

CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 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, Terri Golightly and Ted Hansen; Council member on the call/Zoom meeting was Karen Wilson; Absent: Dustin Padget.

Staff present included City Clerk Marcia Thomas, Public Works Director Dan Van Langen 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 Hansen/Bach to approve the consent agenda; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Ostrander opened the Public Hearing for the adoption and certification of city taxes for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 @ 7:35p.m. Clerk Thomas said she had not received any phone calls or written correspondence regarding the Public Hearing; Mayor Ostrander asked if there were any questions from the audience and resident Carol Lee asked if her property taxes would increase because of the city budget? Clerk Thomas said the current city levy rate is 12.70 and the proposed city levy rate for next fiscal year is 12.68. Mayor Ostrander said if the assessed value of your property increases then your property taxes could increase but that is not because of the city levy rate. With no further questions, Mayor Ostrander closed the Public Hearing @ 7:40p.m.

Motion by Hansen/Bach to approve Resolution 2021-21; A Resolution approving and adopting Budget and Certification of City Taxes for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Bach/Hansen to approve the appointment of Josh Minton to fill the vacancy on Planning & Zoning Commission; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Bach/Golightly to approve the appointment of Dave Stratton to fill the vacancy on Planning & Zoning Commission; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Bach/Hansen to keep EMC Insurance for property and liability insurance and switch to IMWCA for workman’s comp insurance and have Josh Heisterkamp as our agent; Bach, Hansen in favor; Golightly, Wilson opposed; Motion failed 2-2; Motion by Wilson/Golightly to keep EMC Insurance for property, liability and workman’s comp insurance and have Bric Nelson remain the city’s agent; Bach, Golightly, Wilson in favor; Hansen opposed; Motion carried 3-1.

Motion by Bach/Hansen to approve Shank Constructors, Inc. pay application #3 for \$255,394.20; Contract 2019-04 (WTP project); Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Golightly/Bach to approve the fire department estimate of \$1,925.00 from Overhead Door for side mount door for the rescue truck; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Golightly/Bach to approve the fire department purchase of flatbed for new brush truck; standard flat bed with steps in pockets for rider safety from Alum Line; estimated cost of \$6,000; public works will reimburse the fire department \$2,441; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Having no other business Mayor Ostrander asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Wilson/Bach to adjourn @8:50 p.m.; Bach, Golightly, Hansen, Wilson in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor: Butch Ostrander

Attest: City Clerk, Marcia Thomas

These minutes are subject to approval by the City Council at its next regular meeting.