

CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 20, 2022 – Mayor Mitch Crozier called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Answering roll call was: Erin Blume, Ted Hansen, Josh Minton, Mark O’Leary and Dustin Padget.

Staff present included City Clerk Marcia Thomas, Police Chief John Sparling, Fire Chief Tim Murray, Assistant Fire Chief Brandon Hutcheson and City Attorney DuWayne Dalen.

Motion by Minton/O’Leary to approve the agenda; Blume, Hansen, Minton, O’Leary, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by O’Leary/Minton to approve the consent agenda; Blume, Hansen, Minton, O’Leary, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by O’Leary/Minton to approve fire department election of Tim Murray as Fire Chief and Brandon Hutcheson as Assistant Fire Chief; Blume, Hansen, Minton, O’Leary, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by O’Leary/Minton to approve the third reading of Ordinance #359; An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of De Soto, Iowa, 2009, by amending section 92.02 rates for water service; Mayor Crozier asked for a roll call vote; Blume, Hansen, Minton, O’Leary, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by O’Leary/Padget to approve Chief of Police John Sparling’s new one year contract with the City of De Soto; Blume, Hansen, Minton, O’Leary, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion took place regarding Chief Sparling have the capability of driving a police vehicle home; Motion by O’Leary/Padget to allow Police Chief Sparling drive the patrol car home; Blume, O’Leary, Padget in favor; Hansen and Minton opposed; Motion carried 3-2; City Attorney Dalen will amend the new contract.

Motion by Hansen/Minton to approve Police Officer Wagenknecht pay increase of \$8,400.00, effective 01/01/2023; Blume, Hansen, Minton, O’Leary, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hansen/O’Leary to approve estimate of \$808.64 from Alley Auto for tires for the Police Department vehicle; Blume, Hansen, Minton, O’Leary, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Minton/O’Leary to approve estimate of \$1,909.00 from MainStay for fire department new computer; the city is expecting a \$500.00 grant from MidAmerican Energy towards the purchase; Blume, Hansen, Minton, O’Leary, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Minton/O’Leary to approve the estimate of \$4,939.32 from Feld Fire for additional operating supplies for the grass truck; Blume, Hansen, Minton, O’Leary, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion took place regarding the compensation for Steve Jones maintaining and updating the City’s website; Motion by Hansen/Padget to compensate Jones \$300.00 per month; Hansen/Padget in favor; Blume, Minton, O’Leary opposed; Motion failed 2-3; Minton asked that the item be place on the January agenda for further review.

Having no other business Mayor Crozier asked for a motion to adjourn; Motion by O’Leary/Hansen to adjourn @8:15p.m.; Blume, Hansen, Minton, O’Leary, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor: Mitch Crozier

Attest: City Clerk, Marcia Thomas

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