

CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 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: Terri Golightly and 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 Summy/Hansen to approve the agenda; Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Golightly asked that the meeting minutes for October 20th be set aside from the consent agenda for further discussion; Motion by Golightly/Wilson to approve the consent agenda with the meeting minutes set aside; Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Golightly said at last month’s Council meeting Tim Oswald with Piper/Sandler discussed with the Mayor and City Council the New Water Treatment Plant funding; one of his recommendations is a 2% rate increase for both water and sewer effective July 1, 2021; Councilwoman Golightly said the October 20th meeting minutes should have included this recommendation; Motion by Bach/Wilson to approve the meeting minutes as written; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Bach to approve Right Lane Storage – Phase 2 Building Site Plan, Lot 20, Ellefson Drive, De Soto, Iowa; City Engineer Jordan Kappos has reviewed the site plan and has no objections; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hansen/Wilson to approve the final plat for Keystone Estates Plat 2; JD Albright said the 34 lots are a combination of duplexes and townhouses; City Engineer Jordan Kappos reviewed the final plat and has no objections; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hansen/Summy to approve Resolution 2021-16; A Resolution authorizing advancement of costs for an Urban Renewal Project and Certification of expenses incurred by the City for payment under Iowa Code Section 403.19; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Hansen to approve the first reading of Ordinance #340; An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of De Soto, Iowa, 2009, by adding Chapter 161 Housing Code; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Golightly/Wilson to approve Iowa Inspections, LLC; De Soto Rental Housing Proposal; Jason VanAusdall; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Summy to approve Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Indebtedness Certification to County Auditor for 2020; Urban Renewal Area 25001 & 2016 Urban Renewal Area 25035; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Bach to approve Police Chief Sparling purchase a replacement vehicle and accessories not to exceed \$15,000; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Golightly to approve Fire Chief Booth order the new grass/brush vehicle; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Ostrander discussed with the Council the total cost of the new water treatment plant project; costs the city has paid out of cash reserves in the water fund and financing through the Iowa Finance Authority; Land & Easements \$232,600, Engineering \$625,000; Legal fees \$18,000; Water Treatment Plant Bonds \$4,564,522; Total cost \$5,440,122; the City has paid out of cash reserves the land/easements, engineering, legal fees totaling \$875,600; the city received

\$600,000 in State Grants and is using another \$500,000 from cash reserves; the total bond debt is \$3,464,522; the bond debt of \$3,464,522 and the \$875,600 is eligible for Tax Increment Financing Reimbursement.

Having no other business Mayor Ostrander asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Bach/Wilson to adjourn @8:40 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.