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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on September 28, 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

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

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

- September 14th

B. Appropriations Approval – 2015-18

C. Personnel Action

- **Kevin Rush – Electric Distribution – Resignation – Position to be filled**
- **Denise Schomaker – Court – Annual Evaluation**
- **Spencer Hart – Fire/EMS – Twelve Month Evaluation**
- **Cameron Kern – Clerk/Utility – Six Month Evaluation**
- **Travis Knavel – Fire/EMS – Six Month Evaluation**
- **Josh Gumfory – Gas, Water, Waste Water – Resignation – Position to be filled**

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. Countywide Community Conversation – Damaris Kunkler- Damaris Kunkler, representing Thrive reviewed the items that were identified at the county-wide conversation that was held at B&W. The ideas were broken up into short term, short term but needs resources, needs more study, and long term. This is part of a three year grant.

This is a matching funds grant up to \$100,000. The next step will be to prioritize the items on the list and find a matching organization to make it possible.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Taser Contract Renewal – Jared Warner – The Iola police department acquired Taser Axon Flex body cameras in 2012 along with the evidence.com storage system. Use of the cameras and storage of videos has been a great help to the police department. It has been highly beneficial to have them when the conduct of officers has been called into question and conversely when evidence substantiated claims of criminal acts.

Chief Warner negotiated a new three-year agreement, 2013-2015 to extend the warranty on the cameras and provide continued coverage on evidence.com for storage of data. The county attorney agreed to participate in 50% of the cost of the program for the first year or \$7,500 of the \$15,167 total cost.

A quote has been obtained to extend the contract for the cameras including the evidence.com license agreement, camera system and dock system for download and charging.

The five-year contract amount of \$115,498.68 is \$32,076 the first year and \$20,808 for years two through five. The Allen County attorney has agreed to fund \$5,000 per year for the system.

Chief Warner noted that this item was discussed during the budget process and funding has been set aside in the budget.

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Sigg to approve the contract to continue service with Taser Axon Flex camera system and the annual expenditures as listed with a total cost to the City of Iola over five years of \$90,499 and authorize the mayor to sign the contract. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Wartsila UNIC Upgrade – Mike Phillips – The UNIC control system will replace the WECS 3000 engine control system on the two Wartsila engines, which is at the end of its lifecycle and will no longer be supported. The projected cost is approximately \$850,000. Half of the amount for the UNIC upgrade was included in the 2015 budget and half in the 2016 budget.

With the electric fund reserves currently at less than one month of cash flow the challenge is paying for the UNIC upgrade.

1. One option is to delay the UNIC upgrade until later in 2016. The department has already had problems maintaining the WECS system and is concerned that it will not last for another season.
2. Option two would be to use some of the \$2 million in reserve in Fund 85 Equipment Reserve set aside for new generation and then replace it.

Once a contract is signed it will take about four months to get the parts delivered and about six weeks for installation. Staff is working on some changes to the proposed contract and then it will need to be reviewed by the city attorney.

Mike Phillips stated that while this was budgeted in the 2015 and 2016 budget with the large expenditures in the electric fund this year including the Gates expansion, the RICE upgrades and transfers to the general and recreation funds, staff is requesting to move ahead with the project using funds that were set aside in equipment reserve for future generation.

Council Member Wells stated that while he hates to raid the money set aside for generation this is a project that needs done. He would like to see the city continue to work towards putting aside money for future generation. Council Member Franklin would like to see the city research wind energy. Mike Phillips stated that the electric group the city is a part of is looking into investing in wind energy in the near future. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to move ahead with a plan to upgrade the UNIC control system for the Wartsila engines. Directing staff to request a contract and following City Attorney Johnson's approval authorizing the mayor to sign the contract. The 2015 portion will be paid by using funding from equipment reserve that had been set aside for future generation. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mike Phillips notified the council that in June oil samples were taken on all of the city's transformers as part of the annual inspection by the city's liability insurance company. The Oak Street station was found to have higher than acceptable numbers. The insurance company suggested that the city get an engineer in to look at the transformer. Solomon came in today and looked at it and found that it is bad and gave the city two options, either have it rebuilt or get a new unit. After discussing the issue Mike and Assistant Administrator Schinstock decided to go with the rebuild kit at a cost of approximately \$17,000. The invoice will be in the appropriations in the future.

C. Joint School Board / City Council Meeting - Discussions – THRIVE is requesting a joint city council and school board meeting to meet with Mark Fenton, a nationally recognized expert in public health, planning and transportation issues. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss ways the two bodies can collaborate to improve the health of not only youth, but all of our residents. The meeting is to be held on Monday, October 26th. Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that Administrator Slauch thought it would be best to start the meeting at 5:30 p.m. then adjourn from the school to the park building at 7:00 p.m. to conduct regular business. Council Member Wells thought it would be a good idea to have a joint meeting with the school to look at ways to increase efficiency by working together.

D. Cox Communication Franchise Agreement - Renewal - Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Ford to renew the franchise agreement with Cox Communications to allow them to operate a video service in accordance with K.S.A. 12-2024 and continue the current 5% franchise fee. This

agreement will remain in force until amended or revised by either party. All in favor. Motion carried. Council Member Ford wanted to be assured that this is not an exclusive agreement. Other cable companies could come to the area and offer the same services.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Capital Improvement List - Discussions – Assistant Administrator Schinstock noted that the list contains the US 54 project. The cost of this project is so large that the city will most likely have to do a mill and overlay project instead of a total depth restoration project. If the city participates in the KLINK program through KDOT the project will have to be designed by an engineering firm and onsite inspections will have to be completed. These added costs are sometimes not worth the benefit of the KLINK program. All factors will be weighed prior to the project being started. Council Member Wells noted that he would like the city to concentrate our efforts on future generation capacity. We also need to look at future replacement of old gas and water lines. Council Member Franklin stated that we need to look at funding to paint the pool in the near future also. City Clerk Hutton stated that in the 2016 budget money had been set aside in equipment reserve for this purpose. This item will be added to the CIP list.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- Absent

B. Council Member Wells–

- None

C. Council Member Ford –

- Thanked the street and alley crew for painting all of the street markings. They are doing a great job.

D. Council Member B. Franklin–

- Was disappointed about the vote at the last meeting. She thought the council members should have taken time to think before acting. It should have been a no brainer to follow the policy manual. The decision put the employees of the city and the citizens at risk.

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- Absent

F. Council Member Becker –

- Complimented the electric distribution crew on the recent power outage.
- Complimented the water department crew on laying the new water lines.

G. Council Member Sigg –

- Apologized for his absence at the last meeting. It was a very important vote that he missed and he felt it didn't go the way it should have.
- The water line crews are doing a great job laying the new line.
- He received a number of complaints about the loud music so late at the pedal fest. Next time the council may need to have them cut off the music at an earlier time.

H. Council Member Zornes –

- Absent

I. Council Member A. Franklin –

- He is requesting that the same band that played at the pedal fest be allowed to play on the square for Farm City Days. He has visited with the band and they are unable to lower the sound levels. The council will consider it at their next meeting.
- Chief Warner stated that there were no issues with the beer garden at the pedal fest. He would like it if their department would be considered for patrolling these types of events in the future. They have a vested interest in city property. The overtime would be offset by the revenue from the event.

J. Assistant Administrator Schinstock –

- The rental station being relocated to the old JB Supply building wants to erect a fence with a gate. The city will have Attorney Johnson draw up an indemnity agreement for the part of the property that is city right of way.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Tuesday October 13th, 2015

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday October 26th, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

6:54 p.m. Motion made by Council Member B. Franklin and seconded by Council Member Wells to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 13th day of
October 2015.

Mayor, Joel Wicoff

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton