

Meeting Minutes

Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Murdock - Present	Ritter – Absent
Daniels – Present	Lane – Present
Honomichl – Present	

Councilmember Ritter was Absent.

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

1. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve Minutes of the Council Meeting on January 5, 2023.
 - b. Approve Pay Ordinance No. 941
 - c. Approve Dedication of Utility Right of Way for K-TEN Place Phase II

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to approve the consent agenda; Second by Councilmember Lane.

Roll Call

Murdock - Yes	Ritter – Absent
Daniels – Yes	Lane – Yes
Honomichl – Yes	

Motion Carried

1.5 Approve Pay Ordinance 941a.

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to approve the consent agenda; Second by Councilmember Honomichl.

Roll Call

Murdock - Yes	Ritter – Absent
Daniels – Yes	Lane – 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.

Seeing no one wanting to speak, the Mayor moved to the next item.

3. Old Business: None

4. New Business:

a. Receive results from the 2022 Citizen Satisfaction Survey

Ms. Whitney Lange, Communication Director, introduced the item. Mr. Ryan Murray with ETC, gave a presentation on the results of 2022 Citizen Satisfaction Survey. He reviewed the significant points of the survey. Key findings include that the City of De Soto scored above the national average in 23 of 34 key areas and 85 percent of respondents would recommend De Soto as a place to live. He continued by stating that according to the survey results, areas the city can improve include water and wastewater utility services and communication with the public. The council discussed the findings and asked how they could use the information to better improve services for citizens. Mayor Walker asked how soon we should do our next community survey. Mr. Murray stated he would like to see the city do a survey every two years. Councilmember Daniels discussed the differences in responses across the different sections of town. Councilmember Honomichl asked to see how the findings are tied to the council retreat from 2021. Councilmember Honomichl asked how the responses could be used to make targeted survey improvements. Councilmember Lane asked if the Panasonic Battery Plant announcement impacted the responses. Mr. Murray noted that he believed it had some impact on the responses related to the Planning and Development. The Mayor and Council thanked City staff and ETC for putting the survey together.

b. Consider task order for engineering services related to the replacement of the east water tower with PEC

Mr. Chet Belcher, City Engineer, led on this item. He gave an overview of task order. He noted that PEC has a long history of the work on water distribution. The council discussed the capacity of each of city owned water towers.

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to approve the task order with PEC for engineering services related to the replacement of the east water tower in an amount not to exceed \$9,800; Second by Councilmember Honomichl.

Roll Call

Murdock - Yes

Daniels – Yes

Honomichl – Yes

Ritter – Absent

Lane – Yes

Motion Carries

- c. Consider contract amendment for replacing the pipe network in the well field with Rieschick Construction Company

Mr. Chet Belcher led on this item. He noted that the amendment was due to the replacement pipes and fitting needing to be resized to modernize the machinery. He noted that the alignment of the pipes and additional valves, reducers, and fittings increased the contract price by \$56,910. He recommended approval of the amended contract.

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to approve the amended contract Rieschick Construction Company in an amount does not exceed \$56,910. Second by Councilmember Lane.

Murdock - Yes

Daniels – Yes

Honomichl – Yes

Ritter – Absent

Lane – Yes

Motion Carried.

- d. Consider resolution 1097 committing to provide matching funds for BASE grant applications for the water treatment plant expansion, water treatment plant expansion and the new water tower in the Astra Enterprise Park.

Mr. Chet Belcher led on this item. He announced that the Kansas Department of Commerce is accepting applications for the second round of Building a Stronger Economy (BASE 2.0) grants, which is a subsection of the Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) grant program. He noted that the city is submitting three applications for water and sewer plant expansions related to economic development projects in the Southwest Growth Area. They include funds for the expansion of Water Treatment Plant, the expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and an Elevated Storage (Water) Tower. The total estimated amount of funding needed to complete all three projects is \$74.5 million. He noted that the grant requires that the successful grantee commit to a 25% grant match. He noted that the resolution is only binding should the grant be awarded to the city.

Motion by Councilmember Honomichl to approve resolution 1097; Second by Councilmember Murdock.

Murdock - Yes
Daniels – Yes
Honomichl – Yes

Ritter – Absent
Lane – Yes

Motion Carried.

- e. Consider contract amendment for temporary traffic signals at 83rd Street and Kill Creek Road with Sosaya and Sons Construction.

Mr. Chet Belcher led on this item. He recommended that the item be tabled.

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to table the contract amendment with Sosaya and Sons Construction; Second by Councilmember Honomichl.

Murdock - Yes
Daniels – Yes
Honomichl – Yes

Ritter – Absent
Lane – Yes

Motion Carried.

- f. Consider resolution 1098 Appointing Doug Bedford to the Northwest Consolidated Fire District.

Mayor Walker noted that he would like to appoint the Mr. Doug Bedford to the Northwest Consolidated Fire District board.

Councilmember Daniels asked when the city will make its next appointment. Mayor Walker noted that Bob Garrett’s term expires in 2024.

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to approve resolution 1098; Second by Councilmember Lane.

Murdock – Yes
Daniels – Yes
Honomichl – Yes

Ritter – Absent
Lane – Yes

Motion Carried

5. Executive Session: None

6. Advisory Reports:

- a. City Administrator- Reminded the City Council of an open house on the January 25th. Nancy Mayes, Founder and President of Mays Communication, gave an overview of public open house regarding the Southwest Growth Area on January 25th at the De Soto Senior Center. She noted that the event is designed to be a drop-in event where citizens can get information on developments throughout De Soto.
- b. City Attorney-No Report
- c. City Planner- No Report
- d. City Engineer – Gave an overview of the major public works projects in the city.
- e. Assistant City Administrator – Gave an update on the vehicle replacement plan and city job openings.

6. Council & Mayor Comments

Councilmember Honomichl – No Report

Councilmember Lane – No Report

Councilmember Murdock - No Report

Councilmember Daniels - Discussed the signal heads on Lexington Ave. Mr. Belcher noted that he spoke with the Kansas Department of Transportation, and they are aware of the problem.

Councilmember Ritter – Absent

Mayor Walker -No Report

7. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to adjourn; Second by Councilmember Daniels. All councilmember stated yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Brandon Mills, MPA, City Clerk