

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on November 25, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., at the Riverside Park Community Building, 510 Park Avenue, Iola, Kansas.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Council President Becker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Zornes, Shaughnessy, Franklin, Becker, Wells, Ford and Myrick were present. Also present were Administrator Slagh, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Mayor Wicoff and Council Member French were absent. Council Member Becker presided over the meeting.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval - November 12, 2013

B. Appropriations Approval – 2013-22

C. Personnel Action

- **Roxanne Hutton – City Clerk – Annual Evaluation**
- **Chad Beasley – Street & Alley – Annual Evaluation**

Council Member Franklin inquired about the American Public Power membership. Administrator Slagh informed the council that this membership was previously paid by the KPP. Since Iola is no longer a member of the KPP we have to pay the membership ourselves. The membership is approximately \$5,000 per year. Motion made by Council Member Myrick to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member Shaughnessy. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Faith House Funding Request – Linda Stange, The Faith House in Chanute, came to request funding to support their effort to provide shelter for individuals or families. There is not a similar facility in Iola. The Convention and Tourism fund which is funded by a bed tax commonly referred to as CVB has been used in the past to provide some funding for this type of request. The Faith House did not submit a request for funds in 2013 for their operation. If funds were authorized they would have to be taken from another fund and would be an unbudgeted item. During the year 2013 Faith House served 186 guests, 54

from Allen County of which 46 were from Iola. Ms. Stange is requesting \$5,000 from the city. She has requested \$10,000 from Allen County from their special alcohol funding, however they have not committed to any funding to date. Chanute has pledged \$18,000 and the Neosho County Attorney has stated they will pledge diversion funds they receive. Motion made by Council Member Wells to table this item until the next council meeting to have Carl locate funding in the budget. Motion seconded by Council Member Franklin. Council Member Shaughnessy asked what types of fundraising the Faith House does. Ms. Stange reported that they do a mailing twice a year and also attend large events within the area to request funding. Council Member Ford stated that Facebook has a link that is called "Fund Me Now" that might be of benefit to them. The vote was taken with all councilmembers voting in favor of the motion. Motion carried.

B. 2014 Calendar Discussions – With the end of the year quickly approaching staff is presenting the proposed holidays to be observed by city employees. Enclosed is a comparison of the approved holidays for Allen County and the proposed City of Iola holiday's being requested by the employee task force committee. Council Member Franklin voiced her concerns about the city being closed for the four days following Thanksgiving and the extra days at Christmas, noting that some individuals might want to do business for their elderly parents while in town. The following dates are those of which staff is seeking approval from the council to change meeting dates due to the fact that they fall on city observed holidays: May 26th and October 13th. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to approve the proposed holiday schedule and to move the council meetings May 26th to May 27th and October 13th to October 14th to accommodate city holidays. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Zornes, Ford, Myrick Wells, Becker, and Shaughnessy. Voting against the motion was Council Member Franklin. Motion carried by majority vote.

C. Oak Street Sub-Station Breaker – Replacement – City staff solicited bids in April 2013 to replace two 15kv breakers at the Oak Street Substation. The two breakers were installed November 7, 2013. The cost of two breakers was included in the 2013 budget and it is anticipated that two more will be replaced in 2014. Mid-States Energy Works was notified by their supplier that the cost of the breakers will go up 5% effective Jan 1, 2014. Ordering now would save \$4,447. City staff would like permission to purchase two more breakers for the Oak Street Substation using the bid results from the April 2013 bid. Mid-States Energy has notified the city that they will honor the earlier price quotes. Motion made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Myrick to purchase the two breakers at a cost of \$44,475 each from Mid-States Energy Works, Inc. for the Oak Street Sub Station with available funding. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Used Equipment Sale – Bid Acceptance – In recent week's staff was asked about selling the following equipment which is located at the city warehouse facility. 6' wide steel flat faced pull behind roller soil compactor and a 4' wide sheep's foot pull behind unit. The final day for submitting a sealed bid for this equipment is Friday November 22nd at 10:00 a.m. in the morning. One bid was received for the equipment that was submitted after the closing time. Staff would like to determine scrap

value of the equipment assuring that the equipment is sold at no less than scrap value. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to approve the sale of the two items at no less than scrap value. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Franklin, Becker, Wells, Myrick, Ford and Zornes. Abstaining from the vote was Council Member Shaughnessy due to the fact that he is the one bidding on the property. Motion carried by majority vote.

E. Federal Fund Exchange - Agreement – Enclosed in the packet for review and consideration is a supplemental agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation for future use of the federal fund exchange program. The city will receive a new supplemental agreement twice a year when new federal funds are dispersed to agencies. This particular funding has been recently used for funding a portion of the U.S. 54 Highway. We have also used a portion of this funding in expanding the 2013 mill and overlay project by adding a section of Broadway Street to the project. Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve the supplemental agreement authorizing the necessary signatures for submitting back to KDOT. All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Concealed Carry Security Policy – Legislation passed by the 2013 legislature changed rules affecting concealed carry in state or municipal buildings. The governing body approved measures in May of this year to exempt the City Hall and the Community Building where the council meetings are held. This action delays until December 31, 2017 the requirement to implement restrictions such as one entrance, electronic equipment, personnel at public entrances, and metal detectors. A security plan has been developed to ensure adequate security measures are in place to protect the safety of individuals who attend, and therefore they do not need to have their own concealed carry firearm. A resolution is attached for council approval. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Franklin to adopt resolution 2013-12 exempting City Hall and the Park Community Building from the provisions of Kansas Session 2013 Ch. 105, Sec.2 (i). All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- Absent

B. Council Member Wells–

- Thanked all of the volunteers that participated in the Portland Alley Run.

C. Council Member Ford –

- Attended the THRIVE banquet, very nice. Great time to honor all of the volunteers in the area.

D. Council Member Franklin–

- Would like the snow removal policy reviewed at the next meeting. She has had some merchants call with concerns about not being able to shovel the snow into the street. Councilmembers noted that if the merchant pushes the snow into the streets then customers have to walk over the piles and/or cannot park in the stall. Will bring back to the next meeting.

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- Holding a ribbon cutting on December 9th at Sam & Louie’s and would like the council to attend.

F. Council Member Becker –

- None

G. Council Member Myrick –

- Attended the

H. Council Member Zornes –

- None.

I. Council Member French –

- Absent

J. Administrator Slauch –

- An agreement was reached with Miratech for the Wartsila catalyst installment.
- Will switch to Cox for phone service a savings of approximately \$1,000 per month should be seen. They are extending service free of charge to the water and power plant.
- Discussed the county requesting rent of \$250 on the building the EMS would like to use on State Street. Council would like for staff to continue to negotiate this rental charge. City Attorney has visited with Humboldt concerning the rental on their facility.
- The Fire Department would like to apply for a grant that has a deadline of December 6th. Council had no objections to them applying for the grant.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Non- Elected Personnel/ EMS Director Pay scale 7:03 p.m. K.S.A.75-4319

Motion was made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to recess into “Executive Session” for the purpose of conducting a meeting to discuss Non-Elected Personnel – EMS Director Pay. All in Favor. Motion carried. Present: Council

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Members and Administrator Slaugh. The open meeting to resume in the Commission Room at 7:25 p.m.

7:23 p.m. Ryan Sell entered executive session.

7:49 p.m. Council entered regular session. Motion made by Council Member Becker to place EMS Director pay on the agenda for the next meeting.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, December 9th, 2013

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, December 23rd, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

7:50 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Zornes 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 9th day of December 2013.

Mayor, Joel Wicoff

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton