

1. Meeting Called to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

The De Soto City Council met in Regular Session on April 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

2. Roll Call

The De Soto City Council met in Regular Session on April 20, 2026, with the following being present: Mayor Matt Franken, City Council Member Kathy Smith, City Council Member Randi Scharf.

Staff Present: City Clerk Ann Houska, City Manager Todd Melkus, Police Chief Jeff McCreary, Fire Chief Tom Fitzgerald, Captain Jeff Wynn, Scott Scharf

Visitors: D Kohler, Patsy Westhoff, Dominic Lawson, Becky Williams, Joni Roland, Lisa Queen, Beverly Wilson, Carrie Bone, Vernon Tullock, Teri Marsh, Tim Tighe, Rich McCane, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Shaun Brooks, Cindy Heimos, Denise Bradley, Jim and Mary Akers, Paul Blanchard, Bill Grobe

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

City Council Member Smith made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda Bills and Minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Scharf. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yea: Mayor Franken, Councilwoman Smith, and Councilwoman Scharf. Motion approved.

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - Regular City Council Meeting Monday, March 16, 2026
 - Closed City Council Meeting Monday, March 16, 2026

- B. Approval of Bills

4. Citizens Comments

Becky Williams requested that the city fix all the potholes. There seems to be a lot of them .

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

- A. Election Results/Organization of the City Council
 - 1. Certification of Election Results of Municipal Election Held April 7, 2026
 - 2. Oath of Office-Councilperson-elects
 - 3. Election of Mayor (FSCB Bank Authorization request for New Mayor)
 - 4. Election of Chairman Pro-Tem
 - 5. Committee Appointments
 - A.1. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to Certify the Election Results. Seconded by Councilwoman Scharf. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yea: Mayor Franken, Councilwoman Smith, Councilwoman Scharf. The Motion approved.
 - A.2. City Clerk Ann Houska Swore in Autumn Blanchard, Mike Bone and Kathy Smith.

A.3. Election of Mayor (FSCB Authorization request for New Mayor) Mayor Smith's signature will be added to bank.

Councilman Franken made a motion to appoint Kathy Smith as the Mayor, seconded by Councilwoman Blanchard. All in favor motion carried.

A.4. Election of Chairman Pro Tem

Mayor Smith made a motion to appoint Councilman Franken as Chairman Pro Tem, seconded by Councilwoman Blanchard. All in favor motion approved.

A.5. Committee Appointments: Matt and Kathy are on the Board of Adjustment and Planning & Zoning. Mike is the Library Board liaison, Autumn is the Park Board Liaison, and Randi is the Cemetery board liaison.

B. Bid Award – 2026 Asphalt Overlay

The 2026 Fiscal Year Budget includes funds for the contracting of the asphalt overlay consisting of the following street locations.

- **South Fourth Street** – From College to Kingston
- **Lake Street** – From South Second to Plum
- **South Fifth Street** – From Kingston to Lake
- **South Second Alley** – From Kingston to the dead end
- **South Third Street** – From Lake to College
- **South Third Street** – From Kingston to Lake
- **Kingston Street** – From South Second Street to South Fifth Street
- **College Street** – From South Second Street to South Fifth Street

A bid advertisement appeared in the March 20, 2026, edition of the Countian. The bid opening was held on April 9, 2026, at 1:00 P.M. The following bids were received:

Firm	Price Per Ton
Jokerst, Inc.	\$95.14 per ton
Spencer Contracting	\$103.95 per ton
Jokerst Paving & Contracting	\$98.90 per ton

Councilwoman Scharf made a motion to award the bid to Jokerst Inc. Seconded by Councilwoman Blanchard. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yea: Chairman Pro Tem Franken, Mayor Smith, Councilwoman Scharf, Councilman Bone, and Councilwoman Blanchard. Motion Approved

C. Public Hearing - Subdivision Request

Staff received a request from James McCullough – JMAC Development, LLC. to establish a Major Subdivision using parcels 17-8.0-34.0-3-02-005, 17-8.0-34.0-3-001-006 and 17-8.0-34.0-3-002-006

The purpose of the Major Subdivision request is to split approximately 7.4 acres into six build-able lots.

The subject property parcels are: 17-8.0-34.0-3-02-005, 17-8.0-34.0-3-001-006 and 17-8.0-34.0-3-002-006

Legal Descriptions: CLOVER LOT A, AW PT NE1/4, &pt NW ¼ SW ¼

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”.

A full-size copy of the plat will be available at city hall for viewing.

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on April 8, 2026, and took the following action:

1. Held a public hearing.
2. Recommended scheduling a joint public hearing for the April 20, 2026, City Council Meeting.
3. Granted preliminary approval/final to approve the major subdivision plat pending City Council approval

A Public Hearing was opened at 6:18 PM with no comments and closed at 6:19 PM.

Councilwoman Blanchard made a motion to approve the subdivision request, seconded by Councilman Bone. All in favor motion approved.

D. 2026-2027 Liquor License Renewals
Background

Section 600.110 (A) of the City Code provides for fifteen (15) Intoxicating Liquor/Malt Liquor by the Drink Licenses available with seven (7) requests, seven (7) 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 five (5) requests; Five (5) 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 one (1) request 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 McCreary is attached. He sees no valid reason not to approve the requests for renewal.

Section 600.110 (A) of the City Code provides for fifteen (15) Intoxicating Liquor/Malt Liquor by the Drink

- 1.Amvets POST #48 - intox liquor/malt consumption and Sunday sales
- 2.De Soto Elks Lodge - intox liquor/malt consumption and Sunday sales
- 3.Café Smok N Pi - intox liquor/malt consumption and Sunday sales
- 4.Pogolinos – malt liquors/wines on premises and Sunday sales
- 5.Northend Tavern - intox liquor/malt consumption and Sunday sales
- 6.El Lobo Rojo - intox liquor/malt consumption and Sunday sales
- 7.Fatboy's Saloon & Grill - intox liquor/malt consumption and Sunday sales

Section 600.110 (B) of the City Code provides for fifteen (15) Intoxicating Liquor/Malt Liquor in the Original Package

- 1.Fish's Quick Stop – intox liquor/malt non consumption and Sunday sales
- 2.Fish's Express Mart - intox liquor/malt non consumption and Sunday sales

3. Casey's General Store – intox liquor/malt non consumption and Sunday sales
4. De Soto Save-A-Lot - intox liquor/malt non consumption and Sunday sales
5. De Soto Fuels Inc - intox liquor/malt non consumption and Sunday sales

Section 600.107 of the City Code provides for Wine and Malt Beverages, permit to allow tasting.

1. Get Healthy De Soto – Special license for consumption of intox liquor/beer and wine/malt tasting

Councilwoman Blanchard made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Liquor Licenses. Second, by Councilman Bone all in favor motion was approved.

E. Resolution 2-2026 "Blue Shield City"

Background

Governor Kehoe has enacted a statewide program that allows cities and counties to be designated as a part of the "Blue Shield" program. This designation shows the commitment of that entity to law enforcement and works towards building the foundation for a safer Missouri. Along with receiving this designation, the entity is also then able to apply for an annual \$50,000 grant to be used to purchase equipment, vehicles, etc. for the police department. Along with this resolution, the following items must be completed by the department and submitted to the State to receive this designation.

Blue Shield designation eligibility criteria includes:

- Passing a resolution demonstrating a commitment to public safety, including to reduce violent crime within the jurisdiction;
- Extraordinary investments in public safety funding;
- Community policing initiatives or local partnerships to invest in and/or improve public safety;
- Law enforcement officer recruitment and retention program;
- Demonstrated effectiveness in reducing crime or innovative programs that attempt to reduce crime;
- Participates in regional anti-crime task forces, or a commitment to be a willing partner with these in the future; and
- Compliance with Missouri crime reporting and traffic stop data requirements and other related statutes.

Councilwoman Scharf made a motion to approve the Blue Shield City, seconded by Mayor Smith. All in-favor motion approved.

F. Kozzy's Special Event Application

Kozzy's has turned in the special event form and a letter from the insurance company will be issued after approval for the event. They would like to close Main St. from Fletcher to Boyd on May 16, 2026, from 3 PM to 10 PM. Rodney Kosloski stated he would be in attendance at the council meeting to give details about the event. Rodney said he didn't really need Fletcher to Boyd closed; that most likely just closing Fletcher to Plaza would work just fine.

Councilwoman Scharf made a motion to approve Kozzy's street closure from Fletcher Street to the Plaza Lot, seconded by Councilman Bone. All in favor, the motion approved.

7. Communication From City Manager

City Manager Melkus advised the Council that Kimes is finishing up the manhole project. The grant for the new playground at Moutlon Street Park has been applied for. SCl was doing core drilling for Amtrak, and we are close to submitting our construction plans. So far, the city has received \$180,000.00 reimbursement for this project from the state and county.

8. Communications From City Council

Councilwoman Sharf advised they are doing a Memorial Day service on the lawn at Mahns on the 25th of May.

Chairman Pro Tem Franken thanked everyone for coming out and attending Council meetings and wants to see everyone continue to attend.

9. Roll Call Vote to Hold Closed Session

Councilwoman Scharf made a motion to adjourn at 6:42 PM to have a ten-minute recess before closed session. Seconded by Chairman Pro Tem Franken Upon a roll call vote, all were in favor.

10. Adjournment

Councilwoman Blanchard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Bone. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Councilman Bone Yes, Councilwoman Blachard Yes, Councilwoman Scharf Yes, Chairman Pro Tem Franken Yes, Mayor Smith Yea.



Ann Houska City Clerk