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A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Iola was held on July 27, 2010 at 1:00 p.m., at the City of Iola Commission Room, 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 Maness, Commissioner Bill Shirley and Commissioner Craig Abbott 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 as presented. Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. The vote was three ayes.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes Approval** –July 27<sup>th</sup> 2010
- B. Appropriations Approval** – 2010-14
- C. Personnel Actions**
  - Chad Beasley– Street & Alley – 6 Month Evaluation
  - John Ross – Stores Department – Annual Evaluation
  - Tim Francis – Police Department – Annual Evaluation
  - Tamara Womelsdorf – Clerk’s Office – New Hire

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Luke Bycroft, Recreation Director gave an overview of the SEK Swim League Meet that was held in Iola on Saturday and Sunday. There were almost 500 swimmers with an estimate of 1500 people in attendance. Luke commended all of the employees involved, the power plant employees that constructed a bridge for the judges across the pool and Phyllis Nelson’s exceptional help as head judge.

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- County Commissioners Gary McIntosh and Dick Works were present to inform the commissioners that at their meeting this morning they rescinded their vote to cancel the ambulance contract with the city. The commissioners were also requesting that the city give the county ½ of the ½ cent sales tax that the city collects for capital improvements to help build a new hospital. The County will then put a ¼ cent sales tax increase on the ballot for the November 2<sup>nd</sup> election. When asked by Commissioner Shirley if the ambulance is was a dead issue. County Commissioner McIntosh stated that it was for the next 6 months. The City Commissioners stated that they would consider the request.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. 2011 Budget Discussion** – A motion was made by Commissioner Shirley to hold the public hearing for the budget on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 p.m. Commissioner Abbott seconded motion. The vote was three ayes.
  
- B. Shelton & Shelton Contract** - This contract is for demolition of the old steam power plant as well as the old water plant. Toby Ross, Water Plant Superintendent and Mike Phillips, Power Plant Superintendent was present to explain the process and answer questions from the commissioners. Mayor Maness asked if the water tower could be included in the project. Toby explained that they could take the old water tower down with the assistance of a crane due to the fact that they cannot lay it down due to all of the power lines in the vicinity. A motion was made by Commissioner Shirley to approve the contract with the addition of the water tower and asbestos removal requirements to be attached to the contract with Attorney Apts recommendation. Commissioner Abbott seconded motion. The vote was three ayes.
  
- C. Energy Discussions – Scott Shreve**– Scott Shreve was present to discuss the City’s current contract with KPP. With new mandates from the EPA catalytic converters will have to be added to the current diesel units soon at a cost of \$100,000.00 each. Scott reiterated that for the current time being the KPP is the most cost effective way for the city to go.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. ACARF / Animal Control - Discussions** – Members of the Allen County Animal Rescue Foundation were at the meeting to discuss their services that they can provide to the City of Iola. The City of Iola will be charged \$75.00 for each animal that is brought to the facility. If an owner wants to reclaim their animal they will need to come to city hall and pay the \$75.00 fee and take a receipt to the ACARF facility prior to the animal being released. Mayor Maness made a motion to enter into the contract with ACARF. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shirley. The vote was three ayes. Attorney Apt will notify Dr. Knewtson of the termination of the contract.

**B. Charter Ordinance - Adoption** – Charter Ordinance number 17 concerning changing the number of commissioners to five was presented for approval. Commissioner Shirley made a motion to approve the charter ordinance. Commissioner Abbott seconded motion. The vote was three ayes.

## **COMMISSION & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

**A. Commissioner Abbott** –

- Nothing to report.

**B. Commissioner Shirley** –

- Nothing to report.

**C. Mayor Maness** –

- Gave an update on ongoing discussions between city officials, community leaders and state and federal representatives. There is an aggressive ongoing effort to attract new jobs to Iola.

**D. City Administrator Brigham**

- Had a request from an individual to sell nursery items at the farmers market on Thursdays. The current State statute states that they must obtain a license from the state prior to selling nursery items. Administrator Brigham and Attorney Apt will continue to research this matter.
- Will be out of the office Wednesday afternoon until Tuesday of next week.
- Reminded Commissioners of the city picnic on August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Corey Schinstock informed the commissioners that the bridge project was going well.

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County Counselor Alan Webber came back into the meeting and clarified with the City Commissioners that what the county is requesting for the hospital is ½ of the city's ½ cent sales tax for 10 years and the county will put a ¼ cent sales tax on the ballot in November.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Attorney/Client Matters 2:25 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, August 10th, 2010

City Commission Meeting 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010

**ADJOURNMENT**

**2:36 p.m.** Motion made by Commissioner Shirley and was seconded by Mayor Maness 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 10<sup>th</sup>  
day of August 2010.

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Mayor, Bill Maness

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City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton