

Meeting Minutes

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

Roll Call

Murdock - Present

Ritter – Present

Daniels – Present

Lane – Present

Honomichl – Present

All were Present.

Proclamation: Declaring Fair Housing Month 2023.

Mayor Walker read the proclamation aloud.

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 Meetings on March 16th, 2023, and March 21st, 2023
- b. Approve Pay Ordinance No. 946
- c. Approve the Agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation of the Sunflower Recreational Path

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

Murdock – Yes

Ritter – Yes

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 the 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:

- a. Consider Ordinance No. 2570 Regarding Text Amendment for Solar Ordinance.

Mr. Patrick Reavey, City Attorney, gave an overview of the revised ordinance.

Motion by Councilmember Honomichl to adopt 2570 adopting the planning commission recommendation with revisions outlined in the ordinance presented to council on April 6th; Second by Councilmember Ritter.

Murdock – Yes	Ritter – Yes
Daniels – Yes	Lane – Yes
Honomichl – Yes	Mayor Walker- Yes
Motion Carries	

4. New Business:

- a. Consider an Agreement with Sosaya and Sons Construction, Inc. for Traffic Signal Maintenance Services

Mr. Chet Belcher, Public Works Director, led on this item. He reminded the council that to manage traffic detours. At the same time, KDOT repaired multiple bridges on K-10 and widened the ramps at the K-10 and Lexington Avenue interchange; temporary traffic lights were put in place at 83rd Street and Kill Creek Road. He announced that additional traffic management will be helpful this summer since KDOT intends to close one lane of the K-10 bridge over Kill Creek to perform bridge deck repairs.

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to approve the agreement with Sosaya; second by Councilmember Daniels.

Murdock – Yes	Ritter – Yes
Daniels – Yes	Lane – Yes
Honomichl – Yes	

- b. Consider Resolution No. 2007 to Revise Water & Sewer Rates

Mr. Mike Brungardt led on the item. He noted that the rate hikes for water and sewer are included in the 2023 budget to reflect inflationary pressures on the departments' commodity and service expenses. He said that based on the 2022 year-end fiscal statements, which affirm the necessity of the rate increases, 5-year fund forecasts had been adjusted. He gave an overview of water and sewer rates for neighboring communities. He recommended that the Council raise the water rate by 5% and the sewer rate by 4%.

Motion by Councilmember Murdock approves resolution 2007 to revise water & Sewer Rates; Second by Councilmember Honomichl.

Murdock – Yes

Ritter – Yes

Daniels – Yes

Lane – Yes

Honomichl – Yes

Motion Carried

- c. Consider bid for CDBG Sidewalk Construction on Ottawa Street
Mr. Brad Weisburger, City Planner, led on this item. He noted that the 2022 CDBG project is constructing a new sidewalk along Ottawa Street from 82nd to 83rd Street. De Soto was awarded \$90,000 for this project. Funds are available in the CIP to cover the difference between the grant amount and the total bid price. A new walkway is being built along Ottawa Street between 82nd and 83rd Street as part of our 2022 CDBG project. De Soto received \$90,000 for this endeavor. He announced that funding from the CIP covers the difference between the grant amount and the final bid price. He recommended approval of the low bid from McConnell Associates in an amount not to exceed \$133,624 for the Ottawa Street Sidewalk Project.

Motion by Councilmember Honomichl to approve the bid from McConnel Associates for the Ottawa Street Sidewalk project in an amount to exceed \$\$133,624; Second by Councilmember Lane.

Murdock – Yes

Ritter – Yes

Daniels – Yes

Lane – Yes

Honomichl – Yes

- d. Discuss CDBG Status for 2024
Mr. Brad Weisenburger led on this item. He announced that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project submission deadline is May 25th, 2023. He noted that the maximum annual grant amount under the CDBG is \$100,000, but applications for two years may be made. He noted that the programs' purpose is to enhance the standard of living for vulnerable groups. He gave an overview of the grant criteria.

The council discussed options for continuing the grant project, including lighting along the sunflower road trail. They were adding safety equipment and adding warning sirens in the southwest growth area. They discussed sewer projects at the Clearview City development.

5. Executive Session: Land Acquisition

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to recess into executive session at 7:28 pm for 10 minutes to discuss the acquisition of right of way pursuant to land acquisition, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6)), with the open meeting resuming in the City Council chamber at no sooner than 7:38 p.m. Second by Councilmember Lane.

Roll Call

Murdock – Yes

Ritter – Yes

Daniels – Yes

Lane – Yes

Honomichl – Yes

Motion Carried.

Councilmember Honomichl announced a conflict of interest and abstained from the executive session. He did not participate in the executive session.

The meeting resumed at 7:38 pm.

Motion by Councilmember Murdock to authorize the City Administrator to sign the purchase agreement Clearview Village in the amount of \$187,820; Second by Councilmember Daniels.

Roll Call

Murdock – Yes

Ritter – Yes

Daniels – Yes

Lane – Yes

Honomichl – Yes

6. Advisory Reports:

- a. City Administrator – Requested that the council schedule a work session to discuss the incentive policy regarding housing.

Motion by Councilmember Daniels to call for a special city council meeting at 6:00 pm on Thursday, April 20th, at De Soto City Hall for purpose of holding a workshop regarding revisions to the incentive policy and postpone the regular city council meeting from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Second by Councilmember Honomichl.

Murdock – Yes

Ritter – Yes

Daniels – Yes

Lane – Yes

Honomichl – Yes

Motion Carried

- b. City Attorney – No Report
- c. City Planner – No Report
- d. City Engineer – Asked for a council member to sit on the review committee for the water plant and sewer plant expansion. He noted that he would send that information out to the council in the next few days.
- e. Assistant City Administrator – Gave an overview of the Contain the Rain program with Johnson County.

7. Council & Mayor Comments

Councilmember Honomichl – No Report

Councilmember Daniels – No Report

Councilmember Ritter – No Report

Councilmember Lane – No Report

Councilmember Murdock – No Report

Mayor Walker - Mayor Walker announced the resignation of Planning Commissioner Bob Garrett. He announced that he would like to appoint Mr. Charles Meddock to the De Soto Planning Commission through April of 2025.

Motion Councilmember Honomichl to accept the resignation of Bob Garret from the Planning Commission and appoint Mr. Charles Meddock to the Planning Commission for the remainder of the term that expires in April of 2025; Second by Councilmember Ritter.

Roll Call

Murdock – Yes

Daniels – Yes

Honomichl – Yes

Ritter – Yes

Lane – Yes

Motion Carried.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Murdock; Second by Councilmember Honomichl. All Council approved by "ayes." The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Brandon Mills

Brandon Mills, MPA, City Clerk