

1. Meeting Called to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

The De Soto City Council met in Regular Session on June 15, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

2. Roll Call

The following Council members were present: Councilwoman Autumn Blanchard, Chairman Pro Tem Matt Franken, Councilwoman Randi Scharf, Mayor Kathy Smith.

Staff Present: City Clerk Ann Houska, Todd Melkus, Fire Chief Fitzgerald, Police Chief Steger

Visitors: Jim McNichols, Lisa Queen, Dominic Lawson, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Cindy Heimos, Don Heimos.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Councilwoman Blanchard made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilwoman Scharf. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yea: Councilwoman Blanchard, Chairman Pro Tem Franken, Councilwoman Scharf, and Mayor Smith. Motion approved.

A. Approval of Minutes

B. Approval of Bills

4. Citizens Comments

5. Old Business

6. New Business

A. Minor Subdivision 1300 N. Main Street.

Background

The purpose of the Subdivision request is to create three (3) lots.

The subject property is located at 1300 N Main Street.

Legal Description: RATHBUN ADD; PT BLOCK 23 RATHBUN CORRECTED ADD LOTS 6,7,8,9 & PT ALLEY

The City Code defines a subdivision as “any land, vacant or improved, which is divided or proposed to be divided into two (2) or more lots, parcels, sites, units, plots, or interest for the purpose of offer, sale, lease or development, either on the installment plan or upon any and all other plans, terms and conditions, including re-subdivision”.

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on May 19, 2026, and took the following action:

1. Held a public hearing.
2. Recommended scheduling a joint public hearing for the June 15, 2026, City

Council Meeting.

3. Granted preliminary approval/final to approve the minor subdivision plat pending City Council approval

The public hearing opened at 6:09 PM and closed at the same time with no comments.

Councilwoman Scharf made a motion to Approve the Subdivision. Seconded by Chairman Pro Tem Franken. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yea: Councilwoman Blanchard, Chairman Pro Tem Franken, Councilwoman Scharf, Mayor Smith. Motion Approved.

- B. Bid Award-Blow Street Watermain Replacement
Blow Street Water Main Replacement

Background

The Bid opening was held at City Hall on June 2, 2026, at 3:00 PM.

Four (4) bids were received.

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Bid Price</u>
Jokerst Inc.	\$344,963.12
Vern Bauman Contracting	\$214,285.05
CE Contracting	\$241,845.00
Mahn's Plumbing, Inc.	\$250,000.00

Chairman Pro Tem Franken made a motion to Award the Bid to Vern Bauman Contracting. Seconded by Councilwoman Scharf. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yes: Councilwoman Blanchard, Chairman Pro Tem Franken, Councilwoman Scharf, Mayor Smith. Motion Approved.

- C. Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment Appointment

Background

Edward Sacco has submitted a data sheet indicating an interest in being appointed to four-year terms on the Planning & Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment.

Councilwoman Blanchard made a motion to appoint Edward Sacco to the P & Z board and Board of Adjustment Seconded by Councilwoman Scharf. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yes: Councilwoman Blanchard, Chairman Pro Tem Franken, Councilwoman Scharf, Mayor Smith. Motion Approved.

- D. Liquor License Renewals

Background

Below is a list of establishments/businesses that have applied for license renewals for the time period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

The Arlington Event Center LLC, Smokeys Place Inc, Dog House De Soto LLC.

Section 600.110 (A) of the City Code provides for fifteen (15) Intoxicating Liquor/Malt Liquor by the Drink Licenses available with fifteen (15) requests, twelve (12) of which have requested Sunday Licenses by the Drink.

Section 600.110 (B) of the City Code provides for fifteen (15) Intoxicating Liquor/Malt Liquor in the Original Package Licenses available with eleven (11) requests; Ten (10) of those establishments are requesting the Special License for Sunday Sales.

Section 600.107 of the City Code provides for Wine and Malt Beverages, permit to allow tasting. We have received two (2) requests for this permit.

A Criminal Record Check was obtained from the State and then reviewed by the Chief of Police. A letter of recommendation, which outlines the establishments, from Chief Steger, and he sees no valid reason not to approve the requests for renewal.

Councilwoman Scharf made a motion to Approve the Liquor Licenses. Seconded by Chairman Pro Tem Franken. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yea: Councilwoman Blanchard, Chairman Pro Tem Franken, Councilwoman Scharf, Mayor Smith. Motion Approved.

E. **RESOLUTION 4-2026 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF DESOTO FIRE DEPARTMENT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI DECLARING ELECTRIC VEHICLE FIRES TO BE DECLARED **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (HAZMAT) EVENTS****

Background

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has cautioned the dangers associated with lithium-ion batteries, particularly those in EVs and energy storage systems in light of the potential hazards they present when damaged or improperly managed and the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has issued safety advisories highlighting of risk thermal runaway in transporting EVs, leading to fires and the emission of toxic gases creating hazmat conditions.

Resolution # 4-2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DE SOTO, MISSOURI DECLARING ELECTRIC VEHICLE FIRES TO BE DECLARED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (HAZMAT) EVENTS

WHEREAS, the primary battery source for EVs is lithium-ion, and lithium-ion batteries can catch fire and produce gases and hydrogen fluoride, and

WHEREAS, electric vehicles ("EVs") are becoming ever more common as a means of transportation, and

WHEREAS, the presence of volatile, potential ignition substances such as fuel and battery electrolytes can escalate a fire incident, and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of EVs poses new risks to the City requiring the City to evaluate its response to EV incidents, and

WHEREAS, thermal runaway in lithium-ion batteries can lead to intense fires, release of toxic gases, and potential explosions, posing significant risks to human health and the environment, and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has cautioned the dangers associated with lithium-ion batteries, particularly those in EVs and energy storage systems in light of the potential hazards they present when damaged or improperly managed; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has issued safety advisories highlighting of risk thermal runaway in transporting EVs, leading to fires and the emission of toxic gases creating hazmat conditions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DESOTO , MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

1. Given the factors stated above, any incident involving EV fire or explosion shall be treated as hazardous materials incident.
2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage according to law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS DAY OF , 2026

Kathy Smith, Mayor
ATTEST:

City Clerk Ann Houska (SEAL)
APPROVED:

Councilwoman Scharf made a motion to Approve Resolution 4-2026. Seconded by Councilwoman Blanchard. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yea: Councilwoman Blanchard, Chairman Pro Tem Franken, Councilwoman Scharf, Mayor Smith. Motion approved.

7. Communication From City Manager

City Manager Melkus advised the council that thirty percent of the construction and engineering plan for Amtrak is ahead of schedule. Once this is complete, they just have to finalize the plans and make sure it's passed the building codes for ADA accessibility.

8. Communications From City Council

None

9. Roll Call Vote to Hold Closed Session

No closed session was held

10. Adjournment

Councilwoman Blanchard made a motion to adjourn at 6:21 PM no closed session was held. Seconded by Councilwoman Scharf. Upon roll being called, the vote was

as follows: Yea: Councilwoman Blanchard, Chairman Pro Tem Franken,
Councilwoman Scharf, Mayor Smith. Meeting adjourned

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Houska". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ann" and last name "Houska" clearly distinguishable.

Ann Houska City Clerk