

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on April 13, 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, and French were present. Also present were Administrator Slaugh, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Council Member Ford was absent.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Clara Wicoff, Catherine Venter and Trilby Bannister informed the council that they are putting on a Bee for the Arts on April 25th and a rummage sale to raise funds for the Iola High School 50th Little Oscars and to send Catherine and Trilby to Florida to compete in the National Forensics Tournament.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval - March 23, 2015

B. Appropriations Approval – 2015-07

C. Personnel Action

- **Nate Keylon – Fire Department – Twelve Month Evaluation**
- **Michael Wilson – Fire Department – Twelve Month Evaluation**
- **Ron Conaway – Fire Department – Annual**
- **Terry Staggs – Fire Department – Six Month Evaluation**
- **Jared Warner – Police Department – Annual**
- **Steve Womack – Police Department – Annual**
- **Dakota Hufford – Gas, Water & Wastewater – Annual**
- **Ryan Smith – Gas, Water & Wastewater - Annual**

Council Member Franklin inquired about the appropriations for Immel and Heim, Iola Animal Clinic boarding of chickens and the repairs to the jet rodder and the dump truck. Staff replied that the two payments to Immel and Heim were due to a non-payment in March. The chickens were confiscated from a home and are now being fostered at a local farm. The vehicles were repaired out of town due to the fact that they couldn't be repaired locally. Council Member Shaughnessy inquired about the two duplicate lines for Crafcoc. This is due to two separate deliveries. Motion made by Council Member Wells to approve

the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Becker. All in favor. Motion carried.

ROUNDTABLE

A. TIGER Grant – An opportunity exists to apply for a U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant to help fund a transportation related project.

A potential project that may fit the scope is a Highway 54 project through the middle of Iola combined with downtown streetscape and some type of expanded walking and biking trail. The initial cost to the city would be in terms of engineering services to design a viable project. Contact has been made with Schwab Eaton for support. A project of this size will use up the major project funds and limit other smaller projects for many years.

The first response is due by May 4, 2015. The final application includes a thirty page documentation of the project and is due by June 5, 2015. Staff is looking for council's direction to proceed with the first phase of the project which includes having an engineer look at the area and projecting costs.

Council Member Wells wondered if Kentucky Street could be added into the project and or if this would be a better project to apply for. Administrator Slaugh stated that the Kentucky Street project would be a hard sale since it will not boost economic development which is the intent of the grant. Council Member Myrick asked what the cost for the engineer would be. Administrator Slaugh noted that the cost would be under \$10,000 and would be beneficial if the city had to do the project in house in the future. Council Member French noted that all along Highway 54 there are several bad spots.

Council Member French gave an overview on the Van Scoyoc lobbying firm and how they have helped the city obtain funding after the flood from FEMA along with helping the city get other funding for other projects. They work for the city. The city needs to ask them to work for us. He noted that they pointed us to this grant opportunity.

Administrator Slaugh stated that he had obtained information concerning the TIGER grant from sources other than Van Scoyoc. He stated that in the last two years we have paid them over \$200,000. With earmarks no longer available the city should only use the lobbyists when necessary, paying them for each project instead of on a retainer basis. Council Member French stated that they have been working with community individuals on the veteran's access at the local hospital, and broad band availability.

Motion made by Council Member Wells to authorize staff to pursue the initial application process for the TIGER Grant and report back to the council at the next meeting including projected cost of the project. Council Member Myrick asked if we had available funding for the engineer costs. Administrator Slaugh stated that the funding would come from the special projects fund, which is supported by sales tax revenues. Council Member

Franklin stated she is not in favor of another trail project. Motion seconded by Council Member Myrick. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Safe Base Request - Angela Henry – Angela Henry and John Richards representing Safe Base were present to request permission to use the vacant lot on the southeast corner of the intersection of Lincoln and Sycamore, directly to the south of the Wayne Garrett Children’s Garden, to plant a pumpkin patch for Safe Base. The group is also requesting a stand pipe be installed by the city for water accessibility for the garden. This is going to be a one year trial for the pumpkin patch. Council Member French wondered about a temporary fencing in front of the creek. Angela Henry stated that temporary fencing will be installed. Motion made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Becker to approve the request from Safe Base to use the lot for a one year trial period and the city to install a stand pipe for a water source. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Water Plant SCADA System - Payment– This is the fourth stage of the wastewater improvement project. The SCADA system installation on the Wastewater main plan and west interceptor lift stations and software upgrade for the water plan system was done at a cost of \$106,575. Motion made by Council Member Wells to approve payment of the invoice to MicroComm for the water plant SCADA system upgrade and SCADA systems installed at the main plant and the west interceptor lift stations in the amount of \$106,575 and authorize the mayor to sign the certificate of completion on the project. Motion seconded by Council Member Zornes. All in favor. Motion carried. Administrator Slaugh noted that there is an unused balance of \$2,257.98 for the project and will be expended on the project as staff sees necessary.

C. Allen County Relay for Life - Request - The Relay for Life is requesting use of the Iola Recreational Building at Riverside Park free of charge if there is inclement weather and the event cannot be held outside as planned. They are also requesting permission to be in park after curfew hours for the event if they have to move to the park due to weather. Motion made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Wells to approve the request to use the building free of charge during inclement weather and to allow them to be in the park after curfew hours for the annual walk on June 5th. All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Economic Development/Gates Cost Benefit Analysis – Administrator Slaugh reviewed the documentation procedures required by the state to obtain tax abatement for the Gates building project. Each part of the document requires information

from city, county, school district and Gates. Council Member Franklin noted that the wastewater figures did not seem to be correct. Staff will check on the numbers. Administrator Slauch noted that the reserve for the Gas and Electric fund still are running below the desired 3 to 6 month reserve amount. He will be having Scott Shreve do an assessment and recommendation for the 2016 budget cycle.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- Asked Council Member Wells to give a description on some new motions he would like to implement.

B. Council Member Wells–

- A consent motion would be made when it is clear that the body has no objections to a motion. If there is an objection by a member then a regular vote would take place.
- A motion made stating orders of the day. When a council member has gotten off task of the agenda item another council member can make a motion of orders of the day. The mayor would then ask the council to vote. If a council member feels strongly the item can be added to the agenda at any time. The purpose of the motion is so that the minority's voice could be heard. These motions can help the meeting move forward with the business.

C. Council Member Ford –

- Absent

D. Council Member Franklin–

- Would like the city to make efforts to work on annexation of Industrial property.

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- Inquired again about the speed limit on North Kentucky. With a speeding ticket for ten mph a report is submitted to a person's auto insurance. Would like something to be done about the large increments. Staff will have Chief Warner do a traffic trailer speed check.

F. Council Member Becker –

- Urged the members to contact state representatives to not make budget cuts for child abuse prevention and mental health.

G. Council Member Myrick –

- Thanked the citizens for allowing him to serve on the council.

H. Council Member Zornes –

- None

I. Council Member French –

- Thanked the citizens for allowing him to serve. Noted that it was an honor to serve with fellow council members.

J. Administrator Slaugh –

- Reminded the group that the board appreciation dinner will be held on April 23rd for all volunteers and their spouses that serve on various boards of the city.
- Informed the council of the 2016 budget schedule that is present in the packet. June 8th will be the first presentation to the council.
- Informed the group of the Governing Body Institute. If anyone would like to attend notify his office.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday April 27th, 2015

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday May 11th, 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. Council Member Wells declared a consent motion. No objections were noted. Present: Mayor, Council Members, Administrator Slaugh. The meeting will reconvene at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

7:32 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member Myrick to adjourn the meeting. A consent motion was declared. No objections were noted.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 27th day of April 2015.

Mayor, Joel Wicoff

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton