

CITY OF IOLA

04/07/2014

A special called meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on April 7, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., at the Student Center of the Allen Community College located at 1801 N Cottonwood. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a strategic planning session.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meal and social time was held from 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

Mayor Wicoff, Council Members, Zornes, Wells, Ford, Becker, and Franklin were present. Also present was Administrator Slaugh, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, City Clerk Hutton, Bill Maness, Bruce Cochran and David Toland. Council Member Myrick arrived at 6:20 p.m. Council Members Shaughnessy and French were absent.

Bruce Cochran reviewed the Capital Improvement Projects giving everyone a chance to add a project or goal to the prepared list from each department. Bruce told the group the object was to have the goal be a SMART goal.

S Specific / Strategic

M Measurable

A Attainable

R Relevant/Expected Result

T Time Frame

The rules of brainstorming were reviewed.

Parks/Cemetery Department

North Community Building Remodel

Make the entire levy a part of the trail

Bathroom remodel in the middle shelter house

Indoor Pool

Batting Cages – more of them, maintenance of current one

More Shelter houses

Miniature Golf course

Bridge over South Washington for access to Elm Creek Park

Promote the cemetery improvements (encourage more donations for this project)

Administration

Acquire property to use for economic development

Obtain utility rights for expansion of city's service territory

Establish a public works department head and cross train employees between departments to cut number of employees

Put all infrastructure in Cedarbrook Addition

Upgrade other sections of town

Give more authority to Code Enforcement to condemn houses and clean up blighted areas of town

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Work with schools to obtain new facilities

Water Distribution

Prepare for upcoming infrastructure projects

Put money aside for repairs and replacement of current mains

Oak Street tower removed (later a suggestion was made to leave the tower because it is nostalgic)

Gas Distribution

Prepare for upcoming infrastructure projects.

Wireless Readers

Increase amount of line replaced each year (searching for grants etc to help with cost)

Research storage options

Electric Generation

Prepare for increased volume

Increase capacity in order to sell back to the grid instead of relying so much on purchasing from other sources

Diversify capacity

Put more lines underground

Sewer Collection

Prepare for upcoming infrastructure projects

Set funds aside for growth and current maintenance of lines (may include rate increase)

Line more of the current lines throughout the city (designating so much each year)

SCADA on all lift stations to record and alert when problems arise

Rehabilitation of lift stations and manholes

Storm Water runoff system in south part of town

Water Production

Prepare for future growth

Set aside funds for future maintenance issues

Electric Distribution

Set a plan for pole replacement throughout the city

Conversion from copper to aluminum to cut costs

System to notify individuals of outages

Code Enforcement

Promote Sidewalk funding

Speed up process of condemnation and increase number of homes (budget increase)

More uniformity of residential sidewalks

Ordinance not allowing animals to be tied up in the yard (tearing up yards and unhealthy for animal)

Raise permit and inspection fees

Program for individuals to rebuild on empty lots

Proper Shelter for animals – more detailed policy

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Street & Alley

Assure potholes and cracks taken care of before they become a danger
Complete North Cottonwood to Oregon
More curb and gutters in south part of town
Mill and overlay increased
Tackle projects quicker before they get totally out of hand
Increase sales tax to recoup funding that is given to the hospital
Turn radius in the alley at the Bowlus
Foot bridge on South Washington
Sidewalks on both sides of Kentucky street better street lighting

Recreation

Train lifeguards in house including the manager
Recreation Committee start meeting again
Improved football field (in conjunction with the school district)

Fire Department

Reduce overtime costs by looking at scheduling options (possible 12 hour shifts)
Balance the budget
Expand the building

Police Department

More drug enforcement

Clerk Department

Check and balance system when customers pay a different amount
Electronic Billing Options
More stringent shut off policy (customers have a minimum of 42 days before they are shut off)
Automatic renewal of dog tags

Council Members were asked to state their top three priorities.

Number One Priority

Acquire property for future development
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Fire Budget
Reserve funding for land development
Signal Lights
Recoup sales tax distributed to hospital
Fire Budget
Signal Lights
Demolition of more houses
Fire budget
Be prepared for expansion with utilities

Number Two Priority

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Fire Budget

Increase electric capacity

Maintenance of infrastructure

Increase water, sewer rates to have a reserve for maintenance

Land for development

Fire Budget

Increase sales tax for capital projects

Reserve funds for infrastructure

Fire Budget

Acquire property for future development

Utility infrastructure maintenance

Acquire property for future development

Number Three Priority

Maintenance of utility infrastructure

Extend N Cottonwood

Demolition of more houses

Increase gas line replacement each year

Infrastructure maintenance

Reserve Funds for Infrastructure

Replace North Kentucky

Fire Budget

Clean up of town

ADJOURNMENT

8:00 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.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 14th day of April, 2014

Mayor, Joel Wicoff

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton