

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

January 19, 2010

Mayor Chapman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Answering roll call was: Mike Bach, Dale Dippold, Ted Hansen and Brandon Hutcheson.

Staff present included City Clerk Marcia Thomas, Public Works Director Dan Van Langen, Jerod Gross and Chris Pedersen with Snyder & Associates and City Attorney DeWayne Dalen.

Motion by Hutcheson/Hansen to approve agenda: Bach,Dippold,Hansen,Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Dippold/Hutcheson to approve the consent agenda: Bach,Dippold,Hansen,Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 4-0.

Police Chief Owen gave the Police Report; 37 service calls, 9 traffic stops and 2 agency assists.

Fire Chief Jane Johnson said she, Tim Murray and Mike Wetrich would be attending EMS continuing education classes January 26, 27 and the 28<sup>th</sup> with a cost of \$170.00 per person.

Alice Wicker with the Dallas County Local Housing Trust Fund explained to the Council what the Housing Trust Fund's mission is and to ask the Council's help in getting the information out to the citizen's of De Soto so that they can take advantage of the program. The Dallas County Local Housing Trust Fund was started in 2004 from the Oak Hill Residential Development in De Soto and is a partnership with Dallas County and De Soto. Their mission is to provide and expand safe and affordable housing to low income residents of Dallas County. Awards will be in the form of a five-year forgivable loan to eligible households through the Dallas County Local Housing Trust Fund. The maximum loan amount is \$10,000. Some of the program eligible activities are: structural repairs to the exterior walls, roof and roof structure, foundation repairs, electrical and plumbing repairs, insulation, windows and siding. For an application or more information contact De Soto City Hall @ 834-2233.

Brent Beste with the Iowa Rural Water Association spoke to the Council about source water protection and planning for De Soto's water supplies. He has been speaking with Public Works Director Van Langen in regards to where the City's wells are located and their protection from ground water contamination.

Travis Squires with Piper Jaffray discussed with the Council the City's outstanding debt in relation to Tif. The City of De Soto is currently using Tif revenue to pay for the new water tower. The water tower will be paid for in June of 2013. Future discussions will include the treatment of the De Soto water. Tif revenue could also be used for a water treatment project.

Motion by Bach/Hutcheson to appoint Steve Cox to fill the Council seat vacancy. Bach,Hansen,Hutcheson in favor; Dippold opposed. Motion carried 3-1.

Mayor Chapman appointed Councilman Bach as Mayor Pro-Tem and to oversee streets, Councilman Dippold as employee liaison and to oversee water, Councilman Hutcheson to oversee sewer and Councilman Hansen to oversee the park and cemetery.

Motion by Bach/Hansen to appoint Ron Caudle Police Chief for the City of De Soto: Discussion took place. Bach,Hutcheson in favor; Cox,Dippold,Hansen opposed. Motion failed 2-3.

Motion by Hutcheson/Bach to pay \$1155.00 to settle the obligation on the lease of the postage machine; Bach,Cox,Dippold,Hansen,Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Dippold/Hutcheson to approve change order #7 for \$765.00 for modifications to the control system for the flow control valve at the water treatment plant. Bach,Cox,Dippold,Hansen,Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Dippold/Bach to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> addendum of Casey's General Store purchase agreement. Bach,Cox,Dippold,Hansen,Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Hutcheson/Dippold to approve the first reading of Ordinance 289; An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of De Soto, Iowa, 2009, by adding Chapter 54 Maintenance of Foreclosure Properties. Bach,Cox,Dippold,Hansen,Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Bach/Hansen to approve a change in the Employee Handbook regarding the personal use of City equipment and adding a severe weather condition policy. Bach,Cox,Dippold,Hansen,Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Dippold/Bach to adjourn @ 9:02p.m. Bach,Cox,Dippold,Hansen,Hutcheson all in favor; Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to adjourn until the next regular council meeting @7:00pm, February 16, 2010 @ City Hall.

Mayor: Josh Chapman

Attest: City Clerk, Marcia Thomas

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