

## CITY OF IOLA

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A special called meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on August 22, 2012 at 5:30 p.m., at the Park Community Building 510 Park Avenue, Iola, Kansas. The purpose of the meeting was for consideration and possible appointment to fill vacant council member seats in Ward 1 and Ward 4

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Shirley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. stating the reason for the special called meeting.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Shirley asked for public comments concerning the appointments of council members.

- Donna Houser stated that she thought it would be the fair thing to do to take the next vote getter in each ward from the last election if they were interested in serving.
- Becky Nilges read from the enclosed statement. Pointing out that the best way to appoint a new council member would be to appoint a resident that ran in the last election.
- Steffen Centlivre stated that he ran in the council election for ward 1 and since Nancy Ford was the next highest vote getter he agreed it would be fair to appoint her to the open position.
- Nancy Ford informed the council that she is interested in the open position for ward 1. She stated that she would be fair and just while performing her duties as council member if appointed.
- Mary Lou Chard from ward 4 stated that she felt that it would be best if they appointed the next vote getter to the open seat and she has heard that the next vote getter has stated he is not interested therefore it should go to the next vote getter, which would be Jerod Kelley.
- Jerod Kelley stated that he was interested in filling the vacancy. He would treat it as a privilege. His decisions would be based on unbiased, fairness, and listening to all options. He will be respectful and not preoccupied with who and what to blame.
- David Toland noted that he would like to be considered for ward 4 even though he did not run in the election. Iola is a different community than it was 18 months ago. There has been a lot of upheaval with the recall. He feels that the council should consider different people than those that ran. He is tired of the trauma to this town and would like to lower the temperature of the council.

**Appointment of Council Members**

Mayor Shirley informed the council that Nancy Ford and Jackie Chase had shown interest in the open seat for ward 1. Council Member Stewart made a motion to appoint Nancy Ford to the council position ward 1. Motion seconded by Council Member Wicoff. Voting in favor of the motion were council members: Stewart, Wicoff and Becker. Voting against the motion were council members Franklin and Kilby. Motion carried by a majority vote.

Mayor Shirley informed the council that Jerod Kelley, David Toland and Ray Shannon had shown interest in the open seat for ward 4. Council Member Wicoff made a motion to appoint David Toland to the council position ward 4. Motion seconded by Council Member Stewart. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Shirley thanked Jerod Kelley for stepping forward to fill the position.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**5:40 p.m.** Motion made by Council Member Franklin and 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2012.

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Mayor, William A. Shirley

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City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton