

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on April 28, 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, and French were present. Also present were Administrator Slaugh, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, City Clerk Hutton and Attorney Daniel Schowengerdt. Council Member Shaughnessy was absent.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Boan had a concern about parking on the south side of the square and trying to back out into oncoming traffic. She asked if some sort of awareness or notification could be done to alert out of town drivers that vehicles are entering their lane of traffic. Administrator Slaugh will look into this matter.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval - April 14, 2014

B. Appropriations Approval – 2014-07

C. Personnel Action

- **Tim Thyer – Fire/EMS Department – Appointment to Fire Chief**
- **James Jerome – Fire/EMS Department – Twelve Month Promotion Evaluation**
- **Brad Yoder – Recreation Department – Annual**
- **Scott Stewart – Code Enforcement – Twelve Month Evaluation**
- **Brandon Westerman – Power Plant – Transfer from Street and Alley**
- **Lyndon Kern – Water Production – Annual Evaluation**
- **Eric Keagle – Water Production – Annual Evaluation**
- **Aaron Wight – Gas, Water & Sewer – Annual Evaluation**
- **Kristy Sutherland – Recreation – Annual Evaluation**
- **Ashley Robb – Fire/EMS Department – Twelve Month Evaluation**
- **Douglas Campbell- Police Department – Annual Evaluation**
- **Kent Tomson – Electric Distribution – Resignation**
- **Jim Baker – Electric Distribution – Interim Superintendent**

Motion made by Council Member Franklin to approve the consent agenda adding Jim Baker at Interim Superintendent of the Electric Distribution Department to the personnel actions. Motion seconded by Council Member Myrick. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Emergency Mitigation Plan - Resolution- This resolution is presented for approval due to the city's participation in Region H Multi-Hazard, Multi Jurisdiction Mitigation Plan. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to approve Resolution 2014-10 Adoption of the Region H Multi-Hazard, Multi Mitigation Plan of Allen County, Kansas. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Boy Scout Troop 18 Request – Boy Scout Troop 18 in Owasso, Oklahoma is planning a fifty mile bicycle ride allowing the boys to earn their cycling merit badge. They will be using the Prairie Spirit Trail for the ride and are requesting permission to tent camp overnight in Riverside Park on Friday, May 16th. The leader has been coordinating with Park Superintendent, Berkley Kerr. Council Member French questioned if they had the Riverside Park confused with Cofachique Park since it was closer to restaurants. Assistant Administrator Schinstock noted that the individual had been speaking with Berkley Kerr and they wanted to stay in Riverside Park. Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Becker to approve an overnight stay of Boy Scout Troop 18 on May 16th. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Iola Municipal Band – The Iola Municipal Band has presented a contract for the 2014 season from June 5- July 31st at a rate of \$6,500 which has been the same rate since 2009. This season will mark the 143rd season since the municipal band began performing in 1871. Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve payment of \$6,500 to the Iola Municipal Band for their continued performances on the courthouse square for the 2014 summer season. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. 2013 Audit Report – Jared Gilmore & Phillips completed the 2013 audit including a single audit for the federal awards that exceeded \$500,000. Neil Phillips presented the audit to the council. Mr. Phillips noted that there were no findings in this audit and commended the council on building up the cash reserves. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Franklin to accept the audit report for the 2013 calendar year for the City of Iola and authorize the mayor to sign the required documents. All in favor. Motion carried.

E. Annual Chip Seal Project – Bid Acceptance – Bids were opened on April 24th at 10:00 a.m. for the oil for the annual chip seal project with the following bids received. Ergon Asphalt & Emulsion from Kansas City, Kansas. Their bid for the emulsion was \$2.28 per gallon, for the demurrage charge per hour (first 2 hours free) \$80.00 per hour and the environmental fee of \$0.00133 per gallon. No other company bid on the project. The

only bid received for the rock/aggregate material was from Buildex, Incorporated from Ottawa, Kansas. Their bid for the 1,600 cubic yards of material was \$36.00 per cubic yard, with a freight charge of \$13.00 per cubic yard for a total price of \$49.00 per cubic yard. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to accept the bid for road oil from Ergon Asphalt and Emulsion of Kansas City, Kansas and the bid from Buildex Incorporated of Ottawa, Kansas for the annual chip and seal material. All in favor. Motion carried.

ROUNDTABLE

A. Road Project Discussions – The portion of Highway 54 within the city limits falls within a Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) funding plan for connection link streets (KLINK). Applications for the resurfacing program for the fiscal year 2016 are due by May 9, 2014. Administrator Slaugh noted that staff is recommending to hold off for one more year in order to build up some more funds. The west bound lanes are showing some wear and may require some spot repairs in the meantime. Council Member French asked if any full depth work had been done from State Street to east edge of Iola. Administrator Slaugh noted that it had not been done. Council Member Wells asked what the time frame would be to complete the project. Administrator Slaugh stated that it would probably be a six month time frame for the project. Motion made by Council Member French to not complete the application until 2015 in order to build up cash reserves. Motion seconded by Council Member Wells. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. EMS Funding Discussions – Administrator Slaugh reviewed the budgeted amount for the city and the county for the 2014 calendar year noting a savings of approximately \$300,000 – \$600,000 with the combined service. EMS Director, Ryan Sell presented budget projections for the remainder of the year with a short fall of \$400,000. Council Member Wells asked what the collections for runs was to date. Ryan will get the information. Council Member Becker stated that the county has already levied taxes and will receive approximately \$360,000 they levied for EMS services. The county should give this money to the city to run the service since that is what it is designated for. Council Member Wells stated that a possible compromise would be to have the county give the city 2 of the mills drop the other 1 ½ mills and then put an additional ¼ cent sales tax on to make up the difference. Council Member Myrick stated that we are providing the EMS service for the entire county, but Iola citizens should not have to support the entire service. Council Member French stated that citizens of Iola wanted to see savings, that was the entire reason to have a county wide service so that Iola citizens were not being taxed for the service by both the city and the county. EMS Director Sell noted that based on run history a projection of \$1.1 million will be collected. Mayor Wicoff reminded the council that the school has stated that they may request sales tax revenue from the city. We need to keep this in mind during these discussions. Council Member Wells stated that the school needs to come to the city and talk to us about this request. Council Member French stated that the only reason the

city's EMS costs went up is because we took over the county service and the county needs to help fund it.

The council was in consensus to have the Mayor, Administrator, and EMS Director visit with the county about possible funding. Administrator Slauch noted that he had figured a service fee on the utility bills to make up deficit and it would take a \$25.00 per month charge if we started it in June. Council members were not in favor of this option.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- Thanked the council members for serving for one year. Doing the best job that we can. He reminded the council that God doesn't call the qualified he qualifies those he has called to serve. Don't be intimidated to tackle the challenges ahead of us. He quoted Harry S. Truman "Amazing what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit." Remember we don't always agree but we need to work toward the common goal. He quoted John Quincy Adams "Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost."

B. Council Member Wells–

- Thanked everyone that participated in the playground fundraising, and build.

C. Council Member Ford –

- Thanked everyone that gave money, time, and food to make the playground project a success. The community came together and made it a great project for the kids. The city employees did great job to help get the main build completed on Saturday.

D. Council Member Franklin–

- None

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- Absent

F. Council Member Becker –

- Asked that everyone keep thoughts and prayers for the victims of the tornados in the area. Asked if we could do anything to help. Tim Thyer noted that three employees; Ryan Sell, Gary Kimball and Jeremy Ellington were on their way to Baxter Springs at the request of the task force. Enroot they were told their help was no longer needed due to an overwhelming response from Oklahoma Firefighters. Eric Sanders has been deployed by KDEM; he should be back within a day or two.

G. Council Member Myrick –

- Amazed at how good the park looks.
- Need to do something to educate the public on the bike sharrows.

H. Council Member Zornes –

- Thank the mayor for his service and his confidence in the council members to work together for the good of the city.

I. Council Member French –

- Will need two executive sessions for non-elected personnel.

J. Administrator Slaugh –

- Still have vacancies on the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals, if anyone has someone in mind please let him or the Mayor know.

The Mayor declared a five-minute break.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Myrick to adjourn to executive session to discuss attorney/client privileged information – update on pending litigation. All in favor. Motion carried. Present: Council, Administrator Slaugh and Attorney Schowengerdt. The meeting to resume at 7:52 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member French and seconded by Council Member Wells to adjourn to executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. All in favor. Motion carried. Present: Council, and Administrator Slaugh. The meeting to resume at 8:00 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member French and seconded by Council Member Myrick to adjourn to executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. All in favor. Motion carried. Present: Council, and Administrator Slaugh. The meeting to resume at 8:15 p.m.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Tuesday May 27th, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

8:17 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member Franklin 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 12th day of May 2014.

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Mayor, Joel Wicoff

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton