

A special called meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on August 17 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 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

NEW BUSINESS

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2016 budget.

Administrator Slaugh stated that after consulting with attorneys at the League of Kansas Municipalities and the city attorney the vote on August 10th three to two in favor of the 2016 budget was passed. It only required a majority of members present vote in favor of the budget not a majority of the council.

Administrator Slaugh explained the state statute requires a resolution to be passed by the council if the assessed valuation increases, the mill levy increases and the increase exceeds the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the previous calendar year.

Administrator Slaugh noted that an error occurred when the cost of health insurance was entered into the state forms. The city was also informed last week that an increase of 22.75% will go into effect for the plan year for health insurance. The proposed budget before the council allows for the increase. The council can choose to continue with the budget that was adopted at the August 10th meeting or it can choose to publish the amended budget and have another public hearing and adopt the amended budget.

Administrator Slaugh stated that to account for extra revenue to cover the cost of the increased health insurance a larger transfer is being budgeted from the gas fund. Council Member Wells asked what the increased transfer would do to the cash reserve balance in the gas fund. Administrator Slaugh noted that it will leave a balance of approximately two months of expenditures. This is not the desired balance amount, however; this will keep the mill increase to 2 mills.

Council Member Wells asked where the Fire/EMS fund is after six months. Administrator Slaugh stated that as of July 31, 2015 the Fire/EMS expenditures were at \$1,223,870. Council Member Wells noted that they should be able to operate within the proposed 2016 budget. Administrator Slaugh stated that items removed from the EMS budget include

lowering the amount requested for a new vehicle and removing a transfer of \$40,000 for a future purchase of a fire truck to the equipment reserve fund.

Council Member Franklin stated that she is favor of transferring from the gas fund instead of increasing the mill levy any more.

Mayor Wicoff noted that medical insurance cost is a significant increase, however; there is nothing that can be done about it.

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to approve Resolution 2015-15 and authorize the mayor to sign the resolution. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to publish the amended budget and hold a public hearing on September 3, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. All in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

6:46 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member Wells 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 24th day of August, 2015.

Mayor, Joel Wicoff

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton