

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on November 10, 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, Wells, Ford, Shaughnessy and French were present. Also present were Administrator Slaugh, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Council Member Franklin was absent.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Myrick to approve the agenda adding asphalt project as item 8C. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval - October 27th & 30th, 2014

B. Appropriations Approval – 2014-21

C. Personnel Action

- **Carla Brown – Annual Evaluation – Human Resources**
- **Jim Baker – Six Month Evaluation – Electric Distribution**
- **Jason Bauer – Six Month Evaluation – Recreation**
- **James DePriest – New Hire- Water Plant**
- **David Ingle – Resignation – Police**

D. Board Appointment

- **Housing Authority Board – Marie Ohmie**

Motion made by Council Member French to approve the consent agenda with a correction of the October 30th minutes changing p.m. to a.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Wells. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. EMD Generators Catalyst Project – Mike Phillips – This proposal will bring all five of Iola's EMD'S gensets into compliance with the EPA RICE NESHAP May 3, 2013 ruling. Since the May deadline our five units have been on limited emergency status only with the EPA & KDHE, which will cease in April 16, 2017. Staff sent out RFP's for the project. Three different suppliers sent in bids. The bids were Exline Inc. \$388,542, Farabee Mechanical Inc. \$665,564 and Peaker Services Inc.

\$697,500. After reviewing all three proposals staff is recommending that we purchase from Peaker's Diesel Oxidation Catalyst proposal. They have 43 years of experience in servicing EMD engines, generators and control systems as well as the installation of 41 of these DOC system over the last four years. We currently have \$172,500 allocated in the 2014 budget and have allocated \$450,000 in the 2015 budget. Mike Phillips explained the importance to Iola keeping the power capabilities with these generators. Council Member French asked about the reasoning behind not going with the lower bid from Farabee. Mike Phillips explained they have never done work on an EMD engine. The city has had great results working with Peaker on the EMD engines. It is their specialty. Exline did not submit a complete proposal. Assistant Administrator Schinstock contacted them on two separate occasions to have them resubmit a complete proposal that would include removal of the current exhaust muffler. Council Member Shaughnessy asked what would be the impact on utility bills. Mike Phillips explained that the majority of the cost of the catalyst project was budgeted between the 2014 and 2015 budgets so there should not be an impact on customer bills. Administrator Slauch noted that if the city does not meet the RICE standards the city will only be able to use it for emergency purposes only and would not be able to count it towards capacity. This would create a higher cost to the city for generation causing an increase to the customers. Council Member French asked about the shape of these five EMD generators. Mike Phillips explained that the crew takes very good care of them and they should last for a while. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Becker to approve the proposal from Peaker Services in the amount of \$697,500 and allow staff to request a contract for services to be approved at the November 24th council meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Bids for Unit #54 – The current Unit #54 is a 2000 Ford F350 with a hoist flatbed. The truck is used daily by the electric distribution department to haul material to and from job sites. The truck has 101, 000 miles on it. This particular truck was not budgeted for replacement this year but has a number of issues at the current time that has led to this request. Most notably the heater is not working which in the winter time creates a less than desirable work environment. Twin Motors and other area mechanics as well as personnel at the power plant have not been able to fix the heater. The unit also has some significant front end issues that cause concern for daily use within the organization. Currently the electric department has \$124,825 put back in equipment reserve for replacement of equipment. It is staff's desire to utilize these funds to purchase the truck. Four bids were received as follows: Ranz Motors \$33,475, Twin Motors Ford \$33,082, Louisburg Ford \$33,131 and Shawnee Mission Ford \$32,873; all of these prices do not have tax included. It is staff's recommendation to purchase from Twin Motors Ford for \$33,082. Jim Baker, Electric Distribution Superintendent, informed the council that Berkley Kerr, Parks and Cemetery Superintendent would like to utilize the flatbed off of the old truck in order to save the expense in his department to purchase a new one. Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Wells to purchase the truck from Twin Motors Ford at a total price with tax of \$35,861. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Asphalt Project – Corey Schinstock - Staff received a proposal from SEKAN Asphalt to do a mill and overlay patch on the north lane of westbound Madison Street from Washington Street to the concrete intersection of State Street and mill and pave the north lane of westbound Madison Street from Buckeye Street to Jefferson Street. The total cost of the project is \$39,822. Corey informed the council that \$130,000 was allocated in the 2014 budget for mill and overlay projects. His goal is to buy the city a couple of years when a full depth restoration project could be done. There is currently a \$420,000 cash balance in the fund. Staff is hoping to accumulate enough funding to do a full depth restoration with concrete surface. It will not qualify for a KLINK project which would provide for an 80% /20% match from the state because it is a full depth restoration. Council Member French wondered if it would be better to continue to cold patch the areas that are deteriorating until a full depth project could be done. Corey is concerned that the cost would be larger by piece meal it than fixing this way. Council Member Wells made a motion and Council Member Myrick seconded the motion to approve the proposal in the total amount of \$39,822 with the recommended changes by staff to use KDOT standards for air and ground temperature and traffic control devices. All in favor. Motion carried.

ROUNDTABLE

A. Water & Wastewater Rate – Discussions - Administrator Slaugh reviewed the history of the two funds including deficits in the past. With the age of the lines there are a lot of water leaks every year. The crew determines which lines they are going to replace each year by the number of leaks that have occurred on those lines. Mitch Phillips, Gas, Water and Wastewater Distribution Superintendent, and Toby Ross, Water and Wastewater Plant Superintendent, reviewed their concerns about the inability for the chlorine residual to travel through the lines that are corroded. Mitch stated that in 2013 3,500 feet of water line was replaced and 45 leak repairs were done. Council Member Myrick asked what kind of an increase staff is looking at. Administrator Slaugh noted that a 5% increase in water and possibly giving wastewater another year to see where we need to go. Council Member French stated that the infrastructure needs to be repaired. The council needs to take action to get it done. Council Member Wells stated it would be best to build up enough reserve to tackle larger projects such as line replacement; even getting a three to six man temporary crew to replace line would be beneficial. Council Member Myrick stated that he could not vote for an increase with the current ambulance surcharge on the bills. Administrator Slaugh stated that the ambulance surcharge will expire with December bills. The water and wastewater increase would not be affective until January 2015. Council Member French stated that the crews should be commended for saving funds and doing the work themselves. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to draft an ordinance to increase water and wastewater rates by 5% and changing the annual COLA increase to an energy cost adjustment. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- Commended the crew on the sidewalk work on State Street.

B. Council Member Wells–

- Thanked all of the veterans for their service.

C. Council Member Ford –

- Thanked all of the veterans for their service.

D. Council Member Franklin–

- Absent

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- None

F. Council Member Becker –

- Thanked all of the veterans for their service.

G. Council Member Myrick –

- Thanked all of his fellow veterans for their service.

H. Council Member Zornes –

- Sidewalk looks great.
- Thanked all of the veterans for their service.

I. Council Member French –

- Veterans Day Parade was nice.
- Sidewalk is looking great.
- All employees doing great job around the city.

J. Administrator Slaugh –

- The city was awarded a phase I Safe Routes to School Grant. Commended Shonda Jefferis for her work in obtaining this grant.
- A tour of Russell Stover's is set for November 20th at 2:00 p.m.
- Complemented Dan Leslie and his crew for the work on the sidewalk.

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City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday November 24th, 2014
City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday December 22nd, 2014

ADJOURNMENT

7:00 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 24th day of November 2014.

Mayor, Joel Wicoff

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton