

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order with Roll Call by Mayor Rick Walker.

Roll Call:	Lane	Present	Ritter	Present
	Daniels	Present	Murdock	Present
	Honomichl	Present		

Mayor Walked led the Pledge of Allegiance. Citizens signed the book on page 47.

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 July 19th, 2018.
 - b. Approve Pay Ordinance No. 835.

Motion by Council member Daniels to approve the Consent Agenda; second by Murdock.

Roll Call:	Lane	Yes	Ritter	Yes
	Daniels	Yes	Murdock	Yes
	Honomichl	Yes		

Motion carried.

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.”

No one appeared.

3. Old Business: None

4. New Business:

- a. Consider Bids for ADA Access to GreatLife Fitness. Administrator Brungardt said this project has been on the CIP for several years. The City has \$40,000 in the CIP budget this year for this project. Bids were solicited but only two bids were received. Discussion.

Motion by Council member Murdock to accept the proposal from Diversified in the amount of \$26,046.22, and the proposal from Rueschoff Locksmith in the amount of \$6,095, and to allocate an additional \$3,200 contingency from the Capital Improvements Fund for the construction of the ADA access project; second by Ritter.

Roll Call:	Lane	Yes	Ritter	Yes
	Daniels	Yes	Murdock	Yes
	Honomichl	Yes		

Motion carried.

- b. Consider Facility Use Agreement with the American Red Cross. Steve Chick, Sr. brought this forward through his contact with Johnson County Emergency Management discussions. Staff and the Red Cross representatives met and quickly concluded the Senior Center and the gym would be ideal for an emergency shelter or operation facility for disaster relief. Council member Ritter said the gym had been used back in the 1990's during the flooding and he commended Staff for bringing this agreement for approval.

Motion by Council member Murdock to authorize the Mayor to sign the Facility Use Agreement; second by Daniels.

Roll Call:	Lane	Yes	Ritter	Yes
	Daniels	Yes	Murdock	Yes
	Honomichl	Yes		

Motion carried.

- c. Consider Ordinance Creating Neighborhood Improvement District. Administrator Brungardt said this has been discussed at the past Council meetings. He provided a revised map for Council's review. Administrator Brungardt commented on the language on page 4 which does not allow 'stacking' of economic incentives.

Motion by Council member Daniels to approve Ordinance No. 2447 Amending Chapter 1 of the City Code to Include New Article 14 Related to Creation of a Neighborhood Improvement District; second by Honomichl.

Roll Call:	Lane	Yes	Ritter	Yes
	Daniels	Yes	Murdock	Yes
	Honomichl	Yes		

Motion carried.

- d. Consider Pay Ordinance No. 835-1 including Payments to De Soto EDC.

NOTE: Councilman Ritter left the Chamber at this time.

Motion by Council member Lane to approve Pay Ordinance No. 835-1; second by Honomichl.

Roll Call:	Lane	Yes	Ritter	Recused
	Daniels	Yes	Murdock	Yes
	Honomichl	Yes		

Motion carried.

NOTE: Council member Ritter was recalled to the Council Chamber.

5. Executive Session: N/A

6. Advisory Reports:

- a. City Administrator, Mike Brungardt, said improvements to Waverly Road at the southwest corner at 95th and Waverly Road could be made this year. Administrator Brungardt has talked with Jim Briggs, Street Department Foreman, and reviewed the road conditions on Waverly. The plan is to put 3-4 inches of asphalt in the center for a crown and then narrow it

down to the road edges. Administrator Brungardt said he feels the Street Department can get this project accomplished in two weeks or so, depending on weather and traffic use.

Council member Murdock asked if the big trucks for the development are going to tear up the roadway even further. She also commented that when the City puts time and money into roads, we should try to repair them when we have the money to do them better. Discussion ensued between Administrator Brungardt and Council. The preliminary plat for the development has been received in the Planning Department. Council member Honomichl said he could see a bike lane on Waverly in the future for a connection to 95th Street. He also thought consideration should be given to any rural road when it is repaved for a future bike lane and wide shoulders. Council member Murdock said as we move forward do we patch, or do we provide a safe lane for bicyclists or pedestrians. Council discussion ensued, and it was determined to hold off at this time on the overlay. Administrator Brungardt said we could begin a Rural Pedestrian Access Plan to start planning for rural pedestrian access.

Administrator Brungardt said the Parks & Rec Department has offered 8-12 fitness classes per week. The City's fitness instructors have moved, and currently the City is advertising for fitness instructors. The August classes, at this time, will be postponed until a fitness instructor is hired. Administrator Brungardt said there may be an opportunity for those who are enrolled to receive some classes for free while the City goes through the hiring process.

Mayor Walker asked if there could be an open gym available for those who have been involved in a fitness class. Administrator Brungardt said he has talked with Staff about doing this.

Administrator Brungardt said there were three proposals received on the Broadband initiative. The proposals look good. The City has signed a non-disclosure agreement with each of the companies, so the details cannot be made public at this time. There was discussion involved in the Broadband meetings about the City doing the installation of the infrastructure. If the City can construct a portion of the conduits, that would close a gap. The companies have been asked to come back with a proposal with the City constructing the conduit. Hopefully, there will be reports available in September. If the City constructs the conduit, this would be around a \$500,000 investment. There are several ways to fund this.

Council member Honomichl said it was very encouraging to have providers who are willing to participate in the city/provider relationship. He feels this will also initiate a more competitive service to the citizens in the City. The expectation is to create a robust internet access for the entire community of De Soto.

Council member Lane said the City is on level ground, and it will benefit everyone who currently has internet. This development will keep the City up to date everywhere and on a level playing field. He commended Administrator Brungardt and Council member Honomichl and the Mayor for all their work on this.

Council member Murdock said she feels it is a good idea to put in the infrastructure.

Administrator Brungardt asked the audience if they can hear better with the new A/V equipment. Council member Honomichl said 'this is awesome!' Council appreciated Administrator Brungardt's work on this.

- b. City Attorney, Patrick Reavey, was present through teleconference. He had no comments.
- c. City Planner, Brad Weisenburger, was not present.
- d. City Clerk, Lana McPherson, had no report.

7. Council & Mayor Comments:

Mayor Walker said he would like to appoint Todd Tucker to the Park Board for a one-year term. Todd works for FEMA.

Motion by Council member Honomichl to approve Todd Tucker for the 7th Park Board position for a one-year term; second by Murdock

All Council approved by “ayes.”

Motion carried.

Mayor Walker said the Johnson County ParaTransit has agreed to extend the county-provided transportation service to the entire County. This will be available to De Soto citizens.

No comments from Honomichl and Murdock.

Council member Daniels said communication has been one of the big challenges with our citizens. He said one of the consistent things that came from the citizen meetings was “I didn’t know about it” or “I just heard about it.” He said De Soto is known as the “McDonald’s exit”. He said a few years ago Travis Hicks proposed an electronic billboard and Council voted it down, and it did have drawbacks. Council member Daniels said he has reviewed all the history on why the billboard was not approved. He said he would like to bring this up again in a very different way. Council member Daniels has been working with Travis Hicks on a revised plan for an electronic sign as a monument type sign with landscaping around it. Mr. Hicks has agreed that there could be eight (8) notice rotations with one being dedicated to the City of De Soto. This would promote City and school events and use the exposure for our citizens as well as those traveling K-10. In talking with small businesses, it was discussed that the Chamber would have the right of first refusal on an ad.

Council member Murdock said she feels that if it is on the highway, it isn’t helping the citizens in the City to get the information. Council member Ritter said there was a lot of discussion on how the sign would benefit the City, but it would help generate getting folks to come into town. He likes the idea of a monument type sign and landscaping. He feels the Chamber businesses should have the ability to advertise at reasonable cost. Discussion continued by Council member Daniels. He said it would help the school district and they could also stream to it. This would be around a One-Million-dollar investment. Council member Ritter said in the past Mr. Hicks would not commit to allowing the City access. Discussion ensued between Mayor Walker and Council member Daniels regarding more discussion. Council member Lane said he feels the Planning Commission needs to be involved in this.

Mayor Walker asked if Council is open to hearing about another billboard sign with the City having advertising time. Discussion. Council said they are willing to hear more, but how does it really promote communication to the citizens? The only people going to see it are those who drive on K-10. Council discussion ensued with Administrator Brungardt. He said the next step would be to meet with Mr. Hicks and get something down on paper for further discussion. The City will have to change regulations for this type of sign.

Council member Ritter thanked Council member Daniels for his work on the sign discussion. He thanked Administrator Brungardt for fixing the power poles.

Council member Lane said there will be an Arts Council reveal next Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Mural on the side of the Coker building. He thanked Administrator Brungardt and Steve Chick for getting the Red Cross Agreement. He thanked Administrator Brungardt and

Staff for taking care of the tree problem on Overhill Road.

No further comments.

Motion by Council member Murdock to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.; second by Honomichl.

All Council approved by “ayes.”

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Lana R. McPherson, MMC, City Clerk