026 from Frank Randolph; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Bach to approve expenditures for updating the abstracts for property owned by Frank Randolph; parcels 15-30135025 & 15-30135026; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Summy/Bach to approve expenditure \$2,500.00 to Van Van Buren for a finder’s fee for property owned by Frank Randolph parcels 15-30135025 & 15-30135026 that Mr. Randolph is donating to the City; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hansen/Wilson to approve the State of Iowa 2020 Financial Report, fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 for the City of De Soto, Iowa; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Summy/Bach to approve the Annual Urban Renewal Report, fiscal year 2019/2020; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Summy/Wilson approve City Clerk Thomas submit to the SRF the Construction Loan Application for the Water Treatment Plant Project; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Bach/Hansen to approve Resolution 2021-08; A Resolution approving transfer of funds from E-Bank Checking to E-Bank Money Market; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Summy/Wilson to approve Resolution 2021-09; A Resolution approving the Dallas County Mutual Assistance 28E Agreement; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion took place regarding the proposal from Banyon Data Systems for Webpay Online Payments Module; No action taken.

Discussion took place regarding the Proposals from Invoice Cloud and Xpress Bill Pay for utility billing on-line bill pay; No action taken.

Motion by Summy/Hansen to approve proposal from Banyon Data Systems for direct deposit module/payroll for city employees; one time software cost of \$995.00 and annual maintenance cost of \$195.00; Bach, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Golightly opposed; Motion carried 4-1.

Motion by Golightly/Summy to approve Dallas County Local Housing Trust Fund contribution of \$1,159.00; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion took place regarding the estimate from Absolute Repair for the fire department grass/brush truck; No action taken.

Motion by Wilson/Hansen to approve the estimate of \$19,390.00 from Carrick Concrete and the estimate of \$59,643.37 from McClure Remodeling, LLC for the building addition to the Fire Station/Police Department Project; Bach, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Golightly opposed; Motion carried 4-1; Councilwoman Golightly said she wanted to table the project until the departments researched possible grant opportunities; Councilwoman Wilson said she would contact the Council of Government, in which De Soto is a member for grant opportunities and also apply for a grant through the Dallas County Foundation.

Motion by Wilson/Hansen to approve the estimate of \$2,580.00 from Xtreme Tree for removal of trees, stump grinding and trimming behind the fire station; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Bach/Golightly to approve the agreement for Animal Control Services provided by AHeinz57 Pet Rescue and Transport; 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 Summy/Wilson to adjourn @9:30 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.