

CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 19, 2023 – Mayor Pro Tem Ted Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Answering roll call was: Erin Blume, Wade Fox, Josh Minton and Dustin Padget.

Staff present included City Clerk Marcia Thomas, Public Works Director Dan Van Langen, Police Chief John Sparling, Police Officer Alex Wagenknecht, Fire Chief Tim Murray and City Attorney DuWayne Dalen.

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

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

Action Item No. 1 was tabled.

Mayor Pro Tem Hansen gave the Oath of Office to newly elected council members; Ted Davis, Wade Fox, Bobby Huntoon and Dustin Padget.

Motion by Padget/Minton to approve the appointment of Mike Amano for Library Board Trustee; term ending 12/31/27; Blume, Fox, Hansen, Minton, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Padget/Minton to approve the appointment of Cynthia Thayer and Logan Hammel to fill the vacancies on Planning & Zoning Commission; Blume, Fox, Hansen, Minton, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Action Item No. 5 was tabled.

Motion by Fox/Minton to not approve any time extension for clean-up of property at 312 Maple Street; Blume, Fox, Hansen, Minton, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Padget/Fox to approve Public Works purchase of 2023 Chevrolet Colorado 4WD Crew Cab; estimated price of \$38,489.80; Blume, Fox, Hansen, Minton, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Minton/Padget to approve Fire Department purchase of equipment for thermal camera kit and truck charger from Danko Emergency Equipment; estimated price of \$4,545.00; Blume, Fox, Hansen, Minton, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Fox/Minton to approve Fire Department purchase of truck equipment/valve from Danko Emergency Equipment; estimated price of \$875.00; Blume, Fox, Hansen, Minton, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Rick Willing, representing Sensys Gatso Group discussed with Mayor Pro Tem Hansen and Council members their company's photo enforcement camera system; Discussion took place; Motion by Blume/Fox to move forward with the automated citation system, red light and speed cameras; Blume, Fox, Hansen, Minton, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Deb Bengston with the Adel Partners Chamber said the City of De Soto received a \$15,000 grant from the Dallas County Foundation for the City's crosswalk flashing light project which will be located at the corner of Spruce Street and HWY 169; the total cost of the project is estimated at \$28,000; Deb stated the Chamber is contributing \$2,000 towards the project with the city paying the remaining balance; Clerk Thomas stated the city will use local option sales tax monies; Council instructed Deb the city wanted to move forward with the project.

Having no other business Mayor Pro Tem Hansen asked for a motion to adjourn; Motion by Minton/Blume to adjourn @8:35p.m.; Blume, Fox, Hansen, Minton, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem; Ted Hansen

Attest: City Clerk, Marcia Thomas

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