

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

February 16, 2021 – 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: Pam Bach and Ted Hansen; Council members on the call/Zoom meeting were Terri Golightly 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 Hansen/Bach to approve the agenda; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

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

Bric Nelson, representing Nelson Insurance Agency, discussed with the Mayor and City Council the city’s current proposal from EMC Insurance, including property, liability and workman’s comp; EMC Insurance is regulated by the State of Iowa; Discussion took place.

Eric Johnson, Jon Stetzel and Josh Heisterkamp, representing Integrity Financial Group, discussed another option for the City’s property, liability and workman’s comp coverage; ICAP, Iowa Communities Assurance Pool; ICAP is not an insurance company and thus it is not subject to any financial solvency state guarantee laws. Discussion took place.

Mayor Ostrander opened the Public Hearing for the proposed property tax levy for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 @8:55p.m. Clerk Thomas said she received no phone calls or written correspondence from the public regarding the Public Hearing but did have a conversation with Councilwoman Golightly to verify that the city’s maximum property tax levy including the debt service levy decreases next fiscal year. De Soto resident Carol Lee had a question regarding the taxable valuations for the city increasing. Mayor Ostrander said the assessed values of properties could have increased as well as new properties coming on the tax rolls. With no more questions from the audience Mayor Ostrander closed the Public Hearing @ 9:02p.m.

Dustin Padget, Steve Jones and Carol Lee all stated they would like to be considered to fill the Council seat vacancy created by the passing of Councilman Kelly Summy; Motion by Bach/Wilson to nominate Dustin Padget to fill the vacancy on Council; Motion by Golightly to nominate Carol Lee; Bach, Hansen, Wilson in favor of Dustin Padget to fill the vacancy; Golightly opposed only because Dustin is currently on the P & Z Commission and with Commissioner Scott Snyder resigning due to moving out of De Soto, it leaves only 3 Commissioners; Motion carried 3-1.

Mayor Ostrander gave the Oath of Office to Dustin Padget.

Mayor Ostrander appoints Ted Hansen to be Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion by Wilson/Hansen to approve Resolution 2021-19; A Resolution approving fiscal year 2021-2022 Maximum Property Tax Dollars; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Padget and Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Golightly/Hansen to approve Resolution 2021-20; A Resolution approving transfer of funds from the E-Bank Money Market Account to E-Bank Checking Account; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Padget and Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Item No. 5; No action taken.

Motion by Golightly/Hansen to approve Change Order No. 2019-04-CO-0001; Shank Constructors, Inc. \$110,203.00 decrease in contract price; the \$110,203.00 was paid directly to WesTech under contract 2019-01 (WTP); Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Padget and Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Bach to approve Shank Constructors, Inc. pay application #2 for \$128,155.00; Contract 2019-04 (WTP) project; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Padget and Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Bach/Hansen to approve MB Construction, LLC pay application #3 for \$70,878.08; Contract 2019-03 (WTP) project; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Padget and Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hansen/Padget to approve Fire Department subscription renewal agreement with lamResponding; cost 3 year subscription, \$725.00 annually; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Padget and Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wilson/Hansen to approve Healthy Hometown Committee hire RDG Engineering to assist the City of De Soto project for Signage, Wayfinding and Branding; estimate cost \$8,900.00; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Padget and Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hansen/Bach to set date and time for a Public Hearing for the Adoption of Budget and Certification of City taxes for budget year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 at the next regular city council meeting, March 16, 2021 @7:00p.m.; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Padget and Wilson in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Having no other business Mayor Ostrander asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Hansen/Wilson to adjourn @9:48 p.m.; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Padget 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.