

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on July 25, 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, Rowe, Stewart, and Wicoff were present. Also present was Administrator Slaugh, Attorney Apt and City Clerk Hutton. Absent were council members Franklin, Callahan, and French.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Becker to approve the agenda-adding item C Dangerous Structures under #9 New Business and item C EMS Proposal under #8 Roundtable. Motion seconded by Council Member Stewart. The vote was five ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Donna Houser read a statement she had prepared concerning the actions of the council members and the treatment of employees. (See attached)
- Jeff Kluever, Executive Director of the Allen County Historical Society was present to request \$5,000.00 from the city. They will raise matching funds of \$5,000.00. This will allow them to receive a \$50,000.00 grant from the Heritage Trust Fund. The money would come from the Convention and Tourism Fund of which only about ½ of the funds budgeted has been dispersed. Council Member Stewart made a motion to give the Allen County Historical Society the \$5,000.00 requested. Council Member Becker seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval – July 11, 2011

B. Appropriations Approval – 2011-14

C. Personnel Actions –

- Timothy Francis – Police Department – Annual Evaluation
- Jason Franklin – Gas, Water & Wastewater – Annual Evaluation
- John Ross – Stores/Purchasing – Annual Evaluation

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

ROUNDTABLE

- A. Axon Camera System - Presentation** – John Szakach sales Representative from Taser International, Inc. gave a brief overview on the system. The hardware has a one-year warranty. The hardware is made to military standards and is waterproof. An officer cannot delete or tamper with the footage. There is an offsite backup as well as the storage center the information is downloaded to.
- B. Recreation Weather & Heat Policy Discussion** –Luke gave a brief background of the Recreation Advisory Board members. After meeting with the Recreation Advisory Board on Wednesday of last week, Luke presented the Recreation Advisory board recommended policies to the council for approval. Attorney Apt voiced some concerns about tournaments held where players participate in several games in one day. Luke noted the Recreation Advisory Board only looked at Recreation programs and not at tournaments that are on the City of Iola fields but are not a part of the recreation program. Council Member Wicoff had concerns about the 115-degree threshold and suggested that a physician be consulted about limitations. Council Member Wicoff also had concerns about the lightning policy. There are times when thunder is not present so counting from lightning to thunder would not always work. Council Member Stewart made a motion to approve the policies and make changes as necessary. Attorney Apt stated that he would like the council to table the policies until he could visit with Luke concerning wording within the policies. Council Member Stewart withdrew his motion.
- C. EMS Presentation** – At the request of a County Commission Member a proposal was prepared. Ron Conaway, Iola EMS Director gave a slide show presentation showing how the City of Iola could take over the entire county ambulance service. The presentation showed how the overtime costs would be cut due to the fact that all of the ambulance personnel would also be firefighters and this would reclassify them and the FLSA overtime laws would be different for them. A motion was made by Council Member Kilby to have the Iola EMS make the presentation at the Allen County Commission meeting on Tuesday morning. Motion seconded by Council Member Stewart. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Iola Housing Rehab Grant** – A notice of award for the contractor for a rehabilitation project located at 428 S Second Street. This is a CDBG that the city is participating in. Motion made by Council Member Stewart to award the project to S&A Construction out of Wichita they were determined to have the lowest bid. Council Member Becker seconded motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Interim Council President - Appointment – Mayor Shirley noted that both he and Council President Wicoff would be absent at the August 8th meeting therefore an interim Council President needs to be elected to chair the meeting. Motion made by Council Member Stewart to nominate Council Member Kilby as interim Council President and preside over the August 8th meeting. Motion seconded by Council Member Becker. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Public Hearing Dangerous Structures -The Public Hearing was open at 7:35 p.m. for the properties located at 512 N Sycamore, 411 W Campbell, 706 S Chestnut, 624 S Chestnut and 814 South Street. No comments were made from the public. Code Enforcement Officer, Jeff Bauer recommended that the properties be removed. The Public Hearing was closed. A motion was made by Council Member Wicoff to continue with the process on the properties. Council Member Kilby seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Local Bridge Inspections – Staff has received a bid for the removal at a cost of \$5,350 and also for the repair to the structure at a cost of \$17,000 for the Douglas Street Bridge from J& J Contractors. The repair is only a temporary fix until the city could go through the process to have the bridge placed on the State Bridge five – year project list. Council Member Rowe made a motion to contract with J&J Contractors to have the bridge repaired. Council Member Stewart seconded motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

7:45 p.m. Mayor Shirley declared a five-minute break.

B. 2012 Budget Discussions – Staff is requesting that Council set a public hearing for the August 22nd City Council Meeting. Administrator Slaugh noted the deadlines for the budget were the publication must be ten days prior to the public hearing and the budget must be to the County Clerk no later than August 25th. He also noted that the budget is balanced and the mill levy is the same as last year and is only a ceiling for expenditures. Council Member Becker stated that Council Member Franklin had slipped some budget questions under his door this weekend. Council Member Rowe stated that he felt Department's should cut the general fund expenditures by \$150,000 due to the fact that the carryover should not be used as part of the budget revenues. Administrator Slaugh noted that the state requires the carryover to be used as part of the budget process. Council Member Wicoff made a motion to set the public hearing for the budget on August 22nd. Council Member Stewart seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Council Member's Stewart, Wicoff, Becker and Kilby. Voting against the motion: Council Member Rowe. Motion passed by a majority vote.

Council and Administrator Reports

A. Mayor Shirley –

- Was asked by the Hospital Trustees to appoint three City Council Members to attend their meetings and communicate with them concerning the new hospital. Mayor Shirley appointed council members Rowe, French, Kilby and Council Member Wicoff as an alternate.

B. Council Member Stewart – None

C. Council Member Callahan – Absent

D. Council Member Wicoff – None

E. Council Member Franklin – Absent

F. Council Member Kilby –

- Thanked the Council for the flower arrangement he received for his mother's passing.

G. Council Member Becker – None

H. Council Member Rowe – None

I. Council Member French – Absent

J. Administrator Slauch –

- Happy to be here and hopes to live up to the council's expectations.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 8th, 2011

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 22nd, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

8:05 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Kilby and was seconded by Council Member Becker to adjourn the meeting. The vote was five ayes. As the vote was unanimous, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 8TH day of August 2011.

Mayor, William A. Shirley

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton