

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on September 22, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., at the Riverside Park Community Building, 510 Park Avenue, Iola, Kansas.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Mayor Wicoff, Council Members Zornes, Becker, Franklin, Ford, Wells, Myrick and French were present. Also present were Administrator Slaugh, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Council Member Shaughnessy was absent. Attorney Johnson arrived at 6:49 p.m.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member French and seconded by Council Member Wells to approve the agenda adding EMS Service Discussions to item 9B. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Luken asked the council about using the Park Community Building at no cost for a debate on the school bond issue. He would like to televise it and run it on channel six. Administrator Slaugh stated that it was a valid topic for channel six and it is a non-profit use of the building so it could be used without charge.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval - September 8, 2014 & September 4, 2014

B. Appropriations Approval – 2014-18

C. Personnel Action

- **Tim Thyer – Fire/EMS – Six Month**
- **Kendall West – Sanitation – Annual**
- **Denise Schomaker – Municipal Court – Annual**
- **Ben Biggs – Police Department – Six Month**
- **Tyler Wooten – Fire/EMS – New Hire**
- **Spencer Hart – Fire/EMS – New Hire**
- **Lauren Johnson- Clerk- New Hire**
- **Andrew Chester – Electric Distribution – New Hire**

Motion made by Council Member Becker to approve the consent agenda with a correction on page 4 of the minutes changing the word life to like. Motion seconded by Council Member Myrick. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. BCBS Health Insurance Renewal – David Dillon –Administrator Slauch reviewed the renewal of the medical insurance policy for the city for the period of November 1, 2014 to October 31, 2015. The policy had a 6.3% overall increase in premium. The employee task force discussed the possibility of adding a partial reimbursement of a membership to a fitness center and / or dental coverage to the benefit package. The task force members felt like adding extra benefits at this time may jeopardize the amount the city contributes to employee health insurance premium. The added cost of dental coverage would be \$29.13 for a single policy and \$66.42 for a family policy.

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Franklin to renew the medical policy for the City of Iola with BlueCross and BlueShield for the period of November 1, 2014 to October 31, 2015 with funding at the 100% level, \$295.52 for a single policy and \$662.97 for a family policy. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Recreation – Jason Bauer

Municipal Pool Rates & Hours – Jason Bauer presented the pool rates and closing times to the council of pools throughout the state. Jason would like to lower the free admission from five and under to three and under. Council Member French stated that residents pay for the service through taxes, sales tax and utilities. The city should provide the pool at a low cost to them. He feels like closing at 7:00 p.m. would not give families that work until five much time to access the pool after work. The consensus of the council was to leave the admission to five and under free. Council Member Myrick stated that if participation drops off during the season the council can always make the decision at that time to start closing early. Council Member French wondered about ways to entice more people to the pool. Can we add structures that would entice them to come to the pool? Ideas that were brought up were basketball goals in the pool, and a rock climbing wall. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member French to closing the pool at 7:00 p.m. on all of the days except for Tuesday and Thursday, closing at 8:00 p.m. on those two days. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion made by Council Member French and seconded by Council Member Becker to adjust the pass rates to ages 6-54 \$45 and ages 55-64 \$55 with family passes staying at \$140.00 for members, each additional member \$20.00 and have staff implement salary changes for the pool employees to be in line with area pools. All in favor. Motion carried.

Ball Field Lights & Usage Policy – Council Member French asked how the lights off at 10:30 p.m. policy would be enforced. Jason Bauer stated that timers were a possibility; however if timers were used and there was a recreation or school game being played on the fields it would take fifteen minutes for the lights to come back on. Jason stated that signs would be posted and he would ask law enforcement to check the lights and shut them off by 10:30 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded

by Council Member French to approve the policy for the Recreation Facilities. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members French, Franklin, Becker, Wells, Ford and Zornes. Voting against the motion was Council Member Myrick. Motion passed by a majority vote.

David Dillon, BCBS representative arrived at the meeting late. Administrator Slaugh asked him to give an overview of the plan and the 2015 renewal. David Dillon stated that Iola was the first health savings/high deductible plan in the state. This is the tenth year of the current plan. David Dillon explained the way the experience health claims are weighted to determine the premium rate. He reminded the council that employees also have available to them the Healthy Options discount program through BCBS. This program offers discounts on unrelated health care items such as glasses.

C. Lot 3, Cedarbrook 3rd Addition – Tom Carlson of River Valley Homes approached the city about purchasing an additional lot in Cedarbrook. The purpose of buying this lot would be for the placement of a community room and property manager's office. In visiting with Mr. Carlson it is apparent time is critical to the success of the project as there are tax credits and financing time restraints to have this project completed by December 31, 2014. Mr. Carlson will have to obtain a special use permit through the Planning Commission. Council Member French stated he would not be in favor of a modular home. He would like to see the proceeds from the sale of the property go towards black topping the access road out of the senior living area. Council Member Myrick asked if any more homes are to be built in the near future in the Cedarbrook addition. Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that there are none to date. The city will need to install infrastructure before more homes can be built. Council Member French would like staff to bring a breakdown of those costs to a future meeting. Motion made by Council Member French and seconded by Council Member Myrick to extend an option to purchase for lot three in Cedarbrook third addition to Mr. Carlson with a purchase price of \$7,500 and directed staff to start on the special use permit procedures with the planning commission as the land transaction is moving forward. All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Animal Control Discussions – Wild Animal Administrative Policy – Shonda Jefferis, Code Enforcement Officer, researched state statues regarding land owners ridding their property of nuisance animals. The state statues do allow for property owners to trap and dispose of nuisance animals on their own property. Council Member French wondered if the Administrative Policy should list all animals that the city will or will not trap through the contractor. Shonda Jefferis stated that it would invariably lead to an animal being missed so it is best to leave it the way it is. Since it is an Administrative Policy it does not have to be approved by the council. There was no objections to the policy so it will go into effect.

B. EMS Service Contract Discussions -

Mayor Wicoff declared a five minute break.

Executive Session – Attorney/Client Privilege – Contract Negotiations -

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Wells to adjourn into executive session to discuss Attorney/Client Privilege- Contract Negotiations. All in favor. Motion carried. Present Mayor, Council, Administrator Slauch and Attorney Johnson. The regular meeting will resume at 7:37 p.m.

Executive Session – Attorney/Client Privilege – Contract Negotiations -

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Becker to adjourn into executive session to discuss Attorney/Client Privilege- Contract Negotiations. All in favor. Motion carried. Present Mayor, Council, Administrator Slauch and Attorney Johnson. The regular meeting will resume at 7:47 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Zornes to approve the wording of the 2015 EMS contract contingent upon the county commissioner's approval. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Zornes, Myrick, Wells, Becker, Franklin and French. Voting against the motion was Council Member Ford. Motion passed by a majority vote.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- None

B. Council Member Wells–

- None

C. Council Member Ford –

- Reminded the council that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the playground will be at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow evening.

D. Council Member Franklin–

- None

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- Absent

F. Council Member Becker –

- None

G. Council Member Myrick –

- None

H. Council Member Zornes –

- None

I. Council Member French –

- Asked about the status on the tower antenna contract. Assistant Administrator Schinstock noted that it was in front of the mayor to sign this evening. Wanted to be sure that the other company's contracts would be updated so that all three are the same.
- Encouraged staff to go after CDBG money.

J. Administrator Slaugh –

- None

Executive Session – Non-Elected Personnel - Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Franklin to adjourn into executive session to discuss Non-Elected Personnel. All in favor. Motion carried. Present Mayor, Council, and Administrator Slaugh. The regular meeting will resume at 7:57 p.m.

Attorney Johnson left the meeting.

Executive Session – Corporate Trade Secrets - Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Becker to adjourn into executive session to discuss confidential data relating to trade secrets of second parties. All in favor. Motion carried. Present Mayor, Council, Administrator Slaugh and Economic Development Director, David Toland. The regular meeting will resume at 8:10 p.m.

8:02 p.m. Council Member French left the meeting.

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve the termination of Steve Appling. All in favor. Motion carried.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday October 14th, 2014

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday October 27th, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

8:35 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 14th day of October 2014.

Mayor, Joel Wicoff

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton