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A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Iola was held on April 4, 2011 at 6:00 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 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes Approval** –March 21, 2011
- B. Appropriations Approval** – 2011-07
- C. Personnel Actions** –
  - **Brandon Westerman – Street & Alley – 12 Month Evaluation**
  - **Jared Warner – Police Department – Annual Evaluation**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Don Becker inquired about the affect on the city long term and short term if the hospital is built north of town. Administrator Brigham discussed annexation and utility options with the hospital committee understanding that the final decision will be made at tomorrow nights meeting.
- Sharon Boan commented on how well the crews are doing for the city wide clean up.
- Carolyn McLean is requesting that the city set aside 20 acres of land holding it for three years for the possibility of a State Veterans Home/Clinic. Mrs. McLean spoke about the efforts that have been made to get the grant to the stage it is now. If the home is not built here the land will still be in the cities name to use as they see necessary. Mayor Maness commented that this has not been a city initiative it has been a citizens initiative. Mayor Maness made a motion to set aside the allotted property for the time-period requested. Commissioner Abbott seconded the motion. The vote was three ayes.

## **ROUND TABLE**

- **Economic Development Discussions** – John McRae from Iola Industries discussed the option of hiring an Economical Development Person in the future to make the area more proactive instead of reactive. Iola Industries wants to make this a cost sharing position between the county and the communities involved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Allen County Fair Board Request** – Dale Donovan, President of the Fair Board was present to request installation of electric pedestals for the BBQ classic held during the Allen County Fair. Kent Tomson, Electric Distribution Superintendent estimated that the cost of the supplies alone would be \$1500-\$2000. Administrator Brigham inquired as to the fact that this indeed an Allen County Fair Event not a Donovan Family Event. Dale Donovan stated that it was indeed an event of the Allen County Fair. Commissioner Abbott made a motion to approve the request with the city providing materials and labor for free. Mayor Maness seconded the motion. The vote was three ayes.
- B. Green Space Mowing - Contract** - Code Enforcement Officer, Jeff Bauer presented the two bids received for the mowing with John Lord's bid being the lowest bid at \$45.00 per hour. Commissioner Abbott made a motion to accept the lowest bid for the mowing. Commissioner Shirley seconded the motion. The vote was three ayes.
- C. Dean Development – Land Option** - A proposal was presented to the commissioners for purchase of Lot 2 in Cedarbrook 3<sup>rd</sup> Addition at a total purchase price of \$65,850. Commissioner Abbott made a motion to approve the option to purchase. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shirley. The vote was three ayes.
- D. Flood Insurance Map - Ordinance** - Code Enforcement Officer, Jeff Bauer presented the revised flood insurance rate map ordinance for approval. Due to the levee at Riverside Park not being certified the park must be included in the flood zone. Motion made by Commissioner Abbott to approve the ordinance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shirley. The vote was three ayes.

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**E. Easement Request – 1006 N. State** - The property owners of 1006 N State Street (Kretzmeier, McCammon & St. Clair) are requesting connection to existing sanitary sewer. They will need an easement to cross city property to connect to the existing line. The landowner will incur all expenses. Commissioner Abbott made a motion to approve the request. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shirley seconded the motion. The vote was three ayes.

**F. EMC Insurance Renewal** – April 1<sup>st</sup> is the renewal date for the policy. With reassigning of department heads the workman's comp increased and with the addition of the umbrella policy added due to the state project requirement the policy increased about 2%. Commissioner Abbott made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Mayor Maness seconded the motion. The vote was three ayes.

**G. Sewer Pretreatment Discussions** – Wastewater Treatment Superintendent Toby Ross was at the meeting to discuss an order of compliance letter from the EPA. The city has rectified the issue, however the EPA is stating that an official report of the issues must be provided to them. Staff is requesting to contract with PEC to compile the response and issue a response to the EPA. Commissioner Abbott made a motion to approve the contract with PEC in the amount of \$8,775. Commissioner Shirley seconded the motion. The vote was three ayes.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Iola Area Signage – Discussions** - Previous discussions included sign costs for the entire city at \$72,000-\$90,000 depending on the material used. In 2010 the budget included \$100,000 from Sales Tax revenue for the signage of which \$20,000 was used. In 2011 \$100,000 has been budgeted also for the signage. Mayor Maness noted that the signs were designed by a focus group with community input and noted that all of the signs being done at once would make an impact on visitors and prospective business owners. Commissioner Abbott made a motion to purchase a monument sign on the east side of Iola. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shirley. The vote was three ayes.

## **COMMISSION & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

### **A. Commissioner Abbott –**

- Stated that he has enjoyed working with everyone while serving as a commissioner for the City of Iola.

### **B. Commissioner Shirley –**

- Commented that he has also enjoyed working with the commissioners and mayors he has served with during his tenure as a commissioner for the City of Iola.

### **C. Mayor Maness –**

- Inquired about the status of the flood buyout grant? Administrator Brigham will check with Mickey Davis on status.
- Inquired about the status of the Scott Street drainage. Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that the contractor would be starting soon on the project.
- Stated that it has been an honor and pleasure serving as Mayor for the City of Iola.

### **D. Administrator Brigham**

- Has a letter for the Mayor to sign that states the city will give the same tax dollars to the Library so they will not lose \$3,200 of State funding.
- Prior to the April 18<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting the city is hosting a reception to honor the outgoing Mayor and Commissioners and the new Council Members and Mayor beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- Will hold a forum with those that are elected tomorrow the week of April 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor noted that he had received a request to publicly display “in God We Trust” in City Hall somewhere. Would like to pass the request on to the new Council.

## **DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011

## ADJOURNMENT

**7:09 p.m.** Motion 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 City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2011.

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Mayor, William A. Shirley

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City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton