A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on July 27, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., at the Dr. John Silas Bass North Community Building, 505 N Buckeye, Iola, Kansas.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Wicoff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Wicoff, Council Members Wells, B. Franklin, Sigg, Ford, Zornes, Becker, and A. Franklin, were present. Also present were Administrator Slaugh, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Council Member Shaughnessy was absent.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donna Houser thanked all of the city employees that helped with the Funston birthday celebration this past weekend. She also thanked Mayor Wicoff for the welcome speech, Council Member Wells for his help, Council Member Franklin for attending the luncheon and Council Member Sigg for leading the color guard activities. She noted that the entire ceremony was paid for by donation by an individual.

Donna Houser reminded the council members that the monthly See, Hear, Iola will be held this Friday at the Dr. John Silas Bass North Community Building.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval - July 13, 2015

B. Appropriations Approval – 2015-14

C. Personnel Action

- **Tim Francis – Police Department – Annual Evaluation**
- **Danny Rodriquez – Police Department – Annual Evaluation**
- **Jason Franklin – Gas, Water & Wastewater – Annual Evaluation**
- **Denton Christian – Fire Department – Resignation**
- **Shonda Jefferis – Code Enforcement – Annual Evaluation**
- **Ryan Latta – Recreation – Twelve Month Evaluation**
- **Douglas Clark – Parks & Cemetery – Annual Evaluation**
- **Kenneth Powell – Fire Department – Annual Evaluation**
- **Jason Ellis – Street & Alley – Annual Evaluation**

Motion made by Council Member B. Franklin to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Becker. Council Member Sigg stated that he wanted

to discuss the resignation of the fire department employee later in executive session. All in favor. Motion carried.

ROUNDTABLE

A. Hands Free Driving Ordinance - Discussions – Kansas HB 2219 was introduced in the 2015 legislative session, but apparently did not make it out of committee. It was intended to expand the 2011 restriction on texting and driving to prohibit the operation of a motor vehicle while using a handheld device, unless they are using a hands free wireless communications device. Council Member Ford would like some imput from Chief Warner about enforcing the ordinance. Council Member A. Franklin noted that all changes are challenging but we should be proactive on this and not wait for something to happen. Council Member Wells stated that it is a good idea and thinks we should move forward on the ordinance. He compared it to when the seatbelt law was enacted. People will have to get used to it but over time it will become habit. Donna Houser wondered if having the police monitor the traffic issues at the schools, checking for seatbelt usage and then adding this item for them to monitor would be too much. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member A. Franklin to direct staff to draft an ordinance with Chief Warner's input and bring it back to the council to review prior to adopting. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2016 Budget – Set the Public Hearing - Administrator Slaugh reviewed the budget with the council noting that cutting the budget hits maintenance items the hardest. The budget calls for a 2 mill increase. Administrator Slaugh reviewed a sampling of some of the funds. The health insurance fund in 2015 the city only paid 100% of the expected premium into the fund to reduce the cash balance. The 2016 budget shows a 125% expected premium contribution to the fund. The Gas Fund shows an increase in gas sales as well as expenditures. This was done to try and avoid a budget amendment. If the sales aren't as high then the purchase of gas will be down also. Council Member Sigg asked Chief Thyer about cutting overtime in the Fire/EMS Department. Chief Thyer responded that with staffing below the desired number more overtime is being used. The department tries to cut in other areas to make up for the extra funding for overtime. Council Member A. Franklin wondered if hiring more staff would be comparable to the overtime costs. Mayor Wicoff wondered about selling the EMD units in order to purchase more generation fueled by natural gas instead of diesel. Council Member A. Franklin wondered if putting a freeze on equipment purchases would be a good way to keep expenditures down. Administrator Slaugh noted that this would create an increased maintenance cost. It was noted that an increased tax levy would not be attractive to incoming industries. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to set a public hearing for the proposed budget for August 10, 2015. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Zornes, Ford, Becker and B.

Franklin. Voting against the motion were Council Members A. Franklin and Sigg. Motion carried by majority vote.

Mayor Wicoff declared a five minute break.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Kentucky Street – Street Lighting – This agenda item has been discussed in the past with regard to a request that was received last year from Allen County Regional Hospital to put street lights on North Kentucky. For 10 poles to cover the distance from Miller Road to Oregon Road on Kentucky the estimated cost for material would be $8,758 with labor and equipment being $4,304 for a total cost of $11,422. To cover the distance from North Dakota Road to Miller Road would add approximately another 10 poles and double the cost. Council Member Ford wondered if we could trade off with the county if they would pay for the equipment for the poles on Kentucky and we would install the poles on Oregon that they want to install. Council Member A. Franklin wondered what the cost of the line loss on the poles is. What is the cost benefit for them? Staff will look into this. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to have staff work with the county about having them pay for the material for the lights on Kentucky if the city will install lights and poles on Oregon Road for the county. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Old Hospital Site – Traffic Study – Administrator Slaugh noted that the property is not in the stage to do a traffic study yet. The city will need information on the total development, not just the grocery store, in order to do a complete and accurate traffic study. The developer will have to contact Code Enforcement for a lot split and rezoning prior to development. Mayor Wicoff will meet with David Toland on what the city requires for a site plan in order to perform the traffic study.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- Encouraged everyone to attend the fair.

B. Council Member Wells–

- Thanked Donna for the Allen County Historical Society Funston birthday event.
- Thanked the city staff for all of their work in the heat.
- Encouraged staff and everyone to be safe in the heat and keep your pets safe in the heat.

C. Council Member Ford –

- The Mad Bomber event was a success. She thanked all of the city employees that helped with the event.

- Thanked city employees for the storm cleanup.

D. Council Member B. Franklin–

- Thanked the city staff for prompt work on the storm.
- Thanked Donna Houser for the Funston event luncheon.

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- Absent

F. Council Member Becker –

- None

G. Council Member Sigg –

- Thanked Donna Houser for the Funston event. It was an honor to participate.
- Thanked the electric crews for restoring power after the storm.
- Will not be able to attend the next meeting due to a commitment to his job at the National Guard.

H. Council Member Zornes –

- Inquired as to when the lane markings will be painted on State Street. Staff stated following chip and seal they will be painted.

I. Council Member A. Franklin –

- Thanked Donna Houser for the Funston event.
- Thanked employees for restoring power after the storm and the prompt clean up.
- Asked about the status of a prior request to install no parking signs on Kentucky Street.
- Thanked the Convention and Tourism Committee and the City Council for the contribution to the Farm City Days Committee.

J. Administrator Slaugh –

- Asking for council approval to hold the annual city picnic on August 11th and for four personal days off for the drawing. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to approve the city picnic and the four days off. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Wastewater project closeout completed. Appreciated council's support of the project.
- The city has been approached by a potential home builder on a lot south end of town. The property has assessments on the property for mowing and demolition. The potential builder would like the city to waive those fees in return for building a home that will go on the tax rolls. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council member Zornes to authorize Administrator Slaugh to use his best judgement to waive

the assessments for the builder to buy the property and build a home. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Noted that the Street Department removed 92 loads of storm debris.
- Ryan Sell gave an update to the council on the ambulance bids that were received. County Counselor Alan Webber asked that cot, Physio-Control Lifepak, and the defibrillator be bid separately. He wants city council support that these are items necessary to run the ambulance and should be included in the ambulance purchase. The lowest bid received for an ambulance was $185,025. The council agrees that these items should be included in the purchase of an ambulance.

Executive Session

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of non-elected personnel. Present: Mayor, Council, Administrator Slaugh and Fire Chief Thyer. The meeting will resume at 8:55 p.m.

Executive Session

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Ford to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of acquisition of real estate. Present: Mayor, Council, and Administrator Slaugh. The meeting will resume at 8:59 p.m.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday August 10th, , 2015
City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday August 24th, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

8:59 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 10th day of August 2015.

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Mayor, Joel Wicoff

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City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton