

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on December 10, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., at the Riverside Park Community Building, 510 Park Avenue, Iola, 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, French, Wicoff, Franklin, and Toland were present. Also present were Administrator Slaugh, and Deputy City Clerk Angela Huff. Absent were Council Members Ford and Stewart.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Kilby and seconded by Council Member Toland to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval – November 26, 2012

B. Appropriations Approval – 2012-23

C. Personnel Action Items –

- **Dustin Stone – Solid Waste – Annual Evaluation**
- **Corey Schinstock – Administration – Annual Evaluation**
- **Kevin Rush – Electric Distribution – Annual Evaluation**
- **Rhonda Fulton – Police Department – Annual Evaluation**

Motion made by Council Member Franklin to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Becker. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Official Bank & Newspaper – Statute requires that the city designate an official bank and newspaper for the city every year. Currently the city uses the services of Great Southern Bank and Iola Register. Council Member Franklin inquired about the average balance in the bank account and if the auditor looks at the bank pledges. Motion made by Council Member Becker to designate Great Southern Bank as the official bank and The Iola Register as the official newspaper for 2013. Motion seconded by Council Member Kilby. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. CMB Licenses - Renewals- City Clerk Hutton prepared the following businesses for renewal on CMB license:

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- Pump N Pete's – 709 N State Street
- Jump Start Travel Center – 1700 East Street
- Wal-Mart – 220 N State Street
- Casey's General Store – 712 E Madison Avenue
- Cedarbrook Golf Course – 2700 N Cottonwood
- China Palace – 110 N State
- Country Lanes – 2001 N State
- Denny's Sports Center – 18 E Jackson Ave
- El Charro Restaurant – 17 W Madison Ave
- Pizza Hut Restaurant – 1612 N State
- Sidelines Sports Bar & Grill – 112 S Washington Ave
- 5 O'Clock Somewhere – 105 E Jackson
- El Pueblito Restaurant – 902 N State
- Ray's Mini Mart – 205 S State – this is a new license under new ownership.

Police and Fire have signed off on all of the above mentioned establishments. Council Member Toland inquired if any of the establishments had been cited in the past year for selling to minors. Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated not that he was aware of. Motion made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Becker to approve the CMB licenses for the 2013 year. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Bicycle Ordinance – Jared Warner –The new bicycle ordinance was presented to the council. Ken Hunt stated that he had contacted his council representatives and since they were not attendance he asked to speak on the topic. He has concerns about the policy not allowing bicycles on the sidewalks around the square. Administrator Slauch noted that there are no signs prohibiting it. Mr. Hunt just wanted to make sure that it was not changed to prohibit bicycles on the sidewalks. The council decided they wanted to hold off on this item until the December 20th meeting so more research can be done.

D. Prairie Spirit Rail Trail – A final walk thru was completed on November 16th by the contractor, city consultant and city staff. The only issue that was in need of addressing is some small cracking on the north two hundred feet. The cracks were filled in on Friday November 23rd. The 14 penalty days were discussed with the contractor. Both parties agree with the four days for seeding and planting of the shrubs later in the year due to the hot weather, however the other 10 days due to sub-contractor scheduling is not a fault of the city. The final cost came in \$7,000 under cost due to change orders. Council wants City Attorney Johnson to review the contract prior to paying out the final pay request. Assistant Administrator Schinstock recommend the council include an additional payment of \$1,500 to Schwab Eaton for extra cost incurred for inspections due to the extra days on the project. Motion was made by Council Member French and seconded by Council Member Toland to approve the draft final pay estimate and acceptance of the completed project. Voting

in favor of the motion were Council Members Toland, Kilby, Wicoff, Becker and French. Voting against the motion was Council Member Franklin. Motion carried by a majority vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. EMS Billing Proposals - Administrator Slaugh presented quotes from three different billing companies. He recommended when switching to a private billing company to increase the usual and customary billing amounts. The different companies were discussed. Motion made by Council Member French to accept the proposal from Omni. Motion died for lack of second. Council Member Toland asked if the county had been approached about the possibility of them taking over the billing for the city. He would also like to see the contracts before moving forward and talk to the county about the future of the ambulance service prior to moving forward. Council Member Wicoff agreed with Council Member Toland. Council Member French would like to have more information from Omni. Council Member Wicoff wants to know what we are not collecting. What percentages of our customers have no insurance? Administrator Slaugh discussed the billing process we are currently using. Council Member Wicoff wants to assure that the city is coming out ahead no matter what way we decide to go. Council Member Toland would like some background on why the cities fees are lower than the county. The consensus was to defer action until more information was gathered.

ROUNDTABLE

- A. 2012 Budget Amendments** - The 2012 budget amendments were presented as they were published. The public hearing will be held at the December 20th meeting.
- B. New Policy Discussions – 2011 Audit**- Discussed the material weaknesses and the deficiencies included the 2011 audit and the proposals from staff to address them. Administrator Slaugh noted what staff expects to accomplish. Council Member Toland would like to make sure changes were in effect for the 2012 audit.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Mayor Shirley –

- Noted that the Year End Party for the employees is December 28th. Council Member French noted that the purchasing policy and the personnel policy differ on providing gifts to employees. Motion made by Council Member French to strike the purchasing policy paragraph #8 Sections 8.1 and 8.2. Motion seconded by Council Member Franklin.
- Administrator Slaugh noted that the two policies should read the same. Council Member French noted that it should be like the state. Motion made by Council Member French to approve the dinner as an exception to the purchasing policy. Motion seconded by Council Member Franklin. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Council Member Stewart –

- Absent

C. Council Member Ford –

- Absent.

D. Council Member Wicoff –

- Concerned about the water retention pond at the hospital. Bob and Kelly Macha are concerned that the water will drain onto their property. Assistant Administrator Schinstock visited with the architect about this prior to construction and he stated that the drainage study states that nothing will change; there will not be any increase of water flow. Council Member Wicoff is concerned about the possibility of erosion of the soil. Council Member Wicoff will review the drainage study.

E. Council Member Franklin –

- None

F. Council Member Kilby –

- None

G. Council Member Becker –

- The dog park is a success. Everyone involved should be commended, especially Ray Shannon for his efforts to obtain the property.

H. Council Member Toland –

- Inquired about the status of the entrance signs. Administrator Slaugh noted no serious efforts have been made.
- Pedestrian sign on the SE corner of Madison and Buckeye is out.
- Wondered if staff could research if there is an existing ordinance that trash receptacles have to be removed after trash pick up days.

I. Council Member French –

- None

J. Administrator Slauch –

- Preparing a city service survey to send to residents.
- Designating the city a Tree City. Council Member Toland inquired how the dollar amount is arrived at. Administrator Slauch noted that it is part of the parks department budget. Council Member Toland asked how many years the city has been a “Tree City USA”.
- Library Suit went to court last week and action was deferred until March.
- Tentatively scheduled February 4 for the next joint city/county meeting. Mayor Shirley asked everyone to check to see if they would be able to attend.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Thursday, December 20th, 2012

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, January 14th, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

7:07 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member Kilby to adjourn the meeting. As the vote was unanimous, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 20th day of December 2012.

Mayor, William A. Shirley

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton