

CITY OF IOLA

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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on October 14, 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, Wells, Myrick, and French were present. Also present were Administrator Slaugh, Attorney Johnson, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Council Members Ford and Shaughnessy were absent.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donna Houser commented on the letter to the editor in tonight's paper. The letter was from a spouse of an Enbridge pipeline employee. She complimented the town and the people in the town for having such a nice, clean and friendly town.

Jen Taylor was present from the "Yes" committee for the school bond issue. She had an economic impact study that was done for the construction phase of the schools. Council Member Becker asked questions that had been given to him by citizens.

What about the stadium? Ms. Taylor responded to the question. The current bond issue does not allow for building a new stadium; however enough property will be purchased for possible future growth.

Will the grade schools be torn down and how will that get paid for? If the schools cannot be sold the bond issue allows for the grade schools to be demolished. Ms. Taylor has spoken with a local property appraiser and he stated that there will not be a negative impact on property values if the grade schools are torn down.

Why don't we make the middle school into an elementary school? There is not enough room in the middle school for all of the elementary students.

If roofs are leaking why are they not being repaired? The costs of replacement of the roofs would be too costly for the amount of funding that the school district is allowed each year for maintenance.

Council Member Wells stated that he is a supporter of retaining buildings that have historical value; however; these buildings are just not able to serve the purpose any longer.

Who will pay for the street expansion and improvements needed for Cottonwood and Oregon Streets? It is possible that the tax money the city will receive with the election will be used to make these improvements and expansions. Administrator Slaugh noted that the school will have to do a traffic study as part of their construction plan. Council Member French stated that the city needs to develop a comprehensive plan regarding the impact that

this will have on the city funds. The contractor is a former Iola and will try to use as much local supplies and contractors as possible.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval - September 22, 2014

B. Appropriations Approval – 2014-19

C. Personnel Action

- **Andrew Fournell – Fire/EMS – Resignation**
- **Nathaniel Keylon – Fire/EMS – Six Month Evaluation**
- **Mike Wilson – Fire/EMS – Six Month Evaluation**
- **Kara Godfrey – Administration – Annual Evaluation**
- **Justin Benton – Fire/EMS – New Hire**
- **Austin Ryman – Gas, Water & Wastewater – New Hire**
- **Ryan Smith – Gas, Water & Wastewater – New Hire**
- **Eric Keagle – Water Production – Resignation**
- **James Jerome – Fire/EMS – Resignation**
- **Elizabeth Drake – Fire/EMS – Resignation**
- **Trevor Shannon – Fire/EMS – Resignation**
- **Ryan Sell – Fire/EMS – Wage Study Adjustment**
- **Terry Skaggs – Fire/EMS – New Hire**
- **Dakota Sigg- Gas, Water & Wastewater - Twelve Month Evaluation**

Council Member Franklin asked about the pharmacy items the city purchased from Iola Pharmacy instead of purchasing from the hospital. EMS Crews have not been allowed to make a contract with them to date. Council Member French encouraged staff to continue to work on this. Council Member Franklin inquired about the hot mix being purchased from Killough Construction. Administrator Slauch explained that it was the closest place that was producing at this time. Council Member French asked about the trash pick-up at the Moran EMS Station and why the trash couldn't be taken to Moran City Hall. City Clerk Hutton explained that this is per quarter and Chief Thyer explained it was too long of a distance to take it to City Hall. Motion made by Council Member Wells to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Zornes. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed 2015 Holiday Schedule – Motion made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member Wells to approve the 2015 Holiday Schedule as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. COPS Grant Acceptance – Police Chief Warner informed the council that the City of Iola was approved for the 2014 COPS Hiring Program for one officer position in

the amount of \$119,139 over a three year period. The city is obligated to retain the officer and pay the salary the fourth year along with the matching funds for the first three years for a total commitment of approximately \$93,712. Staff will promote within for a detective and hire a new officer for patrol. Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Becker to accept the COPS Grant and allow Police Chief Warner to accept the grant on line. All in favor. Motion carried.

Executive Session – Non-Elected Personnel - Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Wells to adjourn into executive session to discuss Non-Elected Personnel. All in favor. Motion carried. Present Mayor, Council, Attorney Johnson and Administrator Slaugh. The regular meeting will resume at 6:52 p.m.

C. City Officials - Appointments – Every two years the following positions are presented for a two year reappointment, City Clerk, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Municipal Judge and City Treasurer. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Franklin to appoint Roxanne Hutton for City Clerk, Jared Warner for Police Chief, Tim Thyer for Fire Chief, Thomas Saxton Jr for Municipal Judge and Debra Troxel for City Treasurer for the two year term October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2016. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Electric System Recloser - In electric power distribution, a recloser, or autorecloser, is a circuit breaker equipped with a mechanism that can automatically close the breaker after it has been opened due to a fault. Reclosers are used on overhead distribution systems to detect and interrupt momentary faults. Since many short-circuit on overhead lines clear themselves, a recloser improves service continuity by automatically restoring power to the line after a momentary fault. These proposed reclosers will be placed on the 12-14 (Gas City line) feeder out by 169 HWY; this will stop most of the outages that occur in Gas City from affecting the entire 12-14 line and customers. Those customers affected by the disturbances in Gas City are Family Physicians, Landmark Bank, Iola Middle School, Casey's General Store, Storrer Implement, Sigg Motors, Jump Start, Feed Lot, Triple K, Sterling Six, Super 8, Central Publishing, M & W Manufacturing and Cedarbrook Fitness Center. City Crews will do most of the installation work. Three bids were received for the reclosers. HD Supply Power Solutions in the amount of \$17,295, Wesco Distributions Inc. in the amount of \$16,850 and Kriz-Davis Company in the amount of \$18,594.29; all bids did not include sales tax. It has been recommended by our electrical engineer consultant at Mid-States Energy Works that Kriz-Davis has the better product. Council Member French questioned the cost for installation. Administrator Slaugh stated that almost the entire installation will be done by staff. Motion made by Council Member French and seconded by Council Member Franklin to approve the purchase of a recloser system in the amount of approximately \$18,594.29 from Kriz Davis. All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Executive Session – Attorney/Client Matters – Contract Negotiations -

Motion made by Council Member French and seconded by Council Member Wells to adjourn into executive session to discuss Attorney/Client Matters – Contract Negotiations. All in favor. Motion carried. Present Mayor, Council, Attorney Johnson and Administrator Slaugh. The regular meeting will resume at 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session – Attorney/Client Matters – Contract Negotiations -

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Becker to adjourn into executive session to discuss Attorney/Client Matters – Contract Negotiations. All in favor. Motion carried. Present Mayor, Council, Attorney Johnson and Administrator Slaugh. The regular meeting will resume at 7:15 p.m.

A. EMS Joint Agreement – Proposed Amendment – A proposed amended agreement for EMS services has been negotiated between the City of Iola and Allen County. The result is a new agreement that would take effect January 1, 2015 and continue until December 31, 2020 and includes three important revisions.

1. The funding amount has been increased from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 in an effort to reduce the funding shortfall in the original contract.
2. An inflation factor was changed that makes an adjustment each year based on the Consumer Price Index, rather than considering whether pay raises were made by the city or county.
3. Ambulances will not be repositioned from one city to another simply because the ambulance of one city is out on a call or transfer.

There is also an addendum that will prove additional funding for 2014 only. The county agrees to pay \$136,000 to make up part of the deficit, plus an additional maximum of \$53,000 after the end of year close-out if the deficit materializes.

Motion made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Becker to approve the amended Joint Agreement that takes effect January 1, 2015 and the Addendum for 2014 and authorize the mayor to sign both agreements. All in favor. Motion carried.

7:32 p.m. Mayor Wicoff declared a five-minute break.

ROUNDTABLE

A. 2014 Budget Amendments & Enterprise Fund – Discussions -

Administrator Slaugh wanted the council to see the budget amendments that will be needed to cover projected expenses. Council would like to see a projected cost versus savings to run the Wartsila generators through the winter. Administrator Slaugh will bring information to the first meeting in November. Council Member Becker would also

like to see costs involved in wind farms used for electric generation. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Myrick to not take any action on the budget amendment item until closer to the end of the year. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- None

B. Council Member Wells–

- None

C. Council Member Ford –

- Absent

D. Council Member Franklin–

- Would like to do a tour of Catalyst. Administrator Slauch will get a tour scheduled.

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- Absent

F. Council Member Becker –

- None

G. Council Member Myrick –

- Met with Ron Baker at the hospital concerning availability of veterans receiving care at the local hospital. Will be meeting with the VA and hospital staff in the near future to discuss in more depth.

H. Council Member Zornes –

- None

I. Council Member French –

- Applauded staff on the great job done for the city clean up.
- Mark Kauth was pleased with the outcome of the starling issue. Would like to see an administrative policy so that it could be handled next year without going through the council for approval.

J. Administrator Slauch –

- The police have set up the speed monitor to check speeds on Kentucky Street. The engineering policy is to set the speed limit at 85% of recorded traffic speed.
- There is currently a vacancy on the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. If anyone knows of anyone let Carl know.
- Has the video for the wastewater improvements if council is interested in viewing it. The council preferred to wait until the next meeting.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday November 10th, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

8:05 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 27th day of October 2014.

Mayor, Joel Wicoff

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton