

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on November 24, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., at the Riverside Park Community Building, 510 Park Avenue, Iola, Kansas.

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Council President Becker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Council Members Becker, Franklin, Ford, Shaughnessy, Myrick and French were present. Also present were Administrator Slaugh, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Mayor Wicoff and Council Members Wells and Zornes were absent.

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

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Donna Houser commented that the sidewalk on North State is looking great. She witnessed the water crew that are replacing the water line on Garfield and was very impressed with their professionalism and the work they are doing.

David Greathouse was representing the owners of the Daylight Donuts opening soon at 1319 East Street. They are requesting that the city participate in paying for the new sewer line that would replace the sewer line that was crushed several years ago. The sewer line is located on the adjacent property. There is also a drainage issue on the property that they would like the city to address. Administrator Slaugh noted that the property is located adjacent to an old railroad right-of-way that was abandoned and converted to the landowners. Staff will need to do some research on the issues that Mr. Greathouse has brought to the council's attention. Assistant Administrator Schinstock noted that the sewer line was bored after the channel was put in. A septic system was in the business and is no longer working this showed that there were already some sewer issues. Council Member French would like to see the city help out the business since they are willing to locate in Iola. Staff was asked to look into the issues and report back to the council at the next meeting.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes Approval - November 10, 2014**

**B. Appropriations Approval – 2014-22**

**C. Personnel Action**

- **Roxanne Hutton – City Clerk – Annual**
- **Chad Beasley – Street & Alley – Annual**
- **Jordan Oswald – Police – New Hire (COPS Grant 4 year position)**
- **Chad Reeves – Police – New Hire**

Council Member Franklin asked about the payment to Airgas for tank rental. Assistant Administrator Schinstock explained that this is a monthly charge for these special tanks. The charge includes routine maintenance and all repairs necessary. Motion made by Council Member Myrick to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Ford. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **RECOGNITION**

### **A. Employee Service Awards**

- **Patrick Wilson – Parks & Cemetery Department – 10 Years of Service**
- **Dana Nauerte – Stores Department – 20 Years of Service**
- **Robert Droessler – Police Department – 20 Years of Service**
- **Michael Aronson – Police Department – 20 Years of Service**
- **Ronald Conaway – Fire/EMS Department – 20 Years of Service**

Council President Becker presented a certificate to the two employees present, Patrick Wilson and Ronald Conaway for their years of service. The council acknowledged all of the employees receiving service awards for their continued service.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Affordable Care Act – Transitional Reinsurance Fee – Human**

Resources Manager, Carla Brown has submitted the reinsurance forms to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) according to the IRS, Section 1341 of the Affordable Care Act. The act establishes a transitional reinsurance program to help stabilize premiums for coverage on the individual market during the years 2014-2016. The Transitional Reinsurance Fee is based on the total number of members from January to September and calculated at a rate of \$63.00 per member for the year 2014. The total fee for the City of Iola for the 2014 year is \$127,386. The deadline for the first contribution in the amount of \$106,155.00 of the fee is January 15, 2015. The remainder of \$21,231 is due no later than November 15, 2015. Council Member French questioned if any city has appealed this. Administrator Slaugh noted that he had not heard anyone appealing the decision. Council Member Ford stated that if we continue to take money out of the health insurance fund we will quickly run out of funds. The fund was established with the intention if excess funds were there they would be distributed to each employee's health savings funds. Administrator Slaugh stated that this had not occurred since he had been with the city. Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member French to pay the fee out of the Health Insurance Fund. Voting in favor of the motion were council members Myrick, Becker, Shaughnessy, Franklin and French. Voting against the motion was council member Ford. Motion carried with a majority vote.

**B. Comprehensive Plan Adoption – Shonda Jefferis** – The current comprehensive plan was adopted in January 2005. Over the last several months the planning commission has been working on updating the plan. Many revisions were made and a new comprehensive plan was completed. The comprehensive plan is intended to guide policy and recommendations for future growth and development of the City of Iola. Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Shaughnessy to approve the Ordinance 3442 adopting the 2014 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Iola and authorize the mayor to sign the ordinance. All in favor. Motion carried. The council members thanked the Planning Commission for all of their work in completing the revised plan.

**C. Standard Traffic Ordinance Amendments** – The Standard Traffic Ordinance (STO) for Kansas Cities is updated each year by the League of Kansas Municipalities. They contain any updates passed by the legislature or any changes to the traffic laws during the previous year. The League of Kansas Municipalities sent a correction to the STO for 2014 and Ordinance 3441 will amend Ordinance 3436 which was adopted on September 8, 2014. Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Myrick to approve Ordinance 3441 amending Ordinance 3436 adopting the 42<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the 2014 Standard Traffic for Kansas Cities as amended and supplemented and authorize the mayor to sign the ordinance. All in favor. Motion carried.

**D. Missouri Pacific Trail Project #1** - A letter of acknowledgement for approximate funding commitments for the Missouri Pacific Trail Project is enclosed in the packet. The project is to be bid on December 14th with KDOT local projects enabling the project to get off the ground in early spring. Motion made by Council Member French and seconded by Council Member Franklin to authorize staff to sign the letter of acknowledgement and non-participating preconstruction costs for this project. All in favor. Motion carried.

**E. Unit #65 Bucket Truck – Sale Approved** – Six bids were received for purchase of the 1987 Chevy bucket truck. The highest bid received was from David Coss from Oronogo, Missouri in the amount of \$7,200. Motion made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Myrick to approve selling the #65 1987 Chevy bucket truck to the highest bidder David Coss from Oronogo, Missouri for \$7,200. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Water and Waste Water Rate – Ordinance** - Council Member Ford stated that the news had recently reported that over the next five years the City of Joplin will be increasing their water rates by 61%. Council Member French wondered if the increase was enough for the outside city limit water districts and Gas City since they only have

one meter charge. The contracts with these districts states that the water rates will not be increased more than our residents living within the city limits. Motion made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Shaughnessy to approve Ordinance 3439 sewer and Ordinance 3440 water and authorize the mayor to sign the ordinances, increasing utility rates effective with billings after January 1, 2015. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

### **A. Mayor Wicoff –**

- Absent

### **B. Council Member Wells–**

- Absent

### **C. Council Member Ford –**

- Wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

### **D. Council Member Franklin–**

- Enjoyed the THRIVE award dinner.
- Wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.
- Noted that her husband recently went on an honor flight and enjoyed it very much. Received a warm welcome in the Chicago and Wichita airports.

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

- None

### **F. Council Member Becker –**

- Wanted to thank the family members of the veterans and the active military. Asked everyone to keep them in your thoughts and prayers in the near future when our National Guard is being deployed to South Africa.
- Reminded all residents that the city does have a snow cleaning policy for sidewalks. Residents need to clear them to assist the school children walking to and from school.

### **G. Council Member Myrick –**

- Remember veterans this Thanksgiving.

### **H. Council Member Zornes –**

- Absent

### **I. Council Member French –**

- Was very impressed by the Poor Boys Tree Service that the city has hired to clean tree limbs from overhead power lines. They do a great job of cleanup.
- Thanked the families of the veterans.

**J. Administrator Slaugh –**

- Noted that December 12<sup>th</sup> the city will be undergoing a software update. The utility office will be closed from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Reviewed the statistics of the 2014 chip and seal program.
- The city has a circuit breaker that would cost too much to fix and is in such bad shape that the insurance company requested it be removed from service. Another city has asked to purchase it for parts. Administrator Slaugh will look at scrap prices and negotiate a price.
- Council Member Franklin asked what caused the electric outage on Saturday night. Administrator Slaugh will look into it.
- Council Member Shaughnessy asked about the status on the mill patch job on Madison Street. Administrator Slaugh noted that it will probably not get warm enough to do the project until spring of 2015.

**DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

**ADJOURNMENT**

**7:06 p.m.** Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member French 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2014.

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Mayor, Joel Wicoff

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City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton