

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on March 23, 2015, 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, Myrick, Wells, Shaughnessy, Franklin, Zornes, Ford and French were present. Also present were Administrator Slaugh, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton.

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

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Becker to approve the agenda adding under #9E Resolution for Farm City Days. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

David Toland representing THRIVE Allen County was present to request the council consider putting a public restroom facility in the downtown area. He noted that the pocket park adjacent to City Hall would be a great location. Community groups that hold events in the downtown area could check out the key from City Hall and be responsible for cleaning and locking the restroom after the community event. THRIVE and the county is willing to work with the city to try to obtain a grant to help defray the cost.

Mike Ford and Leslie Skahan were present to request council permission to move forward with a grant opportunity from State Farm for a family special needs restroom facility next to the special need playground structure in Riverside Park. The facility would have a changing bench that would allow parents a place to change diapers of older children with special needs that won't fit on an average size changing table in other restrooms.

Mike Ford noted that the Iola Kiwanis is the only Kansas Kiwanis Club that has been invited to a briefing at the White House on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Leslie Skahan representing the MOMS group requested the council waive the building rental fees for April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for the MOMS Walk. Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Franklin to waive the fees for the building rental on April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for the community building at the park for the MOMS walk.

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Myrick to have Mike Ford move forward with the grant application from State Farm for a family special needs accessible restroom in Riverside Park. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes Approval** - March 9, 2015

**B. Appropriations Approval** – 2015-06

**C. Personnel Action**

- **Todd Rowe – Parks & Cemetery- Annual Evaluation**
- **Tim Thyer – Fire Department – Twelve Month Evaluation**
- **Ben Biggs – Police Department – Twelve Month Evaluation**
- **Eric Lawrence – Fire Department – Annual Evaluation**
- **Kenneth Sampson – Street & Alley – Annual Evaluation**
- **Ronald Ballard – Fire Department – Annual Evaluation**
- **Richard Jones – Street & Alley – Annual Evaluation**
- **Andy Chester – Electric Distribution – Six Month Evaluation**
- **Spencer Hart – Fire Department – Six Month Evaluation**
- **Tyler Wooten – Fire Department – Six Month Evaluation**
- **Jeremy Troester – Police Department – Six Month Evaluation**
- **Elisha Womelsdorf – Municipal Court – Additional Court Duties**
- **Cameron Kern – Clerk/Utility – New Hire**
- **Matthew Sanchez – Fire/EMS Department – New Hire**
- **Travis Knavel – Fire/EMS Department – New Hire**

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

## **ROUNDTABLE**

**A. KDOT Update – Darin Petrowsky** – Darin Petrowsky, KDOT area engineer, was present to give the council updates on the current projects including the Highway 54 West to Yates Center, K3 south of Uniontown and many others. The governor has budgeted to move money from KDOT for the 2016 general budget which would reduce the preventative maintenance budget for KDOT by 50%. Darin also reviewed different funding opportunities that are available from KDOT.

**B. Municipal Code, Chapter 34 Fees** – Proposed changes were presented to the council. Council Members stated that the price for demolition of houses should state square footage in case houses the city has to demo are larger. It would cover the cities cost. Staff will continue to look at the fees and bring back to the council at a later date.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Fair Housing Month – Proclamation** – Mayor Wicoff read the proclamation declaring April Fair Housing Month in Iola. Motion made by Council Member Wells

and seconded by Council Member Zornes to approve the proclamation and authorize the mayor to sign the document. All in favor. Motion carried.

**B. CASA – Proclaim April to be “Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month”** – Danita Garner, Michelle Miewes, representatives from CASA, and Cynthia Jacobson, Chair of the 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Board, were present to request that the council approve the proclamation and asked for their support of the Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness month. Mayor Wicoff read the proclamation and declared April Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to approve the proclamation and have the mayor and council president sign the document. All in favor. Motion carried.

**C. Relay for Life Request** - The Iola Sisters Relay for Life Team is requesting council’s permission to hold a boot block on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the corner of Madison and Washington from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Motion made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Myrick to approve the request from Relay for Life to hold a boot block on May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon. All in favor. Motion carried.

**D. Capital Improvement Project – Plan Update** – Carl presented the project list which included current projects, future projects and those that have been completed. Council Member French noted that earlier in the meeting KDOT Engineer, Darin Petrowsky, mentioned grants that may be available to assist with some of the items on the list. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Myrick to approve the updated capital improvement project list. All in favor. Motion carried.

**E. Farm City Days Resolution** – Mike Jewell representing the Farm City Days committee noted that the members are asking for an organization to be in charge so that the members would not have to complete the 501C3 paperwork and have their names listed on the application form. Mike stated that several non-profit clubs such as the Rotary and the Elks have expressed interest in helping with particular events. Administrator Slauch noted that having the Chamber Board of Directors as the oversight committee would not put the responsibility on just one group or person. They could be in charge of recruiting volunteer groups and individuals. Council Member Wells stated it wouldn’t be in the best interest of the city to oversee the event. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to approve Resolution 2015-05 contingent on acceptance by the Chamber Board of Directors and authorize the mayor to sign the resolution. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

**A. Mayor Wicoff –**

- Played Disc Golf on the new course. A lot of family fun.

**B. Council Member Wells–**

- Has been approached about having future candidate forums televised with the city's equipment and televised on Channel 6.

**C. Council Member Ford –**

- The Disc Golf course is open and encouraged individuals to play.

**D. Council Member Franklin–**

- Sent condolences to Donna Houser at the loss of her husband Ray.
- Inquired about the replacement of the cab on the backhoe. It was an accident covered by the city's property insurance.

**E. Council Member Shaughnessy –**

- None

**F. Council Member Becker –**

- None

**G. Council Member Myrick –**

- Disappointed in the citizen turn out for the candidate forum.

**H. Council Member Zornes –**

- None

**I. Council Member French –**

- Just returned from a medical mission to Haiti. After seeing poor infrastructure it makes a person have pride in the community and all of the volunteers that take care of keeping the town beautiful.

**J. Administrator Slaugh –**

- Wilma Krokstrom told him that she wanted to thank the council members for the dog park.
- CITF group has participated in several projects including helping with the special needs playground and the disc golf course.

**DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Mayor Wicoff declared a break.

**Executive Session** – Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Myrick to adjourn to executive session for acquisition of real estate. Present: Mayor, Council Members, Administrator Slaugh. The meeting will reconvene at 7:57 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**7:57 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

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Mayor, Joel Wicoff

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City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton