

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on December 22, 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 Becker, Franklin, Ford, Shaughnessy, Myrick, Zornes and French were present. Also present were Administrator Slaugh, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Council Member Wells was absent.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Myrick to approve the agenda adding EMD Catalytic Convertor as item 8F. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval - December 8, 2014 and December 16, 2014

B. Appropriations Approval – 2014-24

C. Personnel Action

- **Corey Schinstock – Administration – Annual**
- **Kevin Rush – Electric Distribution – Annual**
- **Bo Becker – Electric Distribution – Six Month**
- **Jed Rice – Electric Distribution – Six Month**
- **Denton Christian – Fire/EMS – Six Month**
- **Terry Friend – Gas/Water/Wastewater – New Hire**
- **Corey Isbell – Fire/EMS – Promotion**

D. Board Appointments

- **Jessica Maness – Library Board – New Appointment**

Motion made by Council Member Becker to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Franklin. All in favor. Motion carried. Council Member French brought up the appropriation from last council meeting paying a certification for an instructor for the recreation department. Administrator Slaugh noted that this is not a consistent policy on the practice. The recreation department looks at the program, how many will participate and if it is financially feasible.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2014 Budget Amendments Public Hearing - Mayor Wicoff opened the public hearing. No public comments were made. Mayor Wicoff closed the public hearing. Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Myrick to approve the budget amendments for the 2014 budget. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Annual Rock Purchases – Bid Approval – An invitation to bid was sent out to local rock providers for providing AB-3 crushed rock to the city for the calendar year 2015. The bidding requirements are to provide KDOT grade AB-3 rock aggregates for use in aggregate base road construction. Four bids were received for this project.

1. Nelson Quarries \$8.50 ton/delivered
2. Whitaker Aggregates, Inc. \$9.08 ton/delivered
3. Highberger Construction \$9.95 ton/delivered
4. Irishman Excavating & Trucking (John O'Mara) \$9.95 ton/delivered

Staff also contacted Allen County Public Works Director, Bill King regarding the possibility of receiving rock from the county quarry. In visiting with Mr. King it was apparent that he is willing to help supply rock when they have excess rock, but is unable to deliver to our facility. He also advised that we would not be able to get the full amount of rock we use on annual basis from the county. Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Franklin to accept the bid of \$8.50 per ton delivered for KDOT grade AB-3 crushed rock for the calendar year of 2015 from Nelson Quarries Inc. of Gas, Kansas with the understanding that staff will also get some rock throughout the year from Allen County. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Annual Fuel Purchases – Bid Approval – Bids were solicited for gasoline and diesel and are to be delivered to the city warehouse where they will be distributed from stores inventory to all departments for vehicles and equipment. Bids will reflect delivery charges and profit per gallon. The successful vendor will be required to use these prices to figure the fuel cost over and above the rack sheet price. Bids are to exclude any State and Federal taxes. Two bids were received.

1. Hampel Oil gasoline total per gallon \$.085
2. Hampel Oil diesel total per gallon \$.099
3. LeRoy Coop gasoline total per gallon \$.078
4. LeRoy Coop diesel total per gallon \$.085

Motion made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Becker to approve the low bid from LeRoy Coop to provide diesel and gasoline for the calendar year 2015 in the amount of \$.078 for gasoline and \$.085 for diesel above rack price from the refinery. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Gas and Electric Utility Rates - Administrator Slaugh noted that reserves have declined with the cost of adding the catalytic convertor to the Wartsila, transferring

funds to cover for EMS and the recreation department, and economic development projects. With funding coming from the enterprise funds it keeps property tax rates lower. The city has seen a \$2 million advantage since leaving the Kansas Power Pool. Gates and Russell Stover's have seen approximately \$100,000 lower electric bill in 2014 from 2013 with about the same usage. Scott Shreve will be at the January 12th council meeting to review the rate structures. Council Member Myrick stated that we need to quit raising rates and make do with what we have. Council Member French stated with the city's change in purchasing power bigger industries see a difference in their bill; however it is harder for an individual residential customer to see the difference. He would like to see how a rate increase would affect a residential customer's actual bills. With the two industrial users there would need to be an approximate \$24,000 increase to accommodate the \$300,000 possible incentive package. The profit margin remains the same with the new electric group the city is participating in. The extra expenditures are lowering the fund balance.

E. Award & Commitment of Fund Trail Project – The Missouri Pacific Trail project was let to bid on December 17th by Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). There were eight bidders ranging from the low bid from Killough Construction of \$407,108.15 to the high bid of J&J Contractors in the amount of \$480,261.80. Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member French to award the project 1 TE-0389-01 to Killough Construction of Ottawa, Kansas and authorizes the mayor and staff to execute the commitment of funds and cut a manual check in the amount of \$101,000.00 for the city's share of the project. All in favor. Motion carried. Mayor Wicoff inquired as to if there is a cap on the project. Assistant Administrator Schinstock noted that all change orders will have to be approved. Council Member French inquired about the easements for State Street sidewalk. Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that the easements had been secured from Walmart and the sidewalk is progressing.

F. Catalytic Convertors Diesel (EMD) engines - The council approved the purchase and installation of the catalytic converters for the five EMD's by Peaker Services at previous meeting. Staff has received a more detailed contract document from Peaker and is asking for council approval of the documents. Motion made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member French to approve the contract documents for the installation of catalytic converters on five EMDs by Peaker Services in the amount of \$697,500 and authorize the mayor to sign the contract documents. All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Daylight Donut Request- 1319 East Street - At the previous meeting staff was directed to assist the general contractor with regard to the sewer repair at the new Daylight Donut Shop on East Street. Since staff has provided property owner information to the contractor allowing them to contact the owner in California to acquire

permission to repair the sewer line. To date the sewer repair has not taken place. The second part of the request was for help with the storm water issue along Tennessee Street. Staff visited with the concrete contractor, Joe Weiner today and determined that it would be best for staff to insert a valley gutter paid for out of the storm water utility fund and tie in with the contractor on their property. Motion made by Council Member French and seconded by Council Member Ford to have staff insert a valley gutter and tie in with the contractor on the property. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- Thanked the council members for their service for the past year. Wished all a Merry Christmas.

B. Council Member Wells–

- Absent

C. Council Member Ford –

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas

D. Council Member Franklin–

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas

F. Council Member Becker –

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas

G. Council Member Myrick –

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas

H. Council Member Zornes –

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas

I. Council Member French –

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas
- Has been a good year. Kudos to the entire city staff on their hard work throughout the year.

J. Administrator Slauch –

- Asked the council to review their calendars for a possible February 7th strategic planning meeting.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday January 12th, 2015

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday January 26th, 2015

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Zornes to adjourn to executive session for Non-Elected Personnel / City Prosecuting Attorney. All in favor. Motion carried. Present: Mayor, Council, and Administrator Slauch. The meeting to resume at 6:57 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Franklin to have staff set up interviews of the two candidates for city prosecutor the first week of January. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

7:02 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Becker 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 12th day of January 2015.

Mayor, Joel Wicoff

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton