

## MINUTES

---

The meeting was called to order with Roll Call by Mayor Tim Maniez.

Roll Call:	Lane	Present	Ritter	Present
	McDaniel	Absent	Murdock	Present
	Walker	Present		

Mayor Maniez led the Pledge of Allegiance. Citizens signed the book on page 34.

Consent Agenda Items will be acted upon by one motion unless a Council member requests an item be removed for discussion and separate action.

1. Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approve Minutes of the Council Meeting December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
  - b. Approve Pay Ordinance No. 822.

Motion by Councilman Murdock to approve the Consent Agenda; second by Lane.

Roll Call:	Lane	Yes	Ritter	Yes
	McDaniel	Absent	Murdock	Yes
	Walker	Yes		

Motion carried.

Mayor Maniez thanked Councilman McDaniel for his time served on the Council and all the projects he helped with during his time on the Council. Mayor Maniez thanked everyone for their support during his term and their understanding of his health concerns the past several months.

City Clerk Lana McPherson presented Council Member Walker with an appreciation plaque for his eight (8) years of service to the community as a Council Member.

Mayor Maniez was then presented with a gavel plaque and the "Mayor Maniez" information signs. The City Clerk thanked Mayor Maniez for his years of service on the Park Board, the Planning Commission and the City Council which totaled up to 30 years of serving the City of De Soto.

Council Member Ron McDaniel was ill and unable to attend the meeting this evening.

Council Members Rob Daniels and Kevin Honomichl took the Oath of Office given by City Clerk and then took their seats at the Council.

The City Clerk then asked Rick Walker to take the Oath of Office as Mayor for the City of De Soto.

Mayor Walker called a 10 minute recess for citizens to congratulate the Governing Body members and say farewell to Mayor Maniez.

2. Call to Public:

"Members of the public are welcome to use this time to comment about any matter relating to City business not listed on this Agenda. The comments that are discussed under Call to Public may or may not

be acted upon by the Council during this meeting. **There is a four-minute time limit.** Please stand and wait to be recognized by the Mayor. You must state your name and address.”

Mayor Walker provided some history on the formation of the Northwest Consolidated Fire District and the City merger which occurred in May, 2009. The NWCFD is governed by a five-member board; two members are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners, two members are appointed by the City, and the fifth member appointment rotates.

Bill Miller, 9509 Corliss Court, De Soto, provided a letter to the Council, a copy of which is attached. He commented on his letter and in summary, asked the City Council’s involvement in a personnel matter. He is asking the Council to resolve to its appointed Fire Board members and those appointed by Commissioner Brown to recuse themselves from further discussion, debate, and certainly from voting on any action, regarding personnel who supervise their relatives.

Mayor Walker asked City Attorney Reavey to comment on the City’s Code, Chapter 1, Code of Ethics, which he provided another copy to the Council members. The City’s Code of Ethics can be found on the City’s website. Attorney Reavey commented on his duties as attorney for the City concerning the Code of Ethics. Attorney Reavey commented on the Resolution forming the Northwest Consolidated Fire District. He will be talking with Mr. Frank Jenkins, attorney for the NWCFD and to Mr. Larry McAulay, the attorney for Johnson County for their input concerning any ‘interest’ of the parties.

Discussion ensued between Mayor Walker and Attorney Reavey on requesting the Northwest Consolidated Fire District postpone their meeting until the Code of Ethics has been discussed. A discussion ensued between Councilman Honomichl and Council members concerning how the City is served as a customer.

Brooks Young, 9624 Corliss Court, said he wants to recognize the current state the NWCFD is in at this time. He commented on the ISO rating being changed from a “6” at the inception to a “3” this past year. He said this rating is saving residents and businesses around \$100 or more per year on insurance costs. Mr. Young stated he and others believe the Fire Department is much better now than when it was before Chief Whim came here. Mr. Young said it is important to make sure the NWCFD can stand behind the board when they make a decision. He said he is happy to see all the positive changes being made in the community.

Mark LaBarge, 9585 Corliss Court, said he would like to talk about fire training. He talked about the training hours that have improved since Chief Whim has been in charge.

Jim Hart, 30050 W. 84<sup>th</sup> Street, said he worked with Chief Whim for many years on the Fire Department. He said he is here in support of what Chief Whim has done for the City. He said he knows the Chief cares a lot about his department and this city. Mr. Hart stated Chief Whim insists on the best training for his department. He said the City deserves to look into this matter with the Fire Board because something isn’t right.

Cynthia Yarnell, 9586 Corliss Court, said they built their house about 20 years ago. She said the City’s population has grown and there is building in commercial properties. She thinks it is important to increase and maintain standards and training. She feels Chief Whim truly has De Soto’s best interests at heart. She said the ISO rating is impressive and should be applauded. She feels if there is nepotism involved, then it needs to be investigated. The citizens deserve a good fire department and highly skilled fire fighters.

No further comments.

Mayor Walker said he will attend the NWCFD meeting tomorrow and request they delay any action until the matter has been discussed with the attorneys regarding the concerns stated.

3. Old Business: NONE

4. New Business:

- a. Streets Department Facility Report. Planner Weisenburger said he and Administrator Brungardt worked on this project. Also involved was Street Superintendent Ron Creason. An inventory of the Street Department and all the duties they are charged with keeping up. They provide for street maintenance and repair, storm water management, signage, traffic control and snow removal. They also provide support for all other City departments in the form of fleet maintenance.

Planner Weisenburger provided a power point presentation concerning the City Street Department Shop Buildings, the land where they are located, and the lack of garages or inside storage for vehicles and equipment. Planner Weisenburger commented on the Public Works building sites visited in Tonganoxie and Baldwin City. He talked about the costs of a proposed building location as well as construction of a facility on the City's property on 79<sup>th</sup> Street.

Administrator Brungardt said that in the Capital Improvements Plan has included a new public works facility in the fifth year of the Plan. If the property on Lexington Avenue becomes available this year, the City should definitely look into this site. The Street Department buildings haven't seen any upgrade or improvement in the past 20 years. This is the largest ticket item on the Capital Improvement Plan.

Discussion ensued among Council members and Staff regarding options.

- b. CIP Discussion. Administrator Brungardt said the intent is to wrap up the 5-year CIP before the start of the 2018 budget discussions. He provided Council with a report and some adjustments made to a few projects on the 5-year list. The on-line survey has netted 17 responses. He is hoping to garner more input from the public. He will provide updates to the Council as responses come through. Administrator Brungardt commented on the public meeting feedback received and the two changes made based on that input. He will bring back an updated report for the first meeting in February. Council member Honomichl commented on the 'general maintenance' items being removed from the CIP. Council member Lane commented on a Miller Park bathroom project that didn't make the 5-year CIP. Mayor Walker said he hopes the Park Board will get going and come up with the priorities for the parks.
- c. Discuss 2018 Annual Work Plan. Administrator Brungardt said he wanted to outline his thoughts on what we can accomplish this year and prioritize some tasks and initiatives. He discussed the three categories of Administrative, Capital Improvements Projects, and the Strategic Plan Objectives and Initiatives. He will be meeting with Staff on priorities and will provide those updates to the Council for their consideration.

5. Executive Session: NONE

6. Advisory Reports:

- a. City Administrator, Mike Brungardt, announced the Johnson County Sheriff's Office is hosting a "Town Hall" public meeting on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. here in the Council Chamber. Sheriff Hayden will be here to talk with the public and answers questions.

At the next meeting, he would like Council to look at the Strategic Plan and review the goals and see if they are where Council wants to go. There will be some bids for the raw water main rehabilitation to review at the next meeting. There has been a request from the Fire Department at the uptown station to replace the flag pole and to remove the concrete base.

Mayor Walker asked local historian Darrel Zimmerman if the concrete base had any historical meaning. Council member Lane commented on how Shawnee fixed their flag pole by sleeving the pipe and asked if that would be a way to fix ours. Discussion ensued that this pole wasn't fixable.

- b. City Attorney, Patrick Reavey, no report.
- c. City Planner, Brad Weisenburger, said there are some new housing developments proposed from some developers. There are some forthcoming exciting things coming for De Soto.
- d. City Clerk, Lana McPherson, provided Council with information for upcoming events.

7. Council & Mayor Comments:

Mayor Walker said concerning the NWCFD board, he said he knows the fire personnel and he is not commenting on that; rather, he is concerned about the Code of Ethics and is requesting the attorneys review the Code for any nepotism concerns.

No further comments from Council members Daniels and Honomichl.

Council member Murdock welcomed new Council members Daniels and Honomichl.

Council member Lane also welcomed the new Council members. He asked if Water One had contacted the City about closing roads in the City when they put in their new water lines on Cedar Creek Road. Staff stated the City has not been contacted concerning road closures. City Building Official Chick commented a right-of-way work permit had been issued.

Mayor Walker welcomed Rob Daniels and Kevin Honomichl to the City Council.

No further business or comments.

Motion by Council member Murdock to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.; second by Ritter.

All Council approved by "ayes."

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

---

Lana R. McPherson, MMC, City Clerk