

CITY OF DESOTO – REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2024 – Mayor Crozier called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Answering roll call was: Ted Davis, Wade Fox, Bobby Huntoon, Josh Minton and Dustin Padget.

Staff present included City Clerk Marcia Thomas, Police Chief John Sparling, Police Officer Alex Wagenknecht, Fire Chief Tim Murray, Assistant Fire Chief Adam Hilgenberg and City Attorney DuWayne Dalen.

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

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

Motion by Minton/Fox to approve the estimate of \$22,562.00 from Iowa Signal Inc. for the crosswalk project at the corner of Hwy169 and Spruce Street; Davis, Fox, Huntoon, Minton, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Padget/Huntoon to approve estimate of \$1,366.88 from Bound Tree for fire department operating supplies; Davis, Fox, Huntoon, Minton, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Fox/Davis to approve estimate of \$3,779.10 for 2 new steel outside doors for the police/fire departments building, excluding the haul away charge; Davis, Fox, Huntoon, Minton, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion took place on Item #4; the purchase of 2026 Pumper Tanker for the fire department; No action taken.

Motion by Padget/Huntoon to approve purchase of remounting 2003 fire department rescue truck, estimated cost \$180,000; fire department has applied for 2 separate grants; Davis, Fox, Huntoon, Minton, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Fox/Padget to approve estimate of \$4,484.15 from Knox Company, key entry for commercial buildings; Davis, Fox, Huntoon, Minton, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Fox/Minton to approve lamResponding subscription renewal agreement for the fire department, annual fee \$735.00; Davis, Fox, Huntoon, Minton, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Fox/Minton to approve Mainstay Systems of Iowa estimate of \$5,579.00 for 2 laptops for the police department; Davis, Fox, Huntoon, Minton, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Minton/Davis to approve the first reading of Ordinance #366; An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of De Soto, Iowa, 2009, by adding Chapter 10, Debt Setoff Program; Roll Call vote taken; Davis, Fox, Huntoon, Minton, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Minton/Fox to approve the first reading of Ordinance #367; An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of De Soto, Iowa, 2009, by adding Chapter 71, Automated Traffic Enforcement; Roll Call vote taken; Davis, Fox, Huntoon, Minton, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Minton/Fox to approve the first reading of Ordinance #368; An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of De Soto, Iowa, 2009, by amending section 106.08(1) Collection Fee for Disposal of Solid Waste; Roll Call vote taken; Davis, Fox, Huntoon, Minton, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Minton/Padget to Set Property Tax Hearing Date for March 26, 2024 @6:00p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 405 Walnut Street, De Soto, Iowa; Davis, Fox, Huntoon, Minton, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Minton/Fox to go into closed session at 7:24p.m. pursuant to 21.5, Chapter 21 of the Code of Iowa, (i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session; Davis, Fox, Huntoon, Minton, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Minton/Padget to go back into open session @7:35p.m.; Davis, Fox, Huntoon, Minton, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Davis/Padget to approve Police Chief John Sparling's 2024 new contract; Davis, Fox, Huntoon, Minton, Padget in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Having no other business Mayor Crozier asked for a motion to adjourn; Motion by Minton/Fox to adjourn @7:47p.m.; Davis, Fox, Huntoon, Minton, 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.