

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on April 14, 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, Becker, Wells, Myrick, Ford, Franklin, French and Shaughnessy were present. Also present were Administrator Slaugh, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elyssa Jackson representing Power Up Movement – Living Rural by Choice targeting 21-39 year olds is requesting a street closure for a fundraiser. The event is a stop light dance; the date of the event is May 16th from 9-11:00 p.m. on Jefferson Street from Madison to Jackson. Council Member Ford asked if she had visited with Police Chief Warner. She has not spoken with him yet. The council was in consensus that the group could have the dance if they first obtained permission from the police chief.

Donna Houser informed the council that all of the historic signs have been put up around the square and encouraged everyone to stroll around the square to look at them. She also showed a sample of the signs that will be placed on historic buildings around the square with the permission of the building owner.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval - March 24,2014 and April 7, 2014

B. Appropriations Approval – 2014-06

C. Personnel Action

- **Steve Appling – Gas, Water and Wastewater – Annual**
- **Dakota Hufferd – Gas, Water and Wastewater – 12 Month Welder**
- **Jed Rice – Electric Distribution – 6 Month Lineman**
- **Dakota Sigg – Gas, Water and Wastewater – Six Month**
- **Michael Wilson – Fire/EMS Department – New Hire**
- **Nathaniel Keylon – Fire/EMS Department – New Hire**

D. Board Appointments

- **Rita Berntsen – Library Board**
- **Carl Slaugh – Primary Voting Delegate – KMU**

- **Mike Phillips – Alternate Voting Delegate - KMU**

Council Member Ford asked about the refund of yoga classes. This was due to a cancellation of the class. Motion made by Council Member Franklin to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Wells. All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Riverside Park Playground Project – The playground project was set for construction April 5th and 6th at Riverside Park, but was delayed due to heavy rains on April 2nd. The playground equipment has been delivered and is ready to be installed tentatively April 26th and 27th. In order to take advantage of the tax exempt status with the city, the playground project must be under contract with the city. Donated funds for the project have been deposited in the Allen County Community Foundation and will be turned over to the City of Iola to pay for the playground equipment. The City of Iola will pay ATHCO for the project. If any funds remain after paying for the equipment they will be reserved for additional amenities or features at the playground. The donated funds will be reserved for the playground as was intended by the donors. A certified installer will oversee the assembly and installation. Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member French to authorize Berkley Kerr to be an agent for the city in completing the project through ATHCO. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. EMS Joint Agreement – Exhibit “A” – The Allen County Commission approved revised Exhibit A detailing equipment contained on each ambulance. Ryan Sell, EMS Director stated that he and Terry Call documented each piece of equipment together. Council Member French stated that it would be beneficial to have Terry Call and Ryan sign off on the document showing that they did document the equipment. Motion made by Council Member Wells to approve the Exhibit A as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Becker. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Proclamation – Arbor Day- Mayor Wicoff read the proclamation. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to authorize the mayor to sign the proclamation and proclaim April 25, 2014 as the official City Arbor Day in the City of Iola. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Organization Requests – Northern Star Girl Scouts are requesting to hold their annual summer camp once again in Riverside Park. This function would begin on Monday, June 9th and end on Friday June 13th with an overnight stay planned on Thursday night, June 9th – June 13th. Iola Sisters Relay for Life team is requesting to hold a boot block fund raising event on May 24th at the intersection of Madison and Washington from 9:00 a.m. –

12:00 p.m. The funds raised will be used for the American Cancer Society of Allen County Relay for Life. Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Becker to approve the request from the Northern Star Girl Scouts to hold their annual summer camp in Riverside Park and to allow the Iola Sisters Relay for Life team to hold a boot block on May 24th from 9-12 if they follow the conditions set out by KDOT. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. KMEA Power Supply - Agreement – Administrator Slaugh reviewed the request from KEMA to perform a power supply survey at a cost to the city of \$44,000. Staff is recommending not joining KMEA in the study since we are participating in another study currently that will give us the same information. Council Member Wells asked what the cost of new generation will be. Administrator Slaugh noted that the cost is about \$1 million for each megawatt of power. Council Member French stated that the city needs to set aside funding for repairs to the system also. Administrator Slaugh noted that the catalytic convertors for the five EMD's will be about \$500,000. Motion made by Council Member French to not accept the offer from KMEA for the study. Motion seconded by Council Member Myrick. All in favor. Motion carried. Administrator Slaugh stated that the city will continue our relationship with the KMEA on other areas of the city's electrical business.

D. SCADA System Discussions – Administrator Slaugh wants to solicit bids for a SCADA system for the two main lift stations to monitor and alert of any malfunctions. The cost will probably be \$30,000 to \$45,000. It may be cost saving to combine the SCADA system with the computer system at the water plant. The cost of the SCADA system for the lift stations will be added to the current waste water project. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member French to solicit bids for an updated computer system for the water plant and a SCADA system for the two lift stations. All in favor. Motion carried.

ROUNDTABLE

A. Traffic Signal Improvements - Discussion – Assistant Administrator Schinstock reviewed the options with the council. Council Member Wells asked if they could obtain numbers of the cost savings using the LED bulbs. Council Member French stated that option five is favorable for towns that are having a lot of damage to the streets with all the traffic starting and stopping but it would be beneficial; however it is a draw for them to have to stop at the signals to look around and notice the stores downtown. Donna Houser stated that it is also good to have the trucks stop for safety of individuals that are parked around town to back out of stalls. Assistant Administrator Schinstock will get quotes together and more information on the current feasibility to add more lines in the current conduit and bring to a future meeting.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- None

B. Council Member Wells–

- Would like an update on the transportation prices from the gas companies at the next meeting.
- Would like an update on pending litigation at the next meeting.

C. Council Member Ford –

- Encouraged individuals to walk around the square and see the historic signs the CITF group worked for a long time to develop them.
- Weather permitting the playground assembly will be the last weekend in April.
- Council Member French stated that the makeover of the upstairs windows in the businesses downtown look nice.

D. Council Member Franklin–

- None

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- A truck was stuck on Lincoln Street and Tennessee. Can something be done about the lack of curbing and/or sidewalk? Assistant Administrator Schinstock will check into the matter.
- Will not be at the next meeting.

F. Council Member Becker –

- None

G. Council Member Myrick –

- None

H. Council Member Zornes –

- None

I. Council Member French –

- A lot of residents participated in the Spring Clean Up week.
- Asked if a section of the sewer line could be videoed and shown to the council.

J. Administrator Slaugh –

- Reviewed the list of cities for comparison as part of the wage study and asked the council for input. Council Member Wells asked why Garnett was not part of the list.

Administrator Slaugh stated that cities of close population size and services were used. Council member Franklin stated that Roeland Park, Desoto and Eudora will show city/metro wages. Council member French stated that they needed a comparison with a city that had fire/ems joined services. Ryan Sell, EMS Director stated that Emporia is comparable with Iola's service.

- A short video clip of the city's sewer system was shown.

Mayor Wicoff declared a five-minute break.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to adjourn to executive session to discuss acquisition of real estate/economic development. All in favor. Motion carried. Present: Council, Administrator Slaugh and David Toland. The meeting to resume at 7:37 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Myrick to adjourn to executive session to discuss non-elected personnel/Fire Chief Position. Council members Wells, Myrick, Shaughnessy, Ford and Becker voted in favor. Motion carried. Present: Council, and Administrator Slaugh. The meeting to resume at 7:57 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Myrick to adjourn to executive session to discuss non-elected personnel/Fire Chief Position. Council members Wells, Myrick, Shaughnessy, Ford and French voted in favor. Motion carried. Present: Council, and Administrator Slaugh. The meeting to resume at 8:10 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Wells to interview once again candidates Tim Thyer and one other for the Fire Chief Position. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Franklin, Wells, Myrick and Ford. Voting against the motion were Council Members Zornes, Becker, Shaughnessy and French. Council Member Wells requested a formal division of vote and asked for a poll of each council member by a verbal y or n vote. City Clerk Hutton took a roll call vote of each council member:

Council Member Zornes: Nay
Council Member Ford: Yay
Council Member Myrick: Yay
Council Member Wells: Yay
Council Member Shaughnessy: Nay
Council Member Becker: Nay
Council Member Franklin: Yay
Council Member French: Nay

With a tie vote Mayor Wicoff voted: Nay
Motion failed for lack of yes votes.

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Motion made by Council Member Zornes and seconded by Council Member Becker to appoint Tim Thyer as Iola Fire Chief until such time as the scheduled appointment times of other city officials. Voting in favor of the motion was: Council Members French, Becker, Franklin, Shaughnessy, Ford and Zornes. Voting against the motion was: Council members Myrick and Wells. Motion carried by majority vote.

Administrator Slaugh informed the council that the Planning Commission is holding a public hearing on Wednesday, April 16th at 6:00 p.m. to review the Comprehensive Plan.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday April 28th, 2014

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday May 12th, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

8:33 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member Shaughnessy 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 28th day of April 2014.

Mayor, Joel Wicoff

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton