

CITY OF IOLA
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A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Iola was held on March 9, 2010 at 1:00 p.m., at the City Commission Room at City Hall 2 W. Jackson, Iola, and Kansas.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Maness called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Bill Maness and Commissioners Craig Abbott and Bill Shirley were present, with Mayor Maness presiding. Also present were City Administrator Judy Brigham, City Clerk Roxanne Hutton, and City Attorney Chuck Apt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Maness led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Shirley to approve the agenda-removing item B. under new business and adding H. Cedarbrook Addition Dean Development. Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. The vote was three ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Red Garner thanked the Street & Alley Department for fixing the potholes.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Approval** –February 23, 2010
- B. Appropriations Approval** – 2010-5
- C. Personnel Actions**
 - Trevor Shannon – Fire Department – Annual Evaluation
 - James Snavely – Electric Distribution - Promotion
 - Todd Rowe – Parks & Cemetery – 12 Month Evaluation
 - Gary Wells – Gas, Water & Sewer – Retirement
 - Anthony Maness – Police Department – Promotion
 - Curtis Ellis – Solid Waste – Transfer from Street & Alley

Commissioner Abbott made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shirley. Mayor Maness abstained from the vote due to the fact that his son Anthony Maness was in the Personnel Actions. The motion passed by a majority vote.

RETIREMENT PRESENTATION

City Clerk Hutton read a brief overview of Kay Maple's career with the City. Mayor Maness presented a plaque to Kay Maple and thanked her for her 28 years of service to the City of Iola.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Elm Creek Community Garden** – Carolyn McLean gave an overview of the garden and how it would be used in the future. Carolyn is requesting installation of electric facilities and water hydrants for the gardens and repairs of the alley approach. The Commissioners requested Dan Leslie, Street Superintendent and Assistant Administrator Schinstock to look into the cost and options for the alley approach. Mayor Maness made a motion to approve labor for the electric and water projects with the garden being billed for the supplies used. Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. The vote was three ayes.
- B. Earth Hour – Proclamation** - This item was removed from the agenda
- C. Weed & Vegetation - Ordinance** – Code Services Employee Tony Godfrey was present to present the newly updated weed and vegetation ordinance. The main change to the ordinance is the fact that a certified mailing will not be sent. The notice will be sent via regular mail. Commissioner Abbott made a motion to approve the ordinance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shirley. The vote was three ayes.
- D. KMEA/KMGA Appointments** – Commissioner Abbott made a motion to appoint Mike Phillips Director #2 and Chuck Heffern as the alternate. The vote was three ayes.
- E. Lease Agreement – Thrive** – Commissioner Abbott made a motion to increase the rent to \$800.00 per month. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shirley. Following a discussion Commissioner Abbott withdrew his motion.
- F. Jefferson Avenue Project** – Mayor Maness made a motion to approve the contract with the Kansas Department of Transportation for the project. Commissioner Shirley seconded the motion. The vote was three ayes.
- G. Cedarbrook Park** – Mayor Maness made a motion to approve utilizing the lots for the proposed park. Commissioner Shirley seconded the motion. The vote was three ayes.
- H. Resolution of Support for Dean Development** – Commissioners voiced their concerns over the low-income levels required for the new housing in Cedarbrook Addition. Mayor Maness made a motion to approve the Resolution of Support Commissioner Shirley seconded the motion. The vote was three ayes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Tennis Court Conversion Project – Luke Bycroft –

Luke Bycroft presented to the Commissioners a Cost Analysis to convert the current tennis courts into pickle ball courts.

Commissioner Shirley made a motion to approve the tennis court conversion with the windscreens if they are able to find sponsors to fund them. Mayor Maness seconded the motion. The vote was three ayes.

2:04 p.m. Mayor Maness declared a five-minute break.

B. McFadden Land Condemnation - EXECUTIVE SESSION – Attorney / Client 2:04 p.m. K.S.A.75-4319a (1)

Motion was made by Commissioner Abbott and seconded by Mayor Maness to recess into “Executive Session” for the purpose of conducting a meeting to discuss attorney / client matters. The vote was three ayes. Present: Commissioners, Attorney Apt, Administrator Brigham, and City Clerk Hutton. The open meeting to resume in the Commission Room at 2:14 p.m.

City Clerk Hutton reviewed the election information with the Commissioners noting that all voters have to be registered prior to the election. Canvassing will take place at 10:00 a.m. on April 9th at the Courthouse.

Chief Warner informed the Commissioners that the storm sirens were not working properly at the time. A trial will be ran on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. the technicians will be in town to repair the sirens.

COMMISSION & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Commissioner Abbott –

- Nothing to report

B. Commissioner Shirley –

- Noting to report

C. Mayor Maness –

- The Mayor requested an update on the IGA building at the next meeting.

D. City Administrator Brigham

- Informed the Commissioners that trash pick-up begins at 5:00 a.m. and has been this way for many years.
- Discussed this years Chip and Seal project with Dan Leslie.
- Clean Up week will be April 5th - 9th deadline to sign up is April 1st.
- Tri Valley requested use of the pocket park next door for a greenhouse area. Commissioners noted that they would need to sign the same agreement as the garden plots in town.
- City Auction will be May 13th at 5:30 p.m. at the Power Plant
- Prairie Spirit Birthday bash will be Wednesday evening.
- Have a request for lease of the Elm Street Water Tower. Commissioners are in agreement with this. Need to be looking into a long-term plan for the tower.
- Presented advertising proposals to the commissioners at the theaters.
- If commissioners would like to weigh in on Business of the year please get with Beth Ann.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shirley to pay bills for N&B, KDHE and Southern Star. Mayor Maness seconded the motion. The vote was three ayes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Attorney / Client 2:47 p.m. K.S.A.75-4319a (1)

Motion was made by Commissioner Shirley and seconded by Mayor Maness to recess into “Executive Session” for the purpose of conducting a meeting to discuss attorney / client matters. The vote was three ayes. Present: Commissioners, Attorney Apt. The open meeting to resume in the Commission Room at 2:57 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Attorney / Client 2:57 p.m. K.S.A.75-4319a (1)

Motion was made by Commissioner Shirley and seconded by Mayor Maness to recess into “Executive Session” for the purpose of conducting a meeting to discuss attorney / client matters. The vote was three ayes. Present: Commissioners, Attorney Apt. The open meeting to resume in the Commission Room at 3:02 p.m.

David Toland from THRIVE came to the meeting and discussed the THRIVE building rental. Mayor Maness made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Shirley seconded the motion. Mayor Maness and Commissioner Shirley voted in favor. Commissioner Abbott voted against the motion. Attorney Apt informed the group that the contract renews every year without coming before the Commissioners.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Commission Meeting 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 23rd , 2010

City Commission Meeting 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 13th , 2010

ADJOURNMENT

3:10 P.M. Motion was made by Commissioner Abbott, and was seconded by Commissioner Shirley to adjourn the meeting. The vote was three ayes. As the vote was unanimous, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Approved by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Iola, Kansas this 23rd
day of March 2010.

Mayor, Bill Maness

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton