

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on December 23, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., at the Riverside Park Community Building, 510 Park Avenue, Iola, Kansas.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Wicoff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Wicoff Council Members Zornes, Ford, French and Myrick were present. Also present were Administrator Slaugh, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Council Member Becker was present via phone. Absent were Council Members Wells, Shaughnessy and Franklin.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member French to approve the agenda adding resignation of police officer to the consent agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Travis Baughn was present representing the Allen County Rural Fire District. Mr. Baughn stated that the comment made by the council member at a previous meeting about the shape of their trucks was not nice. The district does the best they can with the money they receive. Mayor Wicoff noted that the council and the city appreciates the time and efforts of the volunteer firemen.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval - December 9, 2013

B. Appropriations Approval – 2013-24

C. Personnel Action

- **Corey Schinstock – Administration – Annual Evaluation**
- **Rhonda Fulton – Police Department – Annual Evaluation**
- **Jim Portenier – Electric Generation – Retirement – Position to be filled.**
- **Joe Robertson – Police Department – Resignation and allowance on time for police academy obligation.**

Council Member French questioned the purchase of rock, the purchase of cough drops and the purchase of the pagers on the appropriations. EMS Director Ryan Sell noted that the pagers had not been configured properly when they were narrow banded; therefore it was more feasible to purchase new ones. The Motion made by Council Member Zornes to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member Myrick. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. GAAP Waiver – Resolution- Annually the city chooses to not follow the generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) due to the detailed record keeping procedures and budgeting requirements required for all infrastructures within the city's control. This practice is very common among municipalities in Kansas. City Clerk Hutton noted that the city does not follow GAAP due to the mandatory budgeting of infrastructure and the depreciation value of all infrastructures. Motion made by Council Member French and seconded by Council Member Becker to approve the GAAP Waiver resolution for the year ended December 31, 2013. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Budget Amendments – Mayor Wicoff opened the public hearing. No comments were made from the public. The public hearing was closed. Motion made by Council Member French and seconded by Council Member Zornes to approve the budget amendments for the 2013 budget as published. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Official Bank and Newspaper – Per Kansas Statue the council must designate an official newspaper and a bank every year. Motion made by Council Member French and seconded by Council Member Ford to approve the resolution designating the Iola Register as the official newspaper for the City of Iola. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion made by Council Member French and seconded by Council Member Ford to designate Great Southern Bank as the official banking institution for the City of Iola for the 2014 calendar year. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Low Speed Vehicles - Ordinance – After the discussion at the December 9th council meeting the ordinance 3427 was presented to the council for approval. Motion made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member Ford to approve ordinance 3427 adding a permit requirement for low-speed vehicles. All in favor. Motion carried.

E. Union Pacific & Exxon Stocks – Discussion- The city was advised by our auditor that certain shares of stock that were donated to the city must be redeemed for cash. The city has stock in Exxon and UPRR. The shares were donated more than 10 years ago. The stock companies require a Medallion signature in order to cash in the stock. Council Member French wants to assure that the money is used for its intended purpose and noted that if possible to put the money in an interest bearing CD to continue to fund the items off of the interest. Motion made by Council Member French and seconded by Council Member Zornes to approve the resolution authorizing Roxanne Hutton and / or Debra Troxel to sign documents to sell the shares of stock. All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. EMS Lease Agreement – The County has presented a lease agreement requesting \$250 per month for use of the building. Council Member Myrick had concerns that the statements in the contract stated that the fire equipment could not be in

the building, the fire department has stated that the fire equipment will not be in the building so why would this be an issue. Council Member French stated that in the original contract the county gives authority to the city over all the buildings. The county cannot give authority over the buildings in Moran and Humboldt, that leaves only the building in Iola and yet they now want to charge rent for the building. Council Member Myrick does not think the city should have to pay rent on housing county equipment. Council Member Becker noted that it is a minor expense if we need the building. Council Member French noted that we should not accept the lease agreement because we have an EMS agreement that covers buildings. County taxes paid by county citizens that include Iola pay for the building. Why should the city have to pay rent on the building that is owned by the county taxpayers? Attorney Johnson stated that the EMS agreement does state buildings. The city has been negotiating with Humboldt on use of that building and with the owner of the building in Moran, that only leaves the building in Iola. He and Ryan have talked with the county commissioners about this building on several occasions and they state that this building was never part of the agreement. Motion made by Council Member French and seconded by Council Member Myrick to recess into executive session for the purpose of Attorney/Client contract negotiations. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting will resume at 7:02 p.m. Present: Assistant Administrator Schinstock, Council Members, Mayor, Attorney Johnson, Council Member Becker via phone

7:00 p.m. Administrator Slaugh left the meeting.

Motion made by Council Member French and seconded by Council Member Myrick to table any further discussion on the EMS joint agreement pending further discussion with county commissioners. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. EMS Director Position – Council Member French noted this a new position as county wide director of the EMS and cannot be compared with current department head positions. The pay study will show more fairness and balanced pay rates. The current department heads need to know that we haven't forgotten them. The pay study will show if the current pay rate is under in some areas. Council Member Ford noted that when she voted for the rate increase she did not understand all of the over time that would be included. Attorney Johnson stated that he and Administrator Slaugh have had discussions about exempt versus non-exempt status for this position. Council Member Ford stated we need to stop this yo yo process and make a decision. Council Member Becker noted that at the previous meeting all of the information was not given and he can't support the rate that was voted on. Council Member French inquired about the scheduled versus unscheduled over time. Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member French to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel/EMS Director Position. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting to resume at 7:27 p.m. Present: Mayor, Council, Attorney Johnson, Assistant Administrator Schinstock.

Motion made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member Myrick to table this item until the next meeting of the council. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Cereal Malt Beverage License – Coronado’s – City Clerk Hutton informed the council that Coronado’s have met all requirements of the fire department. Motion made by Council Member French and seconded by Council Member Zornes to approve a cereal malt beverage license for the 2014 year for Coronado’s Restaurant. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- Appreciate the city staff that had to work on the water leak on Kentucky Street in the earlier hours of the day. All city staff do a great job and he appreciates all of them.

B. Council Member Wells–

- Absent

C. Council Member Ford –

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

D. Council Member Franklin–

- Absent

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- Absent

F. Council Member Becker –

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

G. Council Member Myrick –

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H. Council Member Zornes –

- Having second thoughts on the pay analysis study. Would like to work it out internally instead of spending the money. Motion made by Council Member Zornes to reconsider the pay survey. Assistant Administrator Schinstock noted that the only thing the council has approved to date is to send out the RFP. This costs the city nothing and will show the actual cost of the study. Council Member Ford noted that it would be good to have an unbiased company to obtain fair results. Council member French noted that it has been difficult for the council to work out pay for one employee so how we would be able to do it for 100. Mayor Wicoff noted that if the survey showed the employees needed increases to be in line with the market, where would that money come from. It would be a burden on citizens that have to pay the extra tax money. We have a

comparable benefit study with the area. Would we use the study or would it just sit on the shelf because it would be too expensive to put into effect. Council member French thinks it would show good faith to the employees and know where we stand. Council Member Ford noted that if we don't do the study we need to give the employees the extra 1% that was budgeted. Motion died for lack of a second.

I. Council Member French –

- The city has a wonder staff.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

J. Administrator Slauch – (given by Corey Schinstock)

- Neighborhood Revitalization update – still working with the county.
- EPA has granted the extension on the Wartsila upgrades.
- Concealed Carry extension was granted by the attorney general's office.
- Will be scheduling a strategic planning session in the near future.
- Country Estates Annexation public hearing will be held soon. The council needs to make a decision on the funding of a new lift station.
- Council Member French would like to request the funds from the county that are in the sewer district and then fund the remaining cost of the project through a benefit district.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, January 13th 2014

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, January 27th, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

7:55 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member Myrick 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 13th day of January 2014.

Mayor, Joel Wicoff

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton