

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on September 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., at the Riverside Park Community Building, 600 S State, Iola, and Kansas.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Shirley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Shirley, Council Members Becker, Kilby, Wicoff, Rowe, Stewart, Callahan, French and Franklin were present. Also present were Administrator Slaugh, Attorney Apt and City Clerk Hutton.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Franklin to approve the agenda tabling items B and F under new business. Motion seconded by Council Member Becker. The vote was eight ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Donna Houser, Holly Slawkoski, Ray Houser, Bob Chase, Jim West, Barbara Chalker-Anderson, Bob Hawk, Teresa Cook and John McRae spoke in favor of Judy Brigham.
- Larry Walden commended the Council for voting to terminate Judy Brigham's contract.
- Council Member Don Becker read a statement (enclosed in attachments) and made a motion to reinstate Judy Brigham. Motion seconded by Council Member Wicoff. Voting in favor of the motion were council members Wicoff and Becker. Voting against the motion were council members Callahan, Rowe, Stewart, Kilby, Franklin and French. Motion did not pass due to lack of majority vote.
- Jeff Dieker from the Iola Pharmacy requested the council's consideration to allow a late filing for the Neighborhood Revitalization tax exemption for the property on 1408 East Street. They were denied exemption as part of the IRB process, however were not aware of it until recently when the County Appraiser Sandra Drake discovered they were not being billed for the property tax.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval – August 22, 2011

B. Appropriations Approval – 2011-16

C. Personnel Actions –

- James Boeken – Solid Waste – New Hire
- Carol West – Clerks Office – Annual
- Ronald Ballard – Fire Department – 6 Month Evaluation
- Jeff Sellman – Parks & Cemetery – Annual
- Jake Lawrence – Recreation – 12 Month Evaluation

- Jed Rice – Electric Distribution – 12 Month Evaluation
- Eric Lawrence – Police Department – Annual
- Brandon Andres – Police Department - Annual

Motion made by Council Member Stewart to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member Becker. All in favor. Motion carried.

ROUNDTABLE

A. Superfund Site Discussions – Gene Gunn and Don Bahnke from the EPA were present to give a brief overview of the superfund site. No action was taken.

B. Take Charge Challenge – Becky Nilges gave a brief overview of the program to date and asked the council to reconsider providing loans to energy audit customers when she comes back with definite numbers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Non – Elected Personnel 7:07 p.m. K.S.A.75-4319a (1)

Motion was made by Council Member Stewart and seconded by Council Member French to recess into “Executive Session” for the purpose of conducting a meeting to discuss Non-Elected personnel. The vote was eight ayes. Motion passed. Present: Mayor Shirley, Council Members, and Attorney Apt. The open meeting to resume in the Commission Room at 7:37 p.m.

7:15 p.m. Judy Brigham and her attorney entered the executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Non – Elected Personnel 7:38 p.m. K.S.A.75-4319a (1)

Motion was made by Council Member Kilby and seconded by Council Member French to recess into “Executive Session” for the purpose of conducting a meeting to discuss Non-Elected personnel. The vote was five ayes. Motion passed. Present: Mayor Shirley, Council Members, and Attorney Apt. The open meeting to resume in the Commission Room at 8:08 p.m.

7:47 p.m. Judy Brigham and her attorney entered executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Non – Elected Personnel 8:09 p.m. K.S.A.75-4319a (1)

Motion was made by Council Member Callahan and seconded by Council Member Rowe to recess into “Executive Session” for the purpose of conducting a meeting to discuss Non-Elected personnel. The vote was five ayes. Motion passed. Present: Mayor Shirley, Council Members, and Attorney Apt. The open meeting to resume in the Commission Room at 8:39 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Non – Elected Personnel 8:39 p.m. K.S.A.75-4319a (1)

Motion was made by Council Member Callahan and seconded by Council Member Wicoff to recess into “Executive Session” for the purpose of conducting a meeting to discuss Non-Elected personnel. The vote was five ayes. Motion passed. Present: Mayor Shirley, Council Members, Administrator Slaugh and Attorney Apt. The open meeting to resume in the Commission Room at 8:59 p.m.

8:45 p.m. Administrator Slaugh exited the executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2010 Audit Presentation – Brian Nyp**—Brian Nyp gave a brief overview of the audit and the findings. Council Member Becker made a motion to approve the 2010 audit. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion. The vote was eight ayes. Motion carried.
- B. Wastewater Collection Project** – Tabled.
- C. Iola Public Library** – Librarian Roger Carswell gave a brief overview of the report by an outside agency on the roof at the library. The roof was not installed properly; therefore the Library Board would like to pursue General Services Corporation to correct the problems. Motion made by Council Member Stewart to pursue General Services Corporation on the matter of the roof. Motion seconded by Council Member Franklin. The vote was eight ayes. Motion carried.
- D. Veterans Day Committee – Request** - Assistant Administrator Schinstock noted that the parade has increased in size therefore it requires proper street closures during the parade. This will require overtime of staff to accommodate this request. Motion made by Council Member Stewart to approve the staff overtime to fulfill the request. Motion seconded by Council Member Kilby. The vote was eight ayes. Motion carried.
- E. Water Rates – Discussions** – Committee Member Steve French presented the recommendation of the committee for a 9 % increase in rates this year with a 20% rate increase for residential outside of the city limits and the same increase in 2012. A motion was made by Council Member Rowe to look at whatever increase was necessary to make the water fund healthy at the same time decreasing electric rates so that on average individuals would not see a dollar increase in their overall utility bill. Motion seconded by Council Member Callahan. Voting in favor of the motion was Council Members Stewart, Kilby, Callahan and Rowe. Voting against the motion was Council Members French, Franklin, Wicoff and Becker. Mayor Shirley cast the deciding vote in favor of the motion. Motion carried by a majority vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Kansas Power Pool - Proposal**—Motion was made by Council Member Franklin authorizing the mayor to sign the letter to send to KPP. Motion seconded by Council Member Stewart. The vote was eight ayes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Mayor Shirley – None

B. Council Member Stewart – None

C. Council Member Callahan – None

D. Council Member Wicoff – None

E. Council Member Franklin – None

F. Council Member Kilby – None

G. Council Member Becker – None

H. Council Member Rowe – None

I. Council Member French – None

J. Administrator Slauch –

- Close on getting the video of the council meetings on Channel 6. A new computer may need to be purchased to increase the capacity of the system.
- Weather policies are enclosed in the packet for approval. Council Member Becker would like to see a wet bulb thermometer be purchased and used for the temperature readings as opposed to the policy recommendations.
- Would like to hold a strategic planning meeting to discuss future issues on October 17th from 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. for three hours.
- Toby Ross's water plant crew, Eric Keagle, Lyndon Kern and Brandon Thomas, won the State of Kansas Rural Water Association Top Ops Environmental Excellence competition for the 5th time in a row.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 26th, 2011

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, October 10th, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

9:49 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member Stewart to adjourn the meeting. The vote was eight ayes. As the vote was unanimous, the meeting was declared adjourned.

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Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 26th day of
September 2011.

Mayor, William A. Shirley

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton