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A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Iola was held on June 8, 2010 at 1:00 p.m., at the City of Iola Commission Room, 2 W Jackson, Iola, and Kansas.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Commissioner Craig Abbott called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Bill Shirley and Commissioner Craig Abbott were present, with Commissioner Abbott presiding. Also present were City Administrator Judy Brigham, City Clerk Roxanne Hutton, and City Attorney Chuck Apt. Mayor Maness was absent due to a scheduling conflict.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Abbott led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Shirley to approve the agenda with the addition of C under new business Ken Hunt Service Awards. Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. The vote was two ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ken Gilpin from Homes for Iola is requesting an approval for their request for a missed deadline for the tax abatement on the property at 216 S Colborn. They have approval from USD 257 and Allen Community College for the tax abatement, however the county wants the city to amend the current plan in order to allow for this sort of thing. Commissioner Shirley wanted to be sure that past residents that had been denied due to not filing on time would be allowed to reapply. Commissioner Shirley made a motion to approve the request from Homes for Iola and for Staff to proceed with an amendment process for the plan. Motion seconded by Commissioner Abbott. The vote was two ayes.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Approval** –May 25th, 2010
- B. Appropriations Approval** – 2010-10
- C. Personnel Actions**
 - Jason Franklin – Gas, Water & Wastewater – 6-Month Evaluation
 - Corey Isbell – Fire Department – Annual Evaluation
 - Thomas Roush – Police Department – Annual Evaluation
 - Mitch Phillips – Gas, Water & Wastewater – Annual Evaluation

Commissioner Abbott made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shirley. The vote was two ayes.

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NEW BUSINESS

A. Vermont Street Trailer Park – Public Hearing – Commissioner Abbott opened the public hearing at 1:15 p.m. Tony Godfrey, Code Enforcement Employee presented pictures to the commissioners showing the dilapidated state of the property with staff’s recommendation to proceed with condemnation process. Chad Oehlert, from Citizens State Bank in Paola informed the commissioners that the bank is in the process of acquiring the property through a deed in lieu process. The bank will then remove the property and keep it mowed and up to code until the property can be sold. The condemnation process would allow the bank 120 days to get the property cleaned up. Commissioner Shirley made a motion to approve staff’s recommendation to continue with condemnation process. Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. The vote was two ayes.

B. Iola Industries Annual Meeting - Proxy - Commissioner Shirley made a motion to assign a proxy to Commissioner Shirley for the meeting. Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. The vote was two ayes.

C. Ken Hunt – Service Awards – Ken Hunt, Personnel Manager wanted to make commissioners aware that under the current policy for service awards employees with 10 years of service and 25 years of service are allowed to select a gold ring for their service award, however with the current price of gold those rings are currently over \$1,000.00. Staff is recommending that the Employee Task Force look over the current policy and bring back recommendations to the commissioners. The commissioners agreed with staff recommendation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Library Project – Change Order – Administrator Brigham presented commissioners with an email from the architect Hans Fischer. Roger Carswell, Librarian was present to present the change orders and request that he be able to present future change orders on Hans’ behalf. Commissioner Shirley made a motion to approve change order one and allow Roger Carswell to present future change orders to the commission. Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. The vote was two ayes. Commissioner Shirley stated that since Roger was over the Library the Commissioner expected him to oversee the project and make sure things were progressing, as they should.

COMMISSION & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Commissioner Abbott –

- Nothing to report.

B. Commissioner Shirley –

- Inquired about whether or not the city had an ordinance against Exotic Pets. A resident had complained about a neighbor's pet snake. Currently the city does not have an ordinance in place against someone owning a snake.

C. Mayor Maness –

- Absent

D. City Administrator Brigham

- Reminder to the Commission that the smoking ban will go into effect July 1st. The city will need a written policy not allowing smoking in all city owned buildings and vehicles. There are several employees interested in smoking cessation classes so the city is looking into getting someone to put the class on.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Attorney / Client 1:50 p.m. K.S.A.75-4319a (1)

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DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Commission Meeting 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 22nd, 2010
City Commission Meeting 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 13th, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

2:00 P.M. Motion was made by Commissioner Abbott, and was seconded by Commissioner Shirley to adjourn the meeting. The vote was two ayes. As the vote was unanimous, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Approved by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Iola, Kansas this 22nd day of June 2010.

Mayor, Bill Maness

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton