



Meeting Minutes

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

Roll Call

Murdock - Present

Daniels – Present

Honomichl Present

Ritter – Present

Lane – Present

All are present

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 on February 3, 2022.
- b. Approve Minutes of the Joint Planning Commission and Council Workshop on February 3, 2022
- c. Approve Pay Ordinance No. 920.
- d. Approve Donation Request from De Soto Historical Society
- e. Approve Annual Maintenance Agreement with Thane Palmberg

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to approve the consent agenda; second by Councilmember Daniels.

Roll Call

Murdock - Yea

Daniels – Yea

Honomichl Yea

Ritter – Yea

Lane – Yea

1.5. Approve Pay Ordinance 920a

Councilmember Ritter recused himself from this item and left the meeting at 7:03 pm.

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to approve the pay ordinance 920a; second by Councilmember Daniels.

Roll Call

Murdock - Yea
Daniels – Yea
Honomichl Yea

Ritter – Abstained
Lane – Yea

Motion Carries

Councilmember Ritter returned to the meeting at 7:04 pm.

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. The mayor moved to the next item.

3. Old Business:

- a. None.

4. New Business:

- a. Discuss Purchase of Public Art Piece “Native Spirit”.

Mr. Patrick Reavey, City Attorney led on this item. He outlined the terms of the lease and the purchase options for the current art piece outside of City Hall. He announced that the piece could be purchased from Mr. Tim Mispagel for \$4,000 and the council would need to decide to purchase the item in June. Councilmember Murdock said she would like to see the city purchase the art piece from Mr. Mispagel and find a new display location. She continued that she would like to see the city expand the program. The council discussed their interest and support for purchasing the piece from Mr. Mispagel and expanding the program to include locations outside of city hall. The Council discussed how to budget for the public art program. They asked that future contracts include language that would allow local businesses to purchase the art pieces from the artists at the city contracted price.

- b. Sales Tax Referendum Discussion

Mr. Brandon Mills, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Administrator led on this item. He discussed the history of 0.75% sales tax for capital projects. He gave a brief analysis of the sale tax rates in neighboring jurisdictions. He outlined three scenarios for the council to discuss. He asked the council to discuss each option and give staff directions. The council discussed that they would like to renew the sales tax. The council discussed its wish to renew the sales tax at its current rate of 0.75%. The council discussed how the sales tax would impact the Tax Increment Financing District at Harps. The council instructed staff to prepare a resolution to renew the sales tax for capital improvements at its current rate of .75%. Mr. Mills stated he would work with Mr. Reavey and put the resolution on the March 3rd City Council meeting agenda.

c. Discuss BASE Grant Applications –

Mr. Mike Brungardt, City Administrator, and City Engineer led on this item. He outlined the BASE grant application process and eligible projects. He led them through the type of projects the city could apply for. He explained that the city would apply for the BASE grant for sewer and road improvements at the Sunflower Ammunition Plant and Gabriel property. He asked the City Council for approval to apply for the BASE Grant. He announced that two private developers in De Soto have asked for letters of support for private projects in De Soto. The council discussed the cost estimates for the proposed sewer and road improvements at the Former Sunflower Ammunition Plant and Gabriel properties. Council discussed the priorities for the grant application. The council identified key areas for sewer improvements in the community.

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to approve the city administrator to apply for BASE grants through the Kansas Department of Commerce; Second by Councilmember Daniels.

Roll Call

Murdock - Yea
Daniels – Yea
Honomichl Yea

Ritter – Yea
Lane – Yea

Motions Carries.

5. Executive Session:

6. Advisory Reports:

- a. City Administrator- Discussed the snow removal efforts on February 17th.
- b. City Attorney – No Report
- c. City Planner- No Report
- d. City Clerk – No Report

7. Council & Mayor Comments

Councilmember Lane – No report

Councilmember Ritter – No report

Councilmember Honomichl – No report

Councilmember Daniels- No report

Councilmember Murdock – Discussed her wish to see the city establish a land bank. She instructed staff to reach out to communities such as Pittsburg, KS, and Osawatomie, KS. Council expressed their support to establish a land bank. She also discussed her wish to create a rental inspection program in the city. Councilmember Murdock also discussed the Scout House in De Soto. The Council discussed the process of having the deed of the property turned over to the City of De Soto. Mr. Reavey said he would investigate the matter and report back to the Council.

Mayor Walker – No Report

8. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to adjourn; second by Daniels.

All Council approved by "ayes." The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Brandon Mills

Brandon Mills, MPA, City Clerk