

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on June 11, 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, Rowe, Stewart, Callahan, French and Franklin were present. Also present were Administrator Slauch, Attorney Apt and City Clerk Hutton. Council Member Wicoff was absent due to prior commitment. Council Member Rowe arrived at the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Stewart to approve the agenda adding Convention and Tourism Fund Disbursement under New Business E and under 8B add consideration of chemical purchases. Motion seconded by Council Member Becker. The vote was six ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Donna Houser – asked the council members to speak directly into the microphone so they can be heard over the television. She also informed the council that the bridge was set today in the Elm Creek Park South. Donna thanks the crossing light for the rail trail is great. She encouraged the council not to raise property taxes; noting that Governor Brownback has put school finance back onto the local taxpayers. She also noted that Steve French's house is looking very nice.
- Richard Burriss, Jr. informed the council that he obtained signatures from 80% of the homeowners east of Iola in the area that the city is looking at annexing. They are against annexation. These residents chose to live in the county when they moved in. They have covenants in place for their neighborhood and feel that further developments would be detrimental if they were annexed. Richard said, "The city can't give us the service that the county is currently giving us."

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval – May 29, 2012

B. Appropriations Approval – 2012-11

A motion was made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Kilby to approve the consent agenda as presented. Council Member French inquired about the invoice from the Rental Station for a concrete cutting blade. He wondered if this was a purchase or rental. Assistant Administrator Schinstock will check into the matter and email the council members. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Police Video Discussions** - Chief Warner was unavailable so Administrator Slaugh presented the bid for the Axon Flex Camera System in the amount of \$18,057.80. \$20,000 was budgeted for the purchase. Allen County will put \$5,000 towards the purchase. Administrator Slaugh recommended that the city go with the \$18,057.80 price, which includes one free year of the evidence.com storage. The city will look into the cost of having local storage instead of purchasing the evidence.com after the free trial period. Council Member French noted that on the information from TASER it stated there is a possibility of obtaining a grant from the Department of Justice, he would like staff to look into this.
- B. Ozone Monitor Purchase – Toby Ross** – Toby received two quotes for the ozone monitor one from Teledyne API for \$5,700 and one from IN USA for \$5,250. The Teledyne monitor is the current brand in use at the plant. It is the exact same size it will plug right into the system without making any changes. The IN USA monitor is larger which means changes in the piping and the mounting brackets. There was no other company to obtain a bid from. Council Member French noted this is the way the purchasing policy should work. Motion made by Council Member French to approve the purchase of the Teledyne API Ozone Concentration Monitor at a cost of \$5,700. Motion seconded by Council Member Franklin. All in favor. Motion carried. Council Member Rowe stated that he had visited with Chuck Richey about the chemicals at the water plant. Mr. Richey stated that once you find chemicals that work for your plant you don't want to monkey around with other chemicals. It upsets the equilibrium of the water plant. Motion made by Council Member Becker to purchase chemicals for the water plant from the same suppliers as we are currently using. Motion seconded by Council Member Stewart. Toby commented that it took 2 ½ years of trying different chemicals to get the right mix to work for the plant. All in favor. Motion carried.
- C. Reserve & Transfer Policy Ordinance-** Administrator Slaugh presented an ordinance with a goal of 5-15% of the total operating budget in the general fund and a reserve of approximately three to six months operating capital in the enterprise funds. City Attorney Apt noted there is some technical language that needs changed, however it will not change the intent or the format of the ordinance.
- Council Member Rowe asked why the ordinance stated that it was a “goal” for the general fund and not “shall” like the enterprise fund?
 - Council Member Callahan asked if the auditors were ok with the wording. He wants to assure that the policy will take care of the violation the city has been written up on in past audit reports. This item will be tabled until Administrator Slaugh can visit with the auditors about the ordinance.
- D. Iola Industries Proxy** – A motion was made by Council Member Franklin to appoint Mayor Shirley the voting agent for the City of Iola at the Iola Industries

annual meeting on Tuesday, June 12th at 7:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Callahan. All in favor motion carried.

E. Convention and Tourism Fund Distribution – The Convention and Tourism Committee met on Thursday, June 7th and are recommending the following disbursements for council approval:

<u>Veteran’s Day Parade/Committee</u>	\$800.00
Funds to be used to offset expenses for the Veteran’s Day Parade; Advertising and bands for parade, add to their wall, and liability insurance.	
<u>Buster Keaton Celebration</u>	\$3,300.00
Travel and lodging for speakers and special guests, printing and hospitality.	
<u>Farm City Days</u>	\$1,000.00
Promotional expenses, artisans and historical reenactments.	
<u>Chamber of Commerce</u>	\$22,400.00
To maintain an office of focal and central information for convention and tourism with special projects.	
<u>Iola Community Theatre</u>	\$500.00
To advertise outside the Iola area to attract newcomers to their productions.	
<u>Charley Melvin Mad Bomber</u>	\$1000.00
Marketing of event only in regional market such as radio, magazines, television, and internet.	
<u>Allen County Fair</u>	\$1000.00
Advertising in surrounding counties.	
<u>TOTAL FUNDS TO BE DISTRIBUTED</u>	\$30,000.00

A motion was made by Council Member French to approve the committee’s recommendations for disbursement of convention and tourism funds. Motion seconded by Council Member Becker. All in favor motion carried.

ROUNDTABLE

A. Recreation Discussions – Brad Yoder – Council Member French asked that this be placed on the agenda due to the fact that he had received a request from an individual. He wondered if volunteers (coaches and assistants) should have a background check prior to allowing them to work with the kids. He also thinks that the city should have guidelines for coaches, which would include not allowing them to give rides home. Council Member Callahan wondered if this shouldn’t be sent to the recreation committee for them to make a recommendation to the council. Attorney Apt stated that it would be better for Administration to take care of; noting that our insurance company could advise us on their recommendations and we could obtain information from other cities. Brad spoke with Boy Scout leader, Tom Wheat. He stated that they do background checks through their organization and he gave some information to Brad on their policy. This item will be tabled until a later meeting when more information could be obtained. Council Member French had also been approached about grandparents going into the swimming pool to

supervise grandchildren and wondered why they have to pay admission when they have no intention of swimming. Brad gave the council a copy of the rules for the swimming pool which clearly states that everyone entering the pool must pay admission. Council Member French noted that this individual stated that in the past they had not been charged admission. Council Member Callahan stated that the reason the rates were kept low was so that everyone would be able to attend. It was the consensus of the council that the current policy be enforced and that Brad gets with the staff to enforce the rules at all times.

- B. Storm Water Utility Ordinance** – A draft ordinance was presented to the council to establish a storm water utility fund. The proceeds are currently going to the general fund. Motion made by Council Member Rowe to approve the ordinance establishing the Storm Water Utility Fund. Motion seconded by Council Member French. All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

A. Fireworks Display - Request - At the previous council meeting Russell Beth requested city sponsorship of the annual Elks fireworks display. Administrator Slaugh noted that our current insurance policy has special event coverage already in place. Council Member Rowe apologized to Mr. Beth. At the last meeting he was under the impression that he was doing the display for money when in fact he is not paid for his services. Motion made by Council Member Callahan to have the city sponsor the fireworks display allowing the purchase of the fireworks using the cities sales tax exemption. Motion seconded by Council Member Rowe. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Form of Government – Discussions – Donna Houser talked to the mayor and council members when they had the open discussions on this topic. She noted that everyone that attended the sessions wanted two year terms not four year terms. Becky Nilges was discussing the topic with several people and wondered if they are leaving it at nine member because that is what people voted for and that is what they wanted then. She asked “why are you changing it from two year term to a four year term?” Council Member Rowe noted that the body doesn’t feel that every part of the statue doesn’t work for the city. If the citizens don’t feel like that it was they want they can petition the ordinance. Becky Nilges stated that it seems like the council is picking and choosing parts they want to change. Russell Beth is the Mayor at Blue Mound and he stated that staggered four-year terms work well for them. Motion made by Council Member Rowe to approve the Charter Ordinance changing section 2 from June election to April election. Motion seconded by Council Member Callahan. Council Member Becker stated he will be voting no because everyone in his ward that has contacted him stated they did not want four-year term. Voting in favor of the motion were council members: Rowe, Callahan, Kilby, Stewart, Franklin and French. Voting against the motion was Council Member Becker. Mayor Shirley abstained from the vote. Motion carried by a majority vote.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Mayor Shirley –

- Wanted to thank Representative Otto and Senator King for their service to our community.
- Questioned the status on the dog park. Administrator Slauch stated that the owners of the two lots have forwarded the contract and the quit claim deed to the city and we should receive it any day.
- Wondered if the council was interested in taking a tour of Columbia Metal at 3:00 p.m. on June 25th prior to the regular meeting of the council. Everyone was in favor.

B. Council Member Stewart –

- None

C. Council Member Callahan –

- None

D. Council Member Wicoff –absent

E. Council Member Franklin –

- Wanted to assure that the council receives a list of infrastructure repairs that are needed so we can get busy on them.

F. Council Member Kilby – None

G. Council Member Becker –

- Encouraged everyone to go and see the community gardens it is really a showplace.

H. Council Member Rowe –

- Talked with Corey about the curfew at Riverside Park. He is wondering if there was a similar ordinance at the other parks in town. Noting that it would be nice to allow camping at Elm Creek Park and possibly allow campfires. Attorney Apt will visit with Fire Chief Leapheart and Chief Warner about the possibility of allowing campfires.

I. Council Member French –

- Wanted to applaud Carl and department heads for the weekly administrator report. He really enjoys the pictures that are included.
- Would like to look into electronic packets.

J. Administrator Slauch –

- We have received a request from Garnett to purchase our portable basketball goals. They are too heavy for our new floor. Garnett is offering \$3,500 for both. Council Member French quoted prices he had seen for other goals in much higher price brackets. He would like the city to check with the local school and college to see if they are interested in the goals.
- Requesting to purchase a new traffic signal camera. Two bids were received. Staff is requesting to purchase the same system we currently have. The other brand would require a retrofit. Motion was made by Council Member Callahan to purchase the sensor from Mid America. Motion seconded by Council Member Franklin. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Still reviewing statutes to city if the city councils motion to approve the entire city under the neighborhood revitalization plan is correct.
- The girl scouts are requesting an overnight stay at the park from June 25-29. Motion made by Council Member Rowe to approve the request. Motion seconded by Council Member Kilby. All in favor. Motion carried. (Council Member Callahan was not in the room to vote.)
- The Allen County Historical Society is requesting to hold a fundraiser craft show at the North Community Building on November 17th. Motion made by Council Member French to approve the request. Motion seconded by Council Member Kilby. Council Member Rowe noted that the crafters would be making money off the event. Voting in favor of the motion were council members: Stewart, Kilby, Rowe, French, and Callahan. Voting against the motion were Council Members Becker and Franklin. Motion passed by majority vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Non- Elected Personnel 7:30 p.m. K.S.A.75-4319

Motion was made by Council Member Kilby and seconded by Council Member Stewart to recess into “Executive Session” for the purpose of conducting a meeting to discuss Non Elected Personnel. All in Favor. Motion carried. Present: Mayor Shirley, and Council Members. The open meeting to resume in the Commission Room at 7:45.m.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday June 25th, 2012
City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 9th, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

7:45 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Rowe and was seconded by Council Member Becker to adjourn the meeting to 3:00 p.m. on June 25th at

Columbia Metal. As the vote was unanimous, the meeting was declared adjourned.

As a quorum was not present at 3:00 p.m. on June 25th Mayor Shirley declared the meeting adjourned.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 25th day of June 2012.

Mayor, William A. Shirley

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton