

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on January 27, 2014, 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, Franklin, Wells, Becker, Shaughnessy and Myrick were present. Also present were Administrator Slaugh, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Council Member French was absent.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval - January 13, 2014 January 14, 2014

B. Appropriations Approval – 2014-02

C. Personnel Action

- **Jeremy Ellington – Fire Department – Twelve Month Evaluation**
- **Donald Leapheart – Fire Department – Retirement (Position to be advertised and filled)**

D. Board Appointments

- **Planning Commission – Lillian Smith - Reappointment**

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

ROUNDTABLE

A. Allen County Grow/Food Policy Council – Debbie Bearden – Thrive Allen County is working on a grant through Kansas Health Foundation and their Healthy Communities initiative to create a Food Policy Council that is supported in a resolution by the Allen County Commissioners. Debbie Bearden and Damaris Kunkler were present to educate the council as to what a food policy council is. They asked the councilmembers to report back to them ideas that would benefit the citizens. Council Member Myrick asked if the school system would be involved also. Council Member Ford noted that the council would find the needs of the county and the ways to get those needs taken care of. Council Member Wells noted that the Allen County College Farm /Agriculture Department would be a good agency to talk with.

B. Allowed Animals in City – Levi Meiwes and Jacob Riebel – Levi and Jacob gave a slide presentation on the benefits of chickens within the city limits. They also drew up potential ordinance guidelines the city could use to have an ordinance allowing chickens within the city limits. Levi and Jacob also presented a petition with 150 signatures from city and county citizens in favor of allowing chickens within the city limits. Council Member Ford thanked the boys for coming and giving a great presentation. While researching this topic she was surprised to learn that larger cities allow chickens. She is in favor of allowing them. Council Member Myrick thanked the boys and noted that he would like to get Code Enforcement Officer Shonda Jefferis opinion on the matter. Council Member Becker noted that he grew up in town with a population of 3,200. Following the war the town decided to outlaw chickens and proceeded to remove all of the coops and clean up the town. He also has concerns about rodents around the coops. Levi and Jacob noted that this is why they recommend the food be in an airtight rodent proof container to cut down on that possible problem. Council Member Becker stated that at first residents show an interest and then they lose that interest and then it turns into a bad thing. The city currently has over 150 structures that need to be torn down because they are an eyesore and make the city look bad that we cannot keep up with. There would be those that follow the rules and then there will be those that will not. Council Member Franklin complemented the boys on a great presentation. Council Member Wells made a motion to have Administrator Slauch and Code Enforcement Officer Jefferis work together to draw up an ordinance allowing chickens within the city limits. Motion seconded by Council Member Ford. Voting in favor of the motion were council members: Shaughnessy, Franklin, Wells, Myrick, Ford and Zornes. Voting against the motion was Council Member Becker. Motion passed by majority vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A. City Boundary Ordinance- With the annexation of the 9.54 acre tract of land owned by Allen County Boosters a new boundary ordinance for the city must be adopted. Motion made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Wells to approve general ordinance # 3428 changing the territorial city limits of Iola. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Pay Compensation Study - Discussions-- Two proposals were received for the compensation study; the Austin Peters Group Incorporated for \$22,340 and Springsted Incorporated for \$23,700. Administrator Slauch noted included in the fee was rewriting job descriptions; this could be done by staff and possibly save some money. Council Member Becker cautioned comparing Iola to other cities especially those with refineries that have access to higher tax bases and cities with unions. Council Member Wells noted that it hasn't been done for over 10 years needs to be done. Comparisons with Garnett and Chanute which is where the competition for the talent is would be beneficial. He wondered if the staff time to complete the job descriptions would really save money. Council Member Ford

agreed that the savings of money would not compare with pulling those employees away from their regular work. Council Member Franklin thought it would be a good idea to put off making a decision for a couple of weeks so council could look over the proposal in more detail and think about it. Council Member Myrick noted that the two proposals differed in time allowed to complete by a month.

C. Strategic Planning - Discussions- Administrator Slaugh noted that Corinne Bannon, with the Hugo Wall School of Urban and Public Affairs was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to illness. She sent some options for the council to consider. The first option was the one presented to the council at the last meeting for **\$8,000**, the second option is a condensed version where the City would either choose to coordinate and facilitate the stakeholder community meetings, or choose not to do them. The same goes for the citizen survey. If the City would choose to take on these two parts of the process the Hugo Wall School would be available to advise and review along the way. The cost of this option is **\$6,000**. The third option is the "bare bones" approach. This option would include the external influencing factors research, the Council retreat and a final report. Community feedback would not be incorporated into this option and would depend on the city to present the final report to the City Council. The cost of this option is **\$4,500**. Administrator Slaugh noted that it is important to have a different viewpoint from an outside agency. Council Member Franklin noted that after reviewing the City of Moundridge presentation it didn't look like a lot of work was done in that case. Would like to see where we are on the ideas from our last strategic plan. Council Member Wells asked Administrator Slaugh if he had spoken with Moundridge and were they happy. Administrator Slaugh noted that Moundridge had also included a Comprehensive Plan and they were happy with the results. Council Member Wells asked if last year's plan is working. The council needs a plan we are willing to invest in. If we put things into a plan can we afford to move forward? Administrator Schinstock Slaugh decided to set a date for the strategic planning meeting. Council Members noted that an evening or two would be preferable to a Saturday.

D. Fire /EMS Department

- **Bunker Gear Purchase** – With the merger it is necessary to purchase uniforms and fire bunker gear for the new personnel. Before quotes were solicited the council was provided a cost breakdown. Uniforms total \$1,244 and bunker gear total \$20,145.
- **EMS Contract Exhibit A** – The joint city county EMS agreement specified an Exhibit A. The proposed exhibit to be sent to the county follows: EMS Truck Inventory, each with Monitor, Suction and Cot and other equipment as specified for Type I ambulance service. Building to include the building at 412 N State Street in Iola. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to approve Exhibit A to the EMS contract and have it sent to the county commissioners for approval. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **EMS Rental of Humboldt Facility** – An agreement was reached with the Humboldt City Council for use of the facility there for a fee of \$1.00 per year.

Motion made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Becker to have the Mayor sign the agreement with the City of Humboldt for the rental of the EMS Facility for \$1.00 per year.

E. Electric Production – Vehicle Replacement – The power plant has budgeted for replacement of Unit #3 a 2001 Ford F-150 with 73,230 miles. The trade-in value of the vehicle is \$2,000. The used truck will be passed to another department to replace an older vehicle, probably unit #50 a 1995 Ford F-150, and an older vehicle in worse condition will be disposed of in accordance with the purchasing policy. Three bids have been obtained for the purchase of a 2014 F-150. Shawnee Mission Ford - \$17,187, Twin Motor Ford - \$19,300 and Shepherd Team Auto, Fort Scott - \$25,290. Motion made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Wells to purchase the lowest bid vehicle from Shawnee Mission Ford in the amount of \$17,187. All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. EMS Director Position – Administrator Slauch asked that this be put off until the next meeting since EMS Director Ryan Sell was unable to attend the meeting. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Myrick to table this agenda item until the parties involved are available. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- None

B. Council Member Wells–

- Commended the young people for their presentation and encouraged them to stay involved and run for office when they turn 18.

C. Council Member Ford –

- Commended the young people for their presentation.

D. Council Member Franklin–

- Disappointed about the annexation vote; thought everyone was on board with it to increase the population of the city.

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- None

F. Council Member Becker –

- None

G. Council Member Myrick –

- Commended the electric department for the response to an emergency on State Street last Sunday.
- Has heard only positive feedback on the EMS service.

H. Council Member Zornes –

- Told the boys they did an awesome job speaking tonight.

I. Council Member French –

- Absent

J. Administrator Slaugh –

- Presented a document from the state that requires the mayor's signature that states the city requires a special audit due to the expenditures greater than \$500,000 of federal funding. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes authorizing the mayor to sign the state audit document. All in favor. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to adjourn to executive session for Corporate Trade Secrets involving a business. All in favor. Motion carried. Present: Mayor, Council, David Toland and Administrator Slaugh. The meeting to resume at 7:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Franklin to adjourn to executive session for Corporate Trade Secrets involving a possible business. Voting in favor of the motion were council members: Wells, Zornes, Ford, Franklin and Shaughnessy. Motion carried. Present: Mayor, Council, David Toland and Administrator Slaugh. The meeting to resume at 7:40 p.m.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, February 10th, 2014

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, February 24th, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

7:43 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member Zornes to adjourn the meeting. As the vote was unanimous, the meeting was declared adjourned.

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Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 10th day of
February 2014.

Mayor, Joel Wicoff

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton