





Motion carries.

d. Consider Water and Sewer Rate Adjustments.

City Administrator explained the need for these adjustments. Discussion among Councilmember Honomichl and Mayor about debt service question. Staff is recommending 5% increase in sewer rates, and 2.5% increase in water rates.

Motion by Council member Lane to approve Resolution No. 996 Establishing Fees and Rates for Permits, Licenses and Services within the City of De Soto; second by Ritter

Roll Call:	Lane	Ritter
	Daniels	Murdock
	Honomichl	

Motion carries.

e. Discuss Water Distribution Building.

City Planner presented this item. Reminded Council of earlier bids received, all were significantly higher than expected. City Council rejected all of the bids, and asked Staff to come back with alternate plans. Staff considered rebidding, but it is not believed bids would come in any lower. Also considered combining space needed with an anticipated new public works building, but the building considered by the City may not be available (and City won't know if it is until July of 2018), and the space there really is not conducive to combining. Direction staff would like to go in is to have City Staff serve as the general contractor, particularly with Steve Chick's contracting background, and Doug Smith would like to have a "hands-on" approach on this project as it is important to the water department's operations.

Discussion among Council, Councilmember Honomichl indicated he liked the creative approach, it will save money, and he likes that City is constructing the building in compliance with the same standards that would be applied to a private developer.

Consensus of the Council is to move forward with the plan suggested by City Staff.

5. Executive Session: None.

6. Advisory Reports:

- a. City Administrator, Mike Brungardt, advised the Council about new employee Erica who started this week and will be performing many of the tasks Nancy now performs. Erica speaks fluent Spanish, which will be a great help to serving many of the City's constituents who come to the front counter. He also advised Council of the hiring of new employee Kathy, for the new municipal court clerk position. Finally, he asked about Council's thought on distributing Council packets on Mondays instead of Fridays, as doing so will help operationally. Discussion among Council, everyone is willing to try it, will see how it works, always can revert back to current practice if it causes problems for Councilmembers.
- b. City Attorney, Patrick Reavey, no report.
- c. City Planner, Brad Weisenburger, gave an update on progress of Master Park Plan and an upcoming rezoning.
- d. City Clerk, Lana McPherson, is out of town.

7. Council & Mayor Comments:

Mayor Walker extended an invitation to Council members to the State of the County lunch on March 28. He also announced the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on March 1, still two seats to fill, which the Mayor will work on filling. Finally, he raised topic of Council being apprised of Broadband committee's activities, and asked City Attorney to give brief educational presentation for new councilmembers on Kansas Open Meetings Act, and other items they should know about.

Councilmember Honomichl advised Council he will be attending the Smart Metro Summit put on by KC Digital Drive, which will focus on how cities can get involved in smart city concepts, and how this involvement can directly affect economic development.

Councilmember Ritter thanked the City Administrator for addressing stoplight, it appears to be fixed.

Councilmember Lane wants to make sure the City keeps an eye on the cuts of 88<sup>th</sup> Street that WaterOne has done for water lines. He has received inquiries from concerned citizens about this.

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.; second by Daniels.

All Council approved by "ayes."

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

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Patrick G. Reavey, Attorney for the City