

## **CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

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

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

Motion by Bach/Wilson to approve the appointment of Kathleen Summy as Library Board Trustee; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Golightly/Summy to approve John Booth as De Soto Fire Chief and Mark Arnold as De Soto Assistant Fire Chief for 2021; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Golightly/Bach to approve the second 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.

Councilwoman Golightly discussed suspending the rules and proceeding to the third and final reading of Ordinance #340; Motion by Summy/Golightly to suspend the rules and proceeding to the third and final 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; Councilman Hansen said he was not in favor of suspending the rules and proceeding to the third and final reading; Hansen wanted De Soto resident Kenny Herron, who has several rental properties, time to review the new city ordinance regarding rental property inspections; Discussion took place; Golightly, Summy in favor; Bach, Hansen, Wilson opposed; Motion failed 2-3.

Motion by Wilson/Bach to approve the annual exam for period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 by Martens & Company, CPA, LLC; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Summy/Hansen to approve MB Construction, LLC; Water Main, Wastewater Service Line & Emergency Connection Pay Application #1 \$98,670.80; Contract 2019-03; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Golightly to approve Adel Partners Chamber annual membership dues \$10,000; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Summy/Bach to approve new rates for health insurance, dental insurance, life/disability insurance for City employees for year 2021; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Summy, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Wilson, Betterment Committee Chair Maria Hansen and Adel Partners Chamber President Deb Bengtson presented to Mayor and Council the proposal from RDG Planning & Design to assist the City of De Soto with visioning for future community branding, signage, and wayfinding; Discussion took place; No action taken at this time.

Having no other business Mayor Ostrander asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Wilson/Hansen to adjourn @9:05 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.