

1. Meeting Called to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

The De Soto City Council met in Regular Session on May 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

2. Roll Call

The De Soto City Council met in Regular Session on May 18, 2026, at 6:00 PM, with the following being present: Councilwoman Autumn Blanchard, Councilman Mike Bone, Chairman Pro Tem Matt Franken, Councilwoman Randi Scharf, Mayor Kathy Smith.

Staff Present: City Clerk Ann Houska, City Manager Todd Melkus, Police Chief Jeff McCreary, Fire Chief Tom Fitzgerald, Firefighter Mike Zebas

Visitors: Patsy Westhoff, Jennifer Kohler, D. Kohler, Vernon Tullock, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Lisa Crow, Teri Marsh, Tim Tighe.

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, Councilman Bone, Chairman Pro Tem Franken, Councilwoman Scharf, Mayor Smith.

A. Approval of Minutes

B. Approval of Bills

4. Citizens Comments

Vernon Tullock inquired as to ordinances for excess amounts of debris on someone's property.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

A. Liquor Licenses

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

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.Amets 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 Scharf made a motion to Approve 2026 Liquor License Renewal. Seconded by Councilman Bone. Upon roll being called the vote was as follows: Yea: Councilwoman Blanchard, Councilman Bone, Chairman Pro Tem Franken, Councilwoman Scharf, and Mayor Smith. The motion approved.

B. Library Board Appointments

Three data sheets were received expressing an interest in being appointed to the board by Joni Roland, Eve Janis and Connie Krizek. Joni and Connie currently serve on the library board, as their terms are up.

The City Code provides that the mayor shall make the appointments to the library board with the approval of the City Council.

The Council may wish to give its approval of the appointments by making a motion to that effect.

Councilman Bone made a motion to approve the library appointments. Seconded by Councilwoman Blanchard. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yea: Councilwoman Blanchard, Councilman Bone, Chairman Pro Tem Franken, Councilwoman Scharf, Mayor Smith. Motion approved.

C. De Soto High School Marching Band Festival Parade

BACKGROUND

De Soto High School Band Department has turned in a parade application and insurance. They are requesting to close Main St. (Fletcher to Amvets) for a parade on October 3, 2026, to kick off the Fountain City Classic Marching Festival. They want to invite high school marching bands from across the state to the event and requested the start time is at 8:00 AM and last for about ninety minutes.

Councilwoman Blanchard made a motion to Approve the Marching Band Parade. Seconded by Councilman Bone. Upon roll being called the vote was as follows: Yea:

Councilwoman Blanchard, Councilman Bone, Chairman Pro Tem Franken, Councilwoman Scharf, Mayor Smith. Motion Approved .

D. **Resolution 3-2026** BRIC Local Match

Background

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council Todd Melkus, City Manager
BRIC Local Match Resolution 1-2025

BRIC is a FEMA program that stands for Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities to work with local governments to reduce their hazard risk in flood areas. We have applied for this grant a few times but it was unsuccessful due to it being a very competitive nationwide grant. I was contacted this week by the State of Missouri about a potential large amount of funding that we may be able to receive that would fund Eight

(8) additional buyouts. This project takes at least a year, most likely almost two before we actually start the process of buying homes and demolishing them so it would not affect this year's fiscal budget.

I know this is a substantial amount, even with the 75% federal match, but this could be an extraordinary opportunity to get this large of an amount for buyout funding. I apologize for the short notice because not only was I just made aware, I also was told that we have to have our application completed and turned in by March 27th, which means this resolution needs to be approved during this months meeting. Within this timeframe I have also have to meet with property owners, get paperwork completed and signed, etc. before the deadline.

Councilwoman Blanchard made a motion to Approve Resolution 1-2025. Seconded by Councilman Bone. Upon roll being called the vote was as follows: Yea: Councilwoman Blanchard, Councilman Bone, Chairman Pro Tem Franken, Councilwoman Scharf, Mayor Smith No: None. Motion .

7. **Communication From City Manager**

City Manager Melkus advised the council that the California Opulence Dispensary is legal. In 2018, a farm bill passed that made hemp legal. There are almost 500 places up and running under this bill.

City Manager Melkus presented Police Chief McCreary with a plaque for his retirement.

8. **Communications From City Council**

None

9. **Roll Call Vote to Hold Closed Session**

Councilwoman Blanchard made a motion to adjourn at 6:28 PM to have a ten-minute recess before closed session. Seconded by Councilman Bone. Upon roll being called, the vote was as follows: Yea: Councilwoman Blanchard, Councilman Bone, Chairman Pro Tem Franken, Councilwoman Scharf, Mayor Smith. Motion approved

10. **Adjournment**

Councilman Bone made a motion to Adjourn at 7:25 PM, Seconded by

Councilwoman Scharf. Upon roll being called the vote was as follows: Yea:
Councilwoman Blanchard, Councilman Bone, Chairman Pro Tem Franken,
Councilwoman Scharf, Mayor Smith No. Motion Approved.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Houska". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ann Houska City Clerk