

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on May 11, 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, Wells, Shaughnessy, B. Franklin, A. Franklin, A. Sigg, were present. Also present were Administrator Slaugh, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Council Members Ford and Zornes were absent.

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

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to approve the agenda, adding under item 9 C Fire/EMS Equipment. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Elyssa Jackson, representing Safe Base, asked the council if they could bury a small box for future geocaching on the Wayne Garrett Memorial Garden. Motion made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member Shaughnessy to approve the burial of the box on the property. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sharon Boan wanted to thank the council members for the volunteer appreciation dinner.

Russell Beth, representing the Kansas National Guard, was present to ask the council to waive the fee for the Park Community Building for a family picnic event being held on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Becker to waive the building rental fee on June 7<sup>th</sup> for the Park Community Building for the Kansas National Guard family picnic. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes Approval - April 27, 2015**

**B. Appropriations Approval – 2015-09**

**C. Personnel Action**

- **Michael Lynch – Fire Department – New Hire**
- **Jim Baker- Electric Distribution – Twelve Month**
- **Jared Froggatte – Police Department – Promotion**
- **Jason Bauer – Recreation – Recreation – Twelve Month**
- **Brian Cochran – Gas, Water & Sewer – Annual**
- **Josh Gumfory – Gas, Water & Sewer – Annual**
- **James DePriest – Water Production – Six Month**

Motion made by Council Member B. Franklin to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Wells. Council Member Becker asked about the new hire in the Fire/EMS department. Administrator Slaugh stated that this would be an added person to the department over and above the nine person shifts. This individual is a paramedic/fireman. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members A. Franklin, B. Franklin, Wells, Shaughnessy and Sigg. Voting against the motion was Council Member Becker. Motion passed.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

**A. Review of Project & Priorities** – Administrator Slaugh reviewed the capital improvement project list. A majority of the list is not eligible for grant funding. Council Member B. Franklin stated maybe we should give Van Scoyoc the list and see what funding they could get for us. Council Member Wells stated that if funding became available for a certain project we should move it to the front of the list. Council Member Sigg stated that his highest priority would be to fix the curbs on south side of town that are non-existent because of the years of chip and seal on the roads. Council Member Shaughnessy stated that a lot of the sidewalks and curbs need fixed in town.

Administrator Slaugh noted that the city was just awarded a Safe Routes to School grant which could help with some of the sidewalk issues. Council Member B. Franklin stated that replacing old gas and water lines is a priority for her. Council Member Shaughnessy asked if there is any funding for a generating station south of town. Administrator Slaugh stated that there are grants for water and sewer lines but none that he is aware of for electric. Council Member Shaughnessy wondered about any funding for a shell building to be used for economic development. Council Member Wells would like us to push the EPA to clean up the superfund site east of town. He also would like to see repairs to the sidewalk on the northwest corner of Lincoln and Cottonwood. Council Member B. Franklin stated that there is no sidewalk on Carpenter Street. Council Member Wicoff wondered if VanScoyoc could get us funding for infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer lines. Administrator Slaugh stated that state funding is virtually non-existent due to funding being deferred for other state departments. Motion made by Council Member B. Franklin and seconded by Council Member Sigg to get with Van Scoyoc and have them search for funding for the drainage issue on North State Street, curb and guttering and sidewalks and to push the EPA to get the clean-up done east of town. All in favor. Motion carried.

**B. Kentucky Street Speed Limits - Discussions**– The traffic study results are in the packet and they demonstrate that the current posted speeds are appropriate. Council Member Shaughnessy stated that there are too many speed changes in one small section. Council Member A. Franklin stated that when there is parking on both sides of Kentucky Street it may be a problem to get emergency vehicles to the hospital. Maybe we should put no parking signs on one side of the street. Motion made by Council Member

Becker and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to leave the speed limits as posted on North Kentucky Street. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members A. Franklin, B. Franklin, Becker, Wells, and Sigg. Voting against the motion was Council Member Shaughnessy. Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Iola Municipal Band – Annual Contract** – This will mark the 144<sup>th</sup> season since the municipal band began performing in 1871. The band contract is for the same price as last year at \$6,500 for the year. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to approve the contract in the amount of \$6,500 for the Iola Municipal Band for the 2015 season and authorize the mayor to sign the contract. All in favor. Motion carried.

**B. Solar bee Annual Maintenance Contract** – Medora Environmental Inc., formerly Solar Bee, is located in Dickenson, North Dakota and has performed the yearly maintenance and inspection since the units were installed with the lagoon upgrades in 2007. Motion made by Council Member B. Franklin and seconded by Council Member Becker to authorize payment of \$34,953 to Medora Corporation for the Solar Bee Beekeeper service program. All in favor. Motion carried.

**C. Fire/EMS Equipment** – Administrator Slaugh presented two quotes for LP 15 Physio-Control. One is a re-certified Life Pak 15 in the amount of \$19,950 from Bound Tree and the other one is for a brand new Life Pak 15 from Physio Control Inc in the amount of \$31,976.67. Administrator Slaugh reviewed the date purchased of the current units within the department and stated that they are all in working order at this time. The purchasing policy was not followed to obtain these bids. Council Member A. Franklin noted that the refurbished one shows the warranty time however, the new unit does not. EMS Director, Ryan Sell will be trying to obtain a grant when it becomes available. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council member Shaughnessy to table this item until grant information is received. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

**A. Mayor Wicoff –**

- Witnessed the electric distribution crew installing a new service pole near his office. He was impressed with their professionalism.
- Wants to assure we do not confuse the new members and the members of the public with figures on running the EMS service and or the fire department.

**B. Council Member Wells–**

- Agreed with the mayor about the fire and EMS figures. Offered to sit down with the new members to help them understand the process that the council went through and explain the savings county wide with one service.

**C. Council Member Ford –**

- Absent

**D. Council Member B. Franklin–**

- Wanted to make sure the city gives assistance as needed for the Portland Alley Pedal Festival. Administrator Slaugh stated that they are still working out the particulars and will come back to the council with request.

**E. Council Member Shaughnessy –**

- Wondered if the city could ease up on mowing letters in the spring. Sometimes due to the rain it is hard to keep the properties mowed.

**F. Council Member Becker –**

- Concerned about the sale of the old hospital to a private developer. If they are not successful in their venture the city could be liable for demolition of the building in the future.
- Would like to have the Economic Development Director report to the city council as he does to the county commission.

**G. Council Member Sigg –**

- Would also like to have more information on the grocery store and the old hospital building.
- Excited that the city is working on trying to obtain funding for the curbs and gutters in the south part of town.

**H. Council Member Zornes –**

- Absent

**I. Council Member A. Franklin –**

- Asked why the contract mowing was not bid out. Administrator Slaugh noted that it was bid out last year and a three year contract was obtained for the same price each year.

- Will the FEMA flood buyout properties be put up for sale? Administrator Slaugh noted that these properties cannot be sold. Council Member A. Franklin then asked if the properties could be maintained by community service organizations.
- Council Member B. Franklin asked about construction of a restroom on the soccer fields. Administrator Slaugh noted that costs were obtained for the restroom on the square and the cost would be \$45,000 - \$110,000.
- Asked about the check to Allen Community College for officiating soccer games. This is a fundraiser for the college and they provide students to officiate the games.

**J. Administrator Slaugh –**

- Administrator Slaugh and Assistant Administrator Schinstock reviewed the information in the packets for the Kentucky Street light project. Mayor Wicoff did not want to wait more than two years to install lights for the street project to be completed due to the lack of light on that road especially in the winter months. Assistant Administrator Schinstock will visit with the city's engineer Amec to see if they can put a price on the scope of work.

**DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**ADJOURNMENT**

**7:37 p.m.** Motion made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member Wells to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015.

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Mayor, Joel Wicoff

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City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton