

# City of Desloge

## NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING AND VOTE TO CLOSE PART OF THE MEETING DESLOGE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Monday, July 12, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Desloge City Hall, 300 North Lincoln

Posted: July 8, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. on the outdoor City Hall bulletin board.

Faxed: July 8, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. to radio and newspaper media.

The tentative agenda for this meeting includes:

- I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approve or Amend Agenda
  - b. Approve all June 2021 Meeting Minutes
  - c. Bills for Payment

The items on the Consent Agenda are enacted with one motion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and place on the regular Agenda by request of a member of the Board of Aldermen.

- III. Presentation for Employee of the Quarter
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Ordinance
  - a. An Ordinance of the City of Desloge, Missouri amending the amended adopted annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020.
  - b. An Ordinance of the City of Desloge, Missouri amending the adopted annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.
- VI. Discussion
  - a. Livestock Permit
  - b. Booster Pump
  - c. Trash Removal Fee
  - d. Department Head Take Home Vehicles
- VII. Mayor and Aldermen's Report
- VIII. Vote to Close the meeting pursuant to RSMo 610.021 – (3) Personnel
- IX. Adjourn

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Stephanie Daffron, City Clerk.

DESLOGE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021  
7:00 p.m.  
DESLOGE CITY HALL, 300 North Lincoln

Members present were, Mayor David Shaw, Alderwoman Kelly Farkas, Alderman J.D Hodge, Alderman John Wigger, Alderman Terry Cole and Alderman Alvin Sutton. Alderman Deion Christopher was present by phone. Staff present were City Administrator Dan Bryan, City Clerk Stephanie Daffron, Public Works Director Jason Harris, Park and Recreation Director John Simily, Police Chief James Bullock, Police Officer Jane Bonney and Building Inspector Bryan Cato.

Visitors present were Barbara Serini, Andrew Laster, and Kevin Wolff with Cochran Engineering, Kelly Conway, Russ and Debbie Kester, Debra Hartmann and Nikki Overfelt with the Daily Journal.

Call to order

Mayor David Shaw called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approve or Amend Agenda
- B. Approve June 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting Minutes
- D. Bills for Payment
  - i. First State Community Bank MasterCard \$76,508.60
  - ii. Cochran Invoice \$184,182.40 State Street Improvements
  - iii. Campbell's Excavating Invoice \$4,725.00

Approve Agenda

Alderman Sutton made a motion to approve the consent agenda and Alderman Cole seconded the motion. Christopher – Absent; Wigger – aye; Farkas – aye; Cole – aye; Hodge – aye; Sutton – aye. Motion carried.

Amended Agenda

Alderman Sutton made a motion to amend the agenda to include discussion item six, Cochran proposal for Roosevelt Stormwater Project. Alderman Hodge seconded the motion. Christopher – absent; Wigger – aye; Farkas – aye; Cole – aye; Hodge – aye; Sutton – aye. Motion carried.

Presentation for Employee of the Quarter

Mayor Shaw presented, a Certificate for Employee of the Quarter, to Debbie Hartmann.

Public Comment

Andrew Laster, 407 South Desloge Drive, spoke to the board regarding the need for sidewalks and crosswalks on Desloge Drive near First State Community Bank. Mr. Laster is in an electric wheelchair and was hit by a car on Desloge Drive trying to make a turn off Desloge Drive. City Administrator, Dan Bryan stated he would contact MODOT regarding repainting the lines on Desloge Drive. Mr. Bryan stated that sidewalks are in the works but it will possible be 2023 before MODOT starts this project.

Ordinance**BILL NO. 1394****ORDINANCE NO. 2021.08**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DESLOGE, MISSOURI AMENDING THE AMENDED ADOPTED ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 TO INCLUDE GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES OF \$2,0723,655.00; TRANSPORTATION FUND \$334,350.00; CAPITAL FUND \$327,190.00; STORMWATER FUND \$78,450.00; SPECIAL PROJECT FUND \$276,125.00; WATERWORKS FUND \$1,363,055.00; PUBLIC SAFETY FUND \$404,250.00 – SEVERABILITY – EFFECTIVE DATE.** Mayor Shaw read the ordinance twice by title with copies available to the public. Alderman Hodge made a motion to approve the ordinance as read and Alderman Sutton seconded the motion. Christopher – aye; Wigger – aye; Farkas – aye; Cole – nay; Hodge – aye; Sutton – aye. Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 1395****ORDINANCE NO. 2021.09**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DESLOGE, MISSOURI AMENDING THE ADOPTED ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 TO INCLUDE GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES OF \$2,894,710.00; TRANSPORTATION FUND \$1,411,000.00; CAPITAL FUND \$458,412.00; STORMWATER FUND \$950,000.00; SPECIAL PROJECT FUND \$1,744,086.00; WATERWORKS FUND \$1,333,225.00; PUBLIC SAFETY FUND \$465,703.00 – SEVERABILITY – EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor Shaw read the ordinance twice by title with copies available to the public. Alderman Hodge made a motion to approve the ordinance as read and Alderwoman Farkas seconded the motion. Christopher – aye; Wigger – aye; Farkas – aye; Cole – nay; Hodge – aye; Sutton – aye. Motion carried.

Roosevelt Stormwater Project

Kevin Wolff with Cochran Engineering came to brief the board regarding the Roosevelt stormwater project and to answer any questions the board may have for him. The purpose of this project is to eliminate the channel and erosion that was occurring on Roosevelt Street. Mr. Wolff explained this is stormwater only and no road improvements and explained the project in detail to the board. Mr. Wolff stated the estimate for this project is \$600,000.00. City Administrator, Dan Bryan stated that this would be the first project addressed after State Street Improvement Project was completed. Alderman Sutton asked if there was an anticipated date to start this project. Mr. Bryan stated he would get with Kevin and Dave from Cochran to see when the best time would be to put this out for bid. Alderman Sutton stated that this project along with the Jackson Street project was budgeted for this fiscal year, Mr. Bryan confirmed that it was. Russ Kester asked if the public would be notified before work started on this project. Mr. Bryan stated the city would be happy to schedule some type of public meeting regarding this.

Alderman Cole made a motion to approve the engineering cost and to move forward with the bid process. Alderwoman Farkas seconded the motion. Farkas – aye; Cole – aye; Hodge – aye; Sutton – aye; Christopher – aye; Wigger – aye. Motion Carried.

Livestock or Fowl Permit

Kelly Conway, 302 South Grant, spoke to the board regarding the permit she submitted. Ms. Conway requested to keep six hens.

Alderman Wigger made a motion to approve the livestock or fowl permit and Alderman Christopher seconded the motion. Farkas – aye; Cole – aye; Hodge – aye; Sutton – aye; Christopher – aye; Wigger – aye. Motion Carried.

Booster Pump

City Administrator, Dan Bryan explained to the board that this was the booster pump that was talked about during the budget process. The city has three booster pumps that will need to be changed out in the next three years. The city is able to get this pump now so if the city can secure the money for this pump now they can get it to us as soon as possible.

Alderman Sutton made a motion to approve the purchase of the booster pump as soon as possible and Alderman Cole seconded the motion. Farkas – aye; Cole – aye; Hodge – aye; Sutton – aye; Christopher – aye; Wigger – aye. Motion Carried.

Trash Removal Fee

Alderman Cole stated that there has been discussion on what the city needs to do to fill a hole in our budget of roughly \$300,000.00; this is something that the board needs to take seriously. City Administrator, Dan Bryan stated that this year alone the city budgeted \$269,000 for solid waste. The city has entertained in the past some different ways we could go regarding collection and what the city would need as far as a fee to charge every household to break even in this department. Alderman Wigger stated that the city of Desloge is the only city that does not charge for trash pickup, so the problem is that everyone outside of Desloge city limits is bringing their trash to Desloge to be picked up at their friends or family's house. This is what causes our landfill fees to be so high, because the city has no limit on the number of bags. Alderman Wigger suggested that along with a trash removal fee the city also regulate the number of bags that will be picked up at each residence. Public Works Director, Jason Harris stated that is why he would recommend the ninety-gallon receptacle that was talked about in the past. Russ Kester addressed the board and made the statement to Mr. Bryan that a couple years ago when the city requested the citizens to vote yes on proposition "P" by voting yes it would take care of this problem with the trash. Mr. Bryan stated that proposition "P" was for the police and fire departments not solid waste. Debbie Kester stated Mr. Bryan said it would help with the trash. Mayor Shaw stated that he did not remember a discussion about it helping with trash. Russ Kester stated he was not for charging the citizens a trash removal fee. Mayor Shaw stated that a couple of years ago Mr. Harris put together an impressive presentation of different options for trash removal fees. Mayor Shaw requested Mr. Harris to bring that before the board again and educate the new members of the board. Alderwoman Farkas asked what the board was wanting to charge per household, Mr. Bryan stated \$11.00. Debbie Kester stated there are some elderly citizens that cannot afford the additional fee. Mrs. Kester stated the city just raised the fee for pool admission and wanted to know what exactly a citizen gets for paying their taxes. Nothing, the citizens get nothing, there is not even sidewalks down by the elementary school and a kid is going to be hit by a vehicle. Mrs. Kester stated the city is doing all this work on State Street but we do not have sidewalks at the elementary school. Alderman Cole stated that we are talking about separate funds. Certain funds are for sidewalks and State Street is funded by TIF money. Mayor Shaw stated he understands it is hard to see where your tax dollars are going. Alderman Sutton explained in detail what a TIF district is, a TIF fund is, and how this money may be used. Mr. Bryan stated if we do the trash removal privately and keep it in Desloge we can set our own rates and keep our employees working, we do not have to put it out to the private sector were we have no control over rates. The board requested this to be put on the agenda for discussion next month.

Department Head Take Home Vehicles

Alderman Cole stated he would like to discuss allowing our department heads that are on call to take home there city of Desloge vehicles. Right now we have salary people that do not get paid for their overtime, when they get called in they have to go get there city vehicle go to where the call is and then

take the vehicle back before going home. This would save time if they already had their city vehicle by taking it home. Alderman Cole stated that he would recommend allowing the department heads to take home their city vehicles. Mr. Bryan asked Alderman Cole if he was limiting this to any certain departments, Alderman Cole stated no he is not. Alderman Wigger requested to put a limit on maximum mileage to a department head residence. Alderman Sutton stated the city would have to have a duty to domicile policy in place first as well as a written policy for take home vehicles. Mayor Shaw stated at this time he is not in favor of this. Mayor Shaw suggested paying the department heads mileage for the times they are called out; Mr. Bryan stated the city does not have a policy for this. Russ Kester asked if he would see these trucks being used outside of working hours on personal time. Alderman Sutton responded stating that is why the city would have to have a duty to domicile policy in place that way if or when someone does misuse the vehicle the employee could be relieved of duty and sent home. Mayor Shaw gave his reasons for not supporting the department heads taking city vehicles home. Alderman Christopher stated he personally thought it would be absurd to start paying to allow our workers to take vehicles home especially someone that works an hour away from their home, this would be an astronomical amount of money and wear and tear on the vehicle. This would be a waste of money. Alderman Cole stated he thought this would be a good “perk” since the department heads are not paid overtime. Matter of fact we pay the hourly employees overtime but not department heads yet we are asking the department heads to come in and waste another hour or hour and a half of their time without compensation, so it is either compensation or this is a simple solution. Alderman Christopher asked why the employees should be given “perks” he does not understand this. Alderman Wigger stated it is more about thanking the employees. Alderman Sutton stated he is not against this. Alderman Cole stated that the police department gets to take their vehicles home and he is all for this. Mr. Bryan stated that the police officers do not take their vehicles home if they live outside the Desloge city limits. Building Inspector, Bryan Cato said he lived 29.5 miles away, he drives 60 miles a day, he would not feel right taking money from the city, that would be one hundred dollars a week. Alderman Christopher believes this is putting too much wear and tear on the vehicles and again he is against “perks”. The board requested this to be put on the agenda for next month’s meeting. Alderman Wigger asked what needs to be done as far as a policy for take home vehicles, Alderman Sutton stated that someone needs to write the policy and asked Alderman Cole if he would like to write the policy. Alderman Cole stated absolutely he would write a policy. Mayor Shaw asked Alderman Cole to come up with a couple different options. Alderman Cole made a motion to put trash removal fee and department head take home vehicles on next month’s agenda. Alderman Wigger seconded the motion. Cole – aye; Hodge – aye; Sutton – aye; Christopher – nay; Wigger – aye; Farkas – aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor and Alderman Reports

Alderman Christopher

Alderman Sutton had nothing to report

Alderman Wigger wanted to let Parks and Recreation know that the parks need to be weeded around the dog park and the tennis courts.

Alderman Hodge had nothing to report.

Alderman Farkas passed out a letter from Librarian Misty Boyer thanking all the departments who helped in her story time.

Alderman Cole agreed with the Librarian regarding appreciation to all department heads.

Mayor Shaw read a letter he received in the mail from Rosie Tiefennaur thanking the City of Desloge for honoring Bob "Pete" Tiefennaur.

Vote to Close

Alderman Hodge moved to close the meeting pursuant to RSMo 610.021 – (3) Personnel. Alderman Sutton seconded the motion. Farkas – aye; Cole – aye; Hodge – aye; Sutton – aye; Christopher – aye; Wigger – aye. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION BEGAN

8:08 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

8:40 p.m.

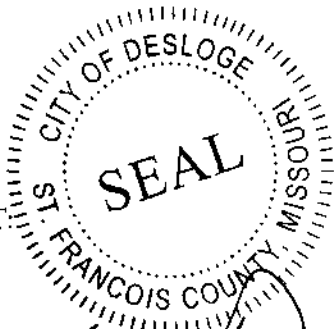
Adjourn

Mayor Shaw announced the meeting adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED

8:40 p.m.

ATTEST:



*Stephanie M. Daffron*  
Stephanie M. Daffron, City Clerk

David G. Shaw, Mayor