

CITY OF DE SOTO
CITY COUNCIL
City Hall, 32905 W. 84th Street
February 21st, 2008, at 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order with Roll Call by Council President Tim Maniez. Mayor Anderson is not present.

Roll Call:	Cannon	Present	Maniez	Present
	Drennon	Present	Morse	Present
	Templin	Present		

Citizens signed the book on page 111. Council President Maniez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 of February 7th, 2008.
 - b. Approve Pay Ordinance No. 586.

Motion by Councilwoman Templin to approve the Consent Agenda; second by Cannon.

Roll Call:	Cannon	Yes	Maniez	Yes
	Drennon	Yes	Morse	Yes
	Templin	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 that is 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."

No one appeared.

3. Chamber / EDC Report: Executive Director, Sara Ritter, has provided Council with a copy of her Request for Transient Guest Tax funds. Discussion by Councilwoman Templin with Mrs. Ritter regarding the amount requested being sufficient. Ms. Ritter stated the Blues & BBQ festival is the inaugural event for the new riverfront park venue, and the Chamber board is working on costs. The goal of the Chamber is to have an event coordinator who can help the Chamber members with an event of this magnitude. Council. Patrick Reavey, City Attorney, stated he can assist with the criteria for the event. Council agreed to have Mrs. Ritter bring back the bids for further consideration.

Motion by Councilwoman Templin to fund the Chamber of Commerce request for \$13,000 from the Transient Guest Tax fund; second by Drennon.

Roll Call:	Cannon	Yes	Maniez	Yes
	Drennon	Yes	Morse	Yes
	Templin	Yes		

Motion carried.

Mrs. Ritter stated there are three ribbon-cutting events scheduled during the next week. She invited Council members to come out and welcome the new businesses.

4. Old Business:

- a. Consider names for the river front park. Administrator Guilfoyle introduced Doug Pickert. Mr. Pickert provided a power point presentation regarding possible criteria to be used in considering names for the park. Mr. Pickert said the idea is to bring people to the area and the future possibilities that could impact the park. This is an opportunity to enhance the community’s history, arts, culture and legacy. Discussion by Councilwoman Templin on her ideas for some names and ideas within the park area. Councilman Maniez said he liked the idea of the “Riverfest” park as it does suggest more than a boat ramp and park. Councilman Drennon agreed he likes the name De Soto Riverfest Park. Sara Ritter stated she agrees with Councilwoman Templin in the name of De Soto Riverfest Point. Mr. Pickert said he would suggest “Landing” rather than “Point” as it really isn’t a point in the river. Continued Council discussion on names.

Motion by Councilwoman Templin to name the park the “De Soto Riverfest Park”; second by Drennon.

Roll Call:	Cannon	Yes	Maniez	Yes
	Drennon	Yes	Morse	Yes
	Templin	Yes		

Motion carried.

- b. Discussion of Downtown TND Overlay District regulations to be addressed by the Planning Commission at a public hearing on February 26, 2008. **TABLED**

5. New Business:

- a. Consider request by Rita Jones in support of De Soto Relay for Life 2008. City Clerk Lana McPherson stated Ms. Jones could not attend this evening due to the inclement weather. She stated Ms. Jones is requesting the use of the Community Center in case of rain on the Relay date, and is also requesting funding assistance from the City as outlined in her letter directed to the Council. Ms. Jones will be present at the next Council meeting on March 6th to display the “Fight Back” banner.

Motion by Councilwoman Cannon to give a donation of \$1,500 to the Relay for Life; second by Templin.

Roll Call:	Cannon	Yes	Maniez	Yes
	Drennon	Yes	Morse	Yes
	Templin	Yes		

Motion carried.

- b. Consider Construction Official Recommendation for Building Permit Fee Structure. Steve Chick, City Building Official, thanked Council for the opportunity to present this recommendation. He stated the current valuation method hasn’t been updated since 2003. The ICC has now made available a National Building Valuation Date (BVD) to aid

local jurisdictions in determining fair and uniform permit fees. The updated tables are published annually in February and August in the ICC Building Safety Journal. Mr. Chick provided Council with a power point presentation outlining the building permit fee structure and the BVD valuation method. Discussion by Council and Mr. Chick. Councilwoman Templin said she is in favor of adopting this and she feels the modifier should be lower. Discussion by Council regarding the modifier and the advantages and disadvantages of lowering the modifier. The Council decided to utilize a modifier of .92. Council discussed an annual review of fees.

Council requested Attorney Reavey prepare a resolution to adopt the new procedure at the next Council meeting.

6. Executive Session:

Motion by Councilwoman Templin to go into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. for attorney/client privilege for 20 minutes and invite Pat Guilfoyle and Mike Brungardt in; second by Drennon.

All Council approved by "ayes".

Motion carried.

Motion by Councilwoman Templin to return to Regular Session at 8:22 p.m. and only the item stated was discussed and no votes were taken; second by Drennon.

All Council approved by "ayes".

Motion carried.

7. Advisory Reports:

- a. City Administrator, Pat Guilfoyle, said the water utility discussions with Rural Water 6 staff and engineers and the City staff have gone well. They are working together and information is being gathered to determine water costs and engineering. The fire consolidation issue has moved forward to the next step in the process, i.e., the drafting of amending legislation to establish the legal framework for a new consolidated fire district. Senator Julia Lynn introduced Senate Bill 547. SB 547 resulted from the cooperation of the City, Fire District #3, and the collaboration of City Attorney Patrick Reavey and the County's legal staff assigned to represent District #3. Reavey and Administrator Guilfoyle attended the Senate hearing on the SB 547 last week. Also attending the hearing was County legal staff and representatives from District #3; City Administrator Guilfoyle testified in that hearing. The bill has now been moved out of committee.

Councilman Maniez said there hasn't been a lot of discussion with our Fire Department personnel in this, and since this is their livelihood and their passion, he would like to sit down with these people and ask them their input. He said he doesn't feel we are doing these people justice for the time they have given us. Councilman Maniez said Council should sit down and talk with these people and to listen to what their individual concerns and uneasiness regarding the consolidation. He feels this isn't fair to them as many of them are De Soto residents who have put in a lot of years volunteering in the department.

Councilwoman Templin said she disagrees and she feels this is the decision of the Fire Chief to talk with his staff and inform them.

Chief Ritter stated he shares with his staff what he knows and what he has

discussed with City staff. He feels the comments he hears are positive. Discussion ensued between Council members and Fire Chief Ritter.

Administrator Guilfoyle said he will be bringing some bid proposals for a new monopole to the next Council meeting.

- b. City Attorney, Patrick Reavey, no report.
- c. City Engineer, Mike Brungardt, no report.
- d. City Planner, Linda Bohnsack, was not present.
- e. City Clerk, Lana McPherson, read a "thank you" response from Rita Jones regarding the Council's support of Relay for Life.

8. Council & Mayor Comments:

Councilwoman Cannon had no comments.

Councilman Morse said he likes his new big blue trashcan.

Councilwoman Templin asked about the trailers on the grocery store parking lot.

Councilman Morse responded he knows they are there and they are being used by Weldon for the new trash can delivery and storage facility. They will be moved soon.

Councilman Drennon stated City Engineer Mike Brungardt and City Planner Linda Bohnsack did a great job of presenting the 95th Street project last week.

Engineer Brungardt stated it was a very positive meeting.

Motion by Councilwoman Cannon to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.; second by Morse.

All Council approved by "ayes".

Respectfully submitted:

Lana R. McPherson, MMC
City Clerk