

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on May 12, 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, Shaughnessy and French were present. Also present were Administrator Slaugh, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, City Clerk Hutton and City Attorney Johnson.

### **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Donna Houser informed the council that the CITF/PRIDE group did not receive a grant for the disc golf course. Final preparations have been completed for the plaques that will be mounted on historical buildings on the square.

Gary McIntosh gave the council information about June 7<sup>th</sup> the day of giving. He is encouraging the council to review the information and possibly make a proclamation for the day.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes Approval - April 28, 2014**

**B. Appropriations Approval – 2014-08**

**C. Personnel Action**

- **Brad Yoder – Recreation – Resignation – Position to be filled**
- **Jason Bauer – Recreation – Interim Recreation Director**
- **Josh Gumfory – Gas, Water & Sewer – Annual Evaluation**
- **Brian Cochran – Gas, Water & Sewer – Annual Evaluation**
- **Jared Froggatte – Police Department – Twelve Month Evaluation**
- **Jim Baker – Electric Distribution – Interim Superintendent**

**D. Board Appointments**

- **Jaclyn Valentine – Library Board – New Appointment**

Council Member Franklin and Council Member Myrick had a few questions about the appropriations. Their questions were answered. Motion made by Council Member Franklin to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Wells. All in favor. Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

**A. Iola Rotary Request-** Karen Gilpin, President of the Iola Rotary, Tom Brigham, Iola Rotary Member and Bob Hawk, Future President of the Iola Rotary highlighted the events for the annual car show and BBQ cook off to be held in conjunction with the Allen County Fair and asked for the following:

- An exception to the curfew in Riverside Park allowing the barbeque teams and support personnel to stay overnight on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>.
- A police officer assigned specifically to patrol Riverside Park during the entirety of the barbeque cooking contest.
- Dumpsters and containers provided for and maintained for the event.
- Swim passes and/or private swim party for the families of the cooking teams.
- Assistance if needed from utility personnel in hooking up the electrical panels and water hoses for the cooking teams.

Staff recommendations approval of the overnight stay of the contestants, a police officer specifically assigned to patrol the park exclusively has not been something that was done in the past; however during the entire fair law enforcement from all of the local agencies are present in the park. The dumpster request should not be an issue and has been provided in the past. The swimming passes or pool party can be done for a fee in the past. The fair board or those in charge of the BBQ event paid for the swimming party. The request for assistance from staff to hook up electrical panels has been done in the past. Motion made by Council Member Wells to approve the requests from the rotary for the car show/BBQ event pending Police Chief Warner's patrol advice and including pool passes for the contestants and family members. Motion seconded by Council Member Myrick. All in favor. Motion carried.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**A. Traffic Signal Improvements - Discussion** – Assistant Administrator Schinstock reviewed the options presented to the city from Mid-American Signal. Recommendation of staff would be to move forward with Option B: Upgrade of controller units for State Street, Washington Avenue and Jefferson Avenue at a cost of \$6,700, Option C installing the LED countdown pedestrian signals at the same intersections at a cost of \$5,768, Option D: Signal lights upgrade to a 15-year LED at a cost of \$4,433. Staff recommends holding off on Option A until the city does an improvement project on US highway 54: Accessible pedestrian signal push buttons which would require additional wiring and could create some issues with the current wiring. Council Member Myrick asked when the project would be completed. Assistant Administrator Schinstock noted that if the supplies are shipped to the city within a timely manner the project should be completed within six to eight weeks. Council Member Franklin asked if traffic signals could be installed at Miller and State and Garfield and State. Mr. Schinstock will obtain a cost for these traffic signals. Motion made by Council

Member Wells to approve options B, C, and D at a projected cost of \$16,901. Motion seconded by Council Member Franklin. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

**A. Riverside Park Levee – Discussions** – Administrator Slauch informed the council members that a notice was received from the Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District to continue with a feasibility study of the levee around the park the cost would be \$446,240; the city's share would be \$173,120. Currently the values of the assets in the park are \$6,074,756; and the city currently pays approximately \$9,600 annually for flood insurance for those assets. Since the Corp has not certified the levee the park is not included in the latest FIRM maps which means the city will pay a higher rate for flood insurance. Council Member Wells stated he is hesitant to move forward, noting that the facilities in the park are not vital to city utility operations. Council Member Franklin agreed with Council Member Wells. Council Member French noted that if staff could pay attention to the levees and make necessary improvements it could take a long time of paying flood insurance to make up for the study alone, not including the actual cost of improvements that may be needed. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes not to proceed on the levee project. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

### **A. Mayor Wicoff –**

- Received a thank you card from the Iola High School boys basketball team in conjunction with the proclamation the council did when the boys qualified for state playoffs.

### **B. Council Member Wells–**

- None

### **C. Council Member Ford –**

- Congratulated all 2014 graduates from Kindergarten to college.

### **D. Council Member Franklin–**

- None

### **E. Council Member Shaughnessy –**

- None

### **F. Council Member Becker –**

- Noted that a meeting concerning funding of the ambulance service between the Mayor, Administrator Slauch, Ryan Sell and the county commission will take place tomorrow. He feels that the last five months the city has shown they can do a good job running the service. The city should not have to support a county-wide operation. The \$360,000 mill levy the county collected through taxes should be handed over to the city and he feels like if the county isn't willing to give assistance to help fund the ambulance then there is no other choice. He has heard from local retail businesses owners and they are not in favor of a sales tax increase.

**G. Council Member Myrick –**

- Wanted to wish all mothers a happy belated mother's day.

**H. Council Member Zornes –**

- None

**I. Council Member French –**

- Reported that the Supreme Court upheld that prayers at council meetings are not unconstitutional.
- It was also upheld that schools are allowed to say the Pledge of Allegiance in schools.

**J. Administrator Slauch –**

- Preparations have begun for the 2015 budget. Presentations by department heads will be done at the June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup> council meetings with a draft budget presented at the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and a public hearing on August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Reviewed the disposal of goods per the purchasing policy in relation to a certain incident that members of the council had inquired about. At the September 9, 2013 council meeting council members voted to advertise three gensets for sale on Big Iron. No bid was received from that advertisement. A private offer was received. The advertisement stated the equipment that was for sale, no wiring from the building to the equipment was listed in the advertisement. Since the wiring was hot with the system, staff removed the wiring and took it and other loose wire to Rays Metal Depot and sold for \$756.00. The individual that came from Topeka to pick up the gensets stated that he had everything he needed. The purchaser, Bill McAdam, stated that he should have received the wiring in the purchase. The city paid Mr. McAdam on October 22<sup>nd</sup> the entire \$756.00 that was received from sale of scrap wire and the wire that was removed and taken to Rays' Metal Depot on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The check cleared the bank on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Typically Ray's Metal Depot deals in cash however on this transaction a check was written to the city. The money was deposited directly into the city fund.

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 non-elected personnel. All in favor. Motion carried. Present: Council, Administrator Slaugh and Attorney Johnson. The meeting to resume at 7:15 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Becker to adjourn to executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. All in favor. Motion carried. Present: Council, Administrator Slaugh and Attorney Johnson. The meeting to resume at 7:20 p.m.

**DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**ADJOURNMENT**

**7:27 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014.

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Mayor, Joel Wicoff

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City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton