

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on November 9, 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 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donna Houser stated that today is General Funston's birthday; he would be 150 today. She noted that the Veterans Day Festivities were great. She appreciated everyone that had a hand in the event. She needs photos of all veterans in the area so they can be displayed at the Allen County Historical Society.

She stated that the Parent Teacher Organizations at the local schools need money for games for the classrooms.

See, Hear, Iola will be held on November 20th at 10:00 a.m.

Vespers Concert will be held on December 12th at 3:00 p.m.

Tom Nevans representing the Veterans Day Committee thanked all of the city staff that helped with the Veteran's Day Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

- October 26, 2015

B. Appropriations Approval – 2015-21

C. Personnel Action

- **Carla Brown – Administration – Annual**
- **Dakota Sigg – Electric Distribution – Transfer from Gas Department**
- **Jared Froggatte – Police Department – Six Month**
- **Brandon Westerman – Electric Generation – Six Month**

D. Board Appointments

- **Nathanial Dunne – Public Housing Authority – Appointment**
- **Tony Godfrey – Public Housing Authority - Appointment**

Council Member B. Franklin asked how much money the city is saving since the switch from AT&T to Cox Communications for phone service. Administrator Slaugh noted that the city showed savings for the first year. The savings has depleted after the first year. Motion made by Council Member B. Franklin to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Sigg. All in favor. Motion carried.

ROUNDTABLE

A. Wind Energy Purchase Discussions – Scott Shreve – Scott noted that since October of 2013 the city was no longer a part of the Kansas Power Pool. This gives the city the ability to buy energy out in the market. Since joining the Southwind Energy Group the cost of electrical power has remained significantly lower than KPP, resulting in savings to the customer of over \$1.0 million. There is a potential for the city to take advantage of a 3 megawatt wind potential through Westar. The cost will be brought to the next meeting for the council to vote on. With the federal incentives wind energy prices are coming down. With the 10-20 year contract the city has the option to buy a block of power at a set cost through a power purchase agreement. Mayor Wicoff asked how long the incentives last. Scott stated that the contract will lock the price in so the removal of incentives will not affect the cost in future years.

B. Planning Commission Role - Administrator Slaugh reviewed the Planning Commission's role. He noted that the members of the committee study the issues and make decisions based on whether or not it meets the existing requirements. The Planning Commission reviews the preliminary site plans that include a lot of detail. Their judgement takes into consideration the effects on the neighbors and who will bear the costs of the infrastructure. Council members should not get involved in the decision process until the planning commission makes a recommendation to the council. If council members are approached by individuals wanting to influence a decision, that must first be made by the Planning Commission, they should inform the individuals that the Planning Commission is responsible for the decision and then a recommendation comes to the council for final approval.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Safe Routes to School Grant – Resolution – The city and the school district were awarded Phase 1 Safe Routes to School grant in 2014 in the amount of \$15,000 under the KDOT safe routes to school program. The application to apply for the Phase 2 grant is November 20, 2015. City staff and school officials looked at the needs around the three elementary schools and the middle school and came up with a list of projects. The goal is for the city and the school district to split the 20% construction match. The school district is meeting this evening to take action on this item. The city's portion of funding will come from fund 96 which is sales tax revenue. Motion made by

Council member Ford and seconded by Council Member Sigg to approve Resolution 2015-22 to support the Safe Routes of School grant application through KDOT and authorize the mayor to sign the completed application. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- Commended the members of the Veteran’s Day Committee for doing a fine job on the events last Saturday.
- Thanked all of the local veterans that have served and are currently serving our country.

B. Council Member Wells–

- Absent

C. Council Member Ford –

- Reported that the Boo Bash went well. Participants were charged \$5.00 to participate in the event. 283 children attended the event. The Kiwanis and the Police Department split the funds, which will be used for public events. The group asked the fair board for permission to use the beef barn for the spooky train ride and they were told that they would be charged to use the building. Administrator Slauch will check into this for future use.
- Commended the Veterans Day Committee on a great event.

D. Council Member B. Franklin–

- Thanked the veterans in the area for their service.

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- No comment.

F. Council Member Becker –

- Absent

G. Council Member Sigg –

- Thanked the veterans in the area for their service.
- Thanked the Veterans Day Committee for a job well done.

H. Council Member Zornes –

- Thanked the veterans in the area for their service.

I. Council Member A. Franklin –

- Absent

J. Administrator Slauch –

- Staff has received the revised contract for the Wartsila UNIC System. Attorney Johnson will review.
- The new proposed terms of office were distributed to the council members. Staff will have to get with Attorney Johnson to have a formal ordinance brought to the council for approval changing the terms of office.
- The transitional Re-Insurance Fee has been calculated for 2015. A total of \$9,940 will be split between two payments. The first payment of \$7,458 will be scheduled for January 15, 2016 and the second payment of \$2,486 will be scheduled for November 15, 2016.
- Kentucky Street pavement markings were discussed. Staff received a recommendation from the city on-call engineer. Their recommendation is to only install a center line and not the edge of pavement markings. Council Member B. Franklin stated that it would be better visibility to stripe both the sides and the center. Motion made by Council Member B. Franklin and seconded by Council member Ford to put the white stripes on each side of Kentucky Street from North Dakota Road to Oregon Road and if it is possible a yellow stripe in the middle of the road. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Reminded the council members that the THRIVE dinner will be held on November 20th. If council members are interested and haven't contacted administration please do so.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, November 23rd, 2015

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday December 14th, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

7:02 p.m. Motion made by Council Member B. Franklin and seconded by Council Member Ford to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 23rd day of November 2015.

Mayor, Joel Wicoff

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton