

1. Meeting Called to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

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2. Roll Call

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Staff Present: City Clerk Ann Houska, Todd Melkus City Manager, Chief Jeff McCreary, Captain Jeff Wynn, City Attorney Mark Bishop, Firefighter Mike Zebas

Visitors Present: Lisa Crow, Davaline Fraser, Danny Manning, Aurther Hook, Ed Sacco, Amanda Sacco, Lindsay Pigg, James Parmley, Heather Parmley, Tom Fitzgerald, Dominic Lawson, Mark Mahn, Vernon Tullock, Cathy Vanover, Tim Martin, Tonia Schmitt, Mike Schmitt, Bob Lee, Ron Luellen, Daniel Barton, Steve Earp, Christine Lieber, Charles Hickmann, Dean Kohler, Don Heimos, Cindy Heimos, MIke Bone, Carrie Bone, Andrea Doyen, Joni Roland, Joe Valle, Bev Wilson, Lisa Queen, Teresa Leader Publications.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes & Approval of Bills

Chairman Pro Tem Mahn made a motion to Approve the City Council Minutes & Bills, Seconded by Councilwoman Scharf. Upon roll being called the vote was as follows:
Yea: Mayor Franken, City Council Member Smith, Chairman Pro Tem Mahn, City Council Member Scharf No: None. Motion Passed.

4. Citizens Comments

Bob Lee is setting up a weekend-long event for Veterans Day. He would like to make this a memorable event for everyone. He is trying to get the word out in advance so he has a large showing.

Bishop Ron Luellen explained that he knows how divided things are and shouldn't we be innocent until proven guilty. The leader wants to put its own spin on things but we as the public need to let the process take its course through court.

Dean Kohler is concerned about the public statement that Todd Mahn made regarding the management of the fire department. He questioned whether there would be any new taxes and how the use of fire trucks would work. He also questioned how the city plans on purchasing future firetrucks for the department.

Mr Kohler asked Mr. Mahn how to address him so that they could have a conversation. Mr Kohler didn't want to put anything on Facebook but had questions about liability, insurance information and how they were going to manage seven stations.

Lisa Crow, a board member of CASA, stated there are twelve thousand kids in foster care and approximately six hundred to a thousand kids in Jefferson County. There are approximately ninety volunteers, and they have a Gala coming up to support funding. They are requesting monetary support, volunteers, and voices.

Christine Lieber, former alderman of Sunset Hills and a business owner, is representing Todd Mahn. She addressed the room stating that Mr. Mahn has spent decades in this community. She is a parent, and she has seen Todd advocate for young children and help this community. The timing of this claim isn't perfect, and the allegations are not facts. We can not allow outside claims and assumptions to replace the truth. Todd deserves fairness, due process and to be judges on proof. Stand for truth and fairness.

5. Old Business

A. A. Bid Award Tanyard Branch Sewer Crossing

The line and we have had to fix numerous leaks in the past. This project is going to stabilize the main and allow it not to be damaged when we do have heavy rain events in

Hopes to avoid ever having a failure of the main sewer. Project Description: The scope of the work includes lining approximately 47 lineal feet

Of an existing 8-inch diameter SOR 35 PVC ductile iron pipe, 52 LF 8-inch diameter welded solid steel pipe with fusion bonded epoxy coating of gravity sewer with associated

manhole construction and modification. Construction of new concrete walls and anchor. Demolition of the appropriate existing sanitary sewer main, asphalt pavement repair, site cleaning, finish grading and seeding and other incidental items. The bid opening was held at City Hall on January 16, at 2:00PM with the following bids received.

Firm

Kimes Contracting LLC — \$84,715.00

Midwest Utility Contracting - \$135,375.00

Jokerst Inc - \$113,149.00

W.M. Plumbing Inc. - \$73,588.00

Cochran, the engineering firm representing the City for the project, has reviewed the bid and recommends W. M. Plumbing, in the amount of \$73,588.00. A motion to that effect would be the appropriate course of action.

City Council Member Smith made a motion to award the bid to W.M. Plumbing Inc. Seconded by Chairman Pro Tem Mahn. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yea: Mayor Franken, City Council Member Smith, Chairman Pro Tem Mahn, City Council Member Scharf. Motion Passed.

6. New Business

A. Special Event Request- Get Healthy Winter Flakes 5k

City Council Member Scharf made a motion to Approve the Winter Flakes 5K.

Seconded by City Council Member Smith. All in favor, Motion Passed.

B. **BILL NO. 1-2026** - Annexation of 4720 State Rd H

City Council Member Smith made a motion to Approve Bill No 1-2026. Seconded by Chairman Pro Tem Mahn. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yea: Mayor

Franken, City Council Member Smith, Chairman Pro Tem Mahn, City Council Member Scharf .Motion Passed.

BILL NO. 1-2026 Annexation of 4720 Sate Rd H

City Council Member Smith made a motion to Approve Bill No 1-2026 on its first reading by title only. Seconded by Chairman Pro Tem Mahn. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yea: Mayor Franken, City Council Member Smith, Chairman Pro Tem Mahn, City Council Member Scharf.Motion Passed.

BILL NO. 1-2026 Annexation of 4720 State Rd H

City Council Member Smith made a motion to Approve Bill No 1-2026 on its final reading by title only. Seconded by Chairman Pro Tem Mahn. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yea: Mayor Franken, City Council Member Smith, Chairman Pro Tem Mahn, City Council Member Scharf . Motion Passed.

C. Minor Subdivision – 12561 State Rt 21

A public hearing was opened at 6:29 pm with no comments and closed at the same time.

City Council Member Scharf made a motion to approve the minor subdivision at 12561 State Rt 21, seconded by City Council Member Smith. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yea: Mayor Franken, City Council Member Smith, Chairman Pro Tem Mahn, City Council Member Scharf. Motion Passed.

D. Major Subdivision — Parcels 17802700000052 & 178034000000303

The public hearing opened at 6:31pm and closed at 6:32 pm with no discussion.

Chairman Pro Tem Mahn made a motion to Approve The Major Subdivision of Parcels 17802700000052 &178034000000303. Seconded by City Council Member Scharf. Upon roll being called the vote was as follows: Yea: Mayor Franken, City Council Member Smith, Chairman Pro Tem Mahn, City Council Member Scharf . Motion Passed.

E. Mercantile at Main anniversary event on Main Street

City Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the Mercantile @ Main Anniversary event street closure. Seconded by City Council Member Scharf. All in favor, Motion Approved.

F. Bid Award - Public Works Office Building

Mayor Pro Tem Mahn made a motion to Award the Bid to Holy Schmitt Contracting in the amount of \$35,625.24. Seconded by City Council Member Scharf. Upon roll being called the vote was as follows: Yea: Mayor Franken, City Council Member Smith, Chairman Pro Tem Mahn, City Council Member Scharf. Motion Passed.

G. **RESOLUTION NO. 1-2026** AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE DE SOTO RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DE SOTO, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE DE SOTO RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

WHEREAS, the City of De Soto (“City”) and DeSoto Rural Fire Protection District (“District”) are contiguous entities and the City Fire Department often works in mutual aid and joint operations with District; and

WHEREAS, City and District have discussed the advantages of having District manage the City Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have written an agreement for review by the City Council and the Board of Directors of the District (“Intergovernmental Agreement”) and have reached agreement as to the terms of said Intergovernmental Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Agreement shall commence on the day set forth in the Intergovernmental Agreement after passage of adoptive resolutions by both the City and the District; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of this Resolution to authorize the City to enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DE SOTO, IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Mayor hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute, by and on behalf of the City, the Intergovernmental Agreement set forth herein.

2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage according to law and effective as of the date of this Resolution and shall be effective until rescinded in writing by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of De Soto, Missouri, this 17th day of February 2026.

Chairman Pro Tem Mahn made a motion to Approve Resolution 1-2026 authorizing the execution of a intergovernmental services agreement with De Soto Rural Fire Protection District of Jefferson County, Missouri. Seconded by City Council Member Scharf. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yea: Mayor Franken, City Council Member Smith, Chairman Pro Tem Mahn, City Council Member Scharf. Motion Passed.

- H. **BILL NO. 2-2026 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPLACING SECTION 135.110 CUSTODIAN DESIGNATED - RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO RECORDS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF DE SOTO, MISSOURI**
City Council Member Scharf made a motion to approve Bill No. Approve Bill No. 2-2026, an ordinance amending and replacing section 135.110 custodian designated-Response to request for access to records of the code of ordinances for the city of De Soto Missouri. Seconded by Chairman Pro Tem Mahn. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yea: Mayor Franken, City Council Member Smith, Chairman Pro Tem Mahn, City Council Member Scharf No: None. Motion Passed.

BILL NO. Bill No. 2-2026 an ordinance amending and replacing section 135.110 custodian, designated - Response to request for access to records of the code of ordinances for the City of De Soto Missouri.

City Council Member Scharf made a motion to approve Bill No. Approve Bill No. 2-

2026, an ordinance amending and replacing section 135.110 custodian designated-Response to request for access to records of the code of ordinances for the city of De Soto, Missouri on its first reading by title only. Seconded by Chairman Pro Tem Mahn. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yea: Mayor Franken, City Council Member Smith, Chairman Pro Tem Mahn, City Council Member Scharf No: None. Motion Passed.

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I. **BILL NO. 3-2026 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPLACING SECTION 135.020 MEETINGS, RECORDS AND VOTES TO BE PUBLIC - EXCEPTIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF DE SOTO, MISSOURI**

City Council Member Scharf made a motion to approve Bill No. 3-2026 an ordinance amending and replacing section 135.020 for meetings, records and votes to be public — exceptions of the code of ordinances for the City of De Soto Missouri. Seconded by Chairman Pro Tem Mahn. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yea: Mayor Franken, City Council Member Smith, Chairman Pro Tem Mahn, City Council Member Scharf No: None. Motion Passed.

Bill No. 3-2026 an ordinance amending and replacing section 135.020 for meetings, records and votes to be public — Exceptions of the code of ordinances for the City of De Soto Missouri

City Council Member Scharf made a motion to approve Bill No. 3-2026 an ordinance amending and replacing section 135.020 for meetings, records and votes to be public — Exceptions of the code of ordinances for the City of De Soto Missouri on its first reading by title only. Seconded by Chairman Pro Tem Mahn. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yea: Mayor Franken, City Council Member Smith, Chairman Pro Tem Mahn, City Council Member Scharf No: None. Motion Passed.

Bill No. 3-2026 an ordinance amending and replacing section 135.020 for meetings, records and votes to be public — Exceptions of the code of ordinances for the City of De Soto Missouri

City Council Member Scharf made a motion to approve Bill No. 3-2026 an ordinance amending and replacing section 135.020 for meetings, records and votes to be public — Exceptions of the code of ordinances for the City of De Soto Missouri on its final reading by title only. Seconded by Chairman Pro Tem Mahn. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yea: Mayor Franken, City Council Member Smith, Chairman Pro Tem Mahn, City Council Member Scharf No: None. Motion Passed.

7. Communication From City Manager

City Manager Todd Melkus advised the council that he applied for a grant for Boyd Street from East West Gateway. Today he had the quarterly meeting about Amtrak and they want everything removable on tracks.

Chief McCreary advised that he placed the stats in their packets and wanted to thank Sgt. Newberry for his help with the Facebook page. He also commended Dana on her great job at the kennel.

Cire Chief Fitzgerald advised the council he is always available for any questions that they may have.

8. Communications From City Council

Chairman Pro Tem Mahn congratulated Bob Lee on his work with the veterans a Mahn also advised that the fire department has always been near and dear to his heart, so he would like to talk about his ideas for the future.

9. Roll Call Vote to Hold Closed Session

City Council Member Smith made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm to have a ten-minute recess before closed session. Seconded by City Council Member Scharf. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yea: Mayor Franken, City Council Member Smith, Chairman Pro Tem Mahn, City Council Member Scharf. Motion approved

10. Adjournment

Chairman Pro Tem Mahn made a motion to Adjourn. Seconded by City Council Member Smith. Upon roll being called the vote was as follows: Yea: Mayor Franken, City Council Member Smith, Chairman Pro Tem Mahn, City Council Member Scharf. Motion Passed.