

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

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

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Donna Houser informed the council that the Day of Giving is June 7<sup>th</sup>, the See Hear, Iola meeting is this Friday and an open house for the old theatre restoration is this Saturday and Sunday.

Paul Zirjacks addressed the council regarding a vehicle that hit a tree on his property on May 6, 2014. He had to obtain a police report for the insurance company. The cost of the report was \$10.00. He felt that was a lot of money for a copy of a report.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes Approval - May 12, 2014**

**B. Appropriations Approval – 2014-09**

**C. Personnel Action**

- **Mitch Phillips – Gas, Water & Sewer – Annual Evaluation**
- **Corey Isbell – Fire/EMS Department – Annual Evaluation**
- **Gary Kimball – Fire/EMS Department – Promotion**
- **Jim Baker – Electric Distribution – Promotion**
- **Charles Ecton – Fire/EMS Department – Promotion**
- **Andrew Hill – Fire/EMS Department - Promotion**

Administrator Slaugh noted that the revised personnel action sheet had an addition of Jim Baker as Electric Distribution Superintendent and if the council wanted to discuss it they would have to do so in executive session. Administrator Slaugh noted that no other applications were received for the position. Mr. Baker's current position will be filled in house. Motion made by Council Member Franklin to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Myrick. All in favor. Motion carried.

**PROCLAMATION**

**A. Allen County Day of Giving** – Mayor Wicoff read the proclamation and joined the Allen County Commissioners in proclaiming June 7, 2014 as the Allen County Day of Giving.

**B. Julie Strickler Day-** Mayor Wicoff read the proclamation and presented it to Julie Strickler. Mayor Wicoff stated that the proclamation had been written by a student. Mayor Wicoff proclaimed May 27, 2014 Julie Strickler Day.

**C. Jack Morrell Day** - Moved to June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting due to his inability to attend tonight's meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Convention and Tourism – Fund Disbursement-** The council received the recommendations from the Convention and Tourism Board for their approval. City Clerk Hutton explained that due to an increase in receipts from the approved increase in the bed tax a budget amendment will need to be done to accommodate the requested disbursements. Motion made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Becker to approve the disbursements as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

**B. Demolition Bids – Shonda Jefferis** – The city received three sealed bids for demolition of the homes located at 208 N Chestnut and 821 North Street. The bids were opened at 2:00 p.m. on May 20, 2014. The bids were:

Highberger Construction \$5,160

LB Dirtworks \$4,250

TBS Construction, Inc. \$6,500

Staff's recommendation is to award the bid to the lowest bid, LB Dirtworks, in the amount of \$4,250. Motion made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Myrick to award the bid for demotion of homes at 208 N Chestnut and 821 North Street for the amount of \$4,250. All in favor. Motion carried.

**C. Relay for Life Request** – A request was received from the Chairperson of the event, Denise Smith, for three trash dumpsters and bleachers for the event on the square that will be held on June 6, 2014. Motion made by Council Member Becker to approve the request motion, seconded by Council Member Shaughnessy. All in favor. Motion carried.

**D. Hope Unlimited Funding Request** - Hope Unlimited serves as a shelter for victims escaping violent homes. They are requesting \$3,000 to be used as matching funds in order to obtain grant funds. Michelle Miewes representing Hope Unlimited stated that funding has decreased within the last three years. An average stay for an individual is sixty

days; which is mostly due to finding housing. Administrator Slaugh noted that typically the county would support these kinds of organizations. When the city had a population above 6,000 the city received special alcohol funding from liquor by the drink tax the funds that were distributed in part to Hope Unlimited. Since the city fell below the population guidelines the county is in control of these funds. Motion made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Myrick to distribute \$3,000 to Hope Unlimited. All in favor. Motion carried.

**E. Elks Fireworks Display – Russell Beth** – The Elks are requesting city sponsorship of the Elk’s Annual Fireworks Display to be held on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The sponsorship will allow a bigger show since the group will not have to pay sales tax on their supplies or an application fee. The event is open to the public at large. Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Zornes to have the city sponsor the annual fireworks display in name only at the Elks Lake pending completion of necessary paperwork and authorizing Administrator Slaugh or Assistant Administrator Schinstock to sign the application. All in favor. Motion carried.

**F. Official Depository** – The city was notified that beginning June 1, 2014 from Great Southern Bank that they will be assessing fees associated with the city accounts. The fees will be approximately \$3,000 - \$4,000 per month. Requests for Proposals were sent to all of the local banks in town with the following received. Emprise Bank declined to submit a proposal, Community National Bank submitted a proposal using CDARS using an insured cash sweep of the daily funds in lieu of pledged securities with the city maintaining no larger than a \$3 million balance and assessment of regular fees on the account. Landmark National Bank submitted a proposal that included no charges for pledged securities and an interest payment that will almost offset the fees that will be assessed on the account. Staff recommends designating Landmark National Bank as the official depository for the City of Iola as soon as the transition would be possible. Motion made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Zornes to designate Landmark National Bank as the official depository for the City of Iola. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Solar Bee Maintenance- Agreement** – The wastewater lagoons have eleven solar mixers in them to enhance mixing and aeration. These units cost around \$45,000 each and were installed when the lagoon was upgraded in 2007. The warranty has run out on these units. Staff is recommending that the city enter into an agreement for one-year maintenance and extended warranty on the mixers. Council Member Becker made a motion and Council Member Shaughnessy seconded the motion to authorize payment of \$33,462 to Medora Corporation for solar bee Beekeeper service program as in the approved budget. All in favor. Motion carried.

**B. Project Closeouts and Finals –**

- **Lift Station Improvement Contract Closeout – Slattery Construction –** Motion made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Becker to approve change order 3 and 4, authorize final payment of \$70,104.76, and accept closeout of Contract #2 with Slattery Construction. All in favor. Motion carried.
  
- **Sewer Lining Project Contract Closeout – SAK Construction –** Motion made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve the final payment of \$412,665.15 to SAK Construction, LLC for contract #3 sewer pipe lining and closeout of the project. All in favor. Motion carried. Staff has contacted KDHE and the EPA about spending remaining EPA funds on the SCADA system and flow meters.
  
- **Wartsila Generation Catalyst Project Final – Miratech –** Motion made by Council member Becker and seconded by Council Member Franklin to authorize final payment to Miratech Corporation in the amount of \$21,759.93 for work to install catalysts on two Wartsila engines to meet EPA requirements to reduce CO emissions. Authorize the final payment of \$2,000 and closeout of the project when the CCV switches are installed and working. Payment will be mailed when the work is completed and functioning properly. All in favor. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

**A. Mayor Wicoff –**

- Attended the Memorial Day service at the cemetery. The cemetery looked very nice. Thanked the crew that works so hard to keep the cemetery looking nice.

**B. Council Member Wells–**

- Absent

**C. Council Member Ford –**

- Absent

**D. Council Member Franklin–**

- Read an article in the Wichita Eagle about the City of Chanute putting fiber in every home for broadband service.

**E. Council Member Shaughnessy –**

- None

**F. Council Member Becker –**

- Concerned about the EMS fund running in 2015 without the carryover of previous run money like this year. Administrator Slaugh informed the council that an amended Fire/EMS budget will be presented at a meeting in June. Mayor Wicoff noted that things are going well with the combined service and he thinks good things are coming from it.

**G. Council Member Myrick –**

- None

**H. Council Member Zornes –**

- None

**I. Council Member French –**

- Absent

**J. Administrator Slaugh –**

- Reviewed the Rural Energy America Program (REAP) with the council members. Would be beneficial to businesses that are looking for energy efficiency grants.
- Reviewing Water/Wastewater rates and revenues to see if they are keeping up with necessary maintenance and regular expenses.
- Presented the COPS grant information to the council and asked for their direction on applying for the grant that will pay 75 % for the first three years for a new officer. The city is required to retain the officer for a fourth year paying 100% of the expenses. Motion made by Council Member Myrick to pursue the COPS grant. Motion seconded by Council Member Franklin. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members: Myrick, French and Becker. Voting against the motion were Council Members Shaughnessy and Zornes. Motion carried by majority vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Shaughnessy to adjourn to executive session to discuss acquisition of real estate. All in favor. Motion carried. Present: Council, and Administrator Slaugh. The meeting to resume at 7:35 p.m.

**DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

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

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

**ADJOURNMENT**

**7:41 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.

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Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 9<sup>th</sup> day of  
June 2014.

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Mayor, Joel Wicoff

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City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton