

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on December 14, 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, Sigg, Ford, Zornes, Becker, Wells, A. Franklin, and Shaughnessy were present. Also present were Administrator Slauch, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and Deputy City Clerk Sexton. Absent was Council Member B. Franklin.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Boan thanked the council members for their hard work. She is enjoying the beautiful square. She wished the council members a Merry Christmas.

Greg Schemper, representative from Hampel Oil, asked the council to give consideration to their bid for fuel in 2016.

Donna Houser stated that she has had numerous people request that the council members speak up because they are not being heard on the television. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

David Toland, THRIVE Director, is requesting council support for THRIVE to apply for financial assistance from USDA Rural Development to provide funding to purchase and renovate a new office space for THRIVE at 9 S. Jefferson. There is no cost to the city; just a letter of support is required. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Ford to approve a letter of support for THRIVE to request funding from USDA Rural Development for the property at 9 S. Jefferson. All in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

- November 23, 2015

B. Appropriations Approval – 2015-23

C. Personnel Action

- Elisha Womelsdorf – Animal Control – Annual
- Jordan Oswald – Police Department – 12 – Month
- Chad Reeves – Police Department – 12 Month
- Corey Schinstock – Administration – Annual

D. Appropriations Approval – 2015-24

With no meeting being held on December 28th due to a lack of a quorum staff is requesting prior approval of the appropriations. These payables will be presented at the January 11, 2016 Council Meeting.

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

ROUNDTABLE

A. 54 Highway / Hospital Curve - Discussions – A lot of discussion has taken place regarding the development of the old hospital site and what might be done to change the situation with the curve and limited visibility. If something is to be done, it should be done as part of the proposed development.

Considering what is known about the proposed development, staff proposes to get an engineer involved to look at the options from an engineering standpoint: look at traffic counts existing and proposed, pedestrian crossing points, visibility issues and safety factors. Staff has scheduled the AMEC engineering firm for a conference call to review the issues and provide some guidance on the options. The firm may also be used to prepare a review of the proposed development for the planning commission when more of the details are made available by the developer.

Council Member Wells wondered how many accidents have happened on that intersection. Administrator Slaugh will get with Police Chief Warner about numbers. Council Member Wells asked if three lanes with a bicycle lane would be the right way to go. He has concerns about spending the money on this road when it might not change the visibility problems at all. He would rather spend the money on Kentucky Street.

Council Member Becker stated that he would like to see the city get an estimate to take the wall out. Council Member A. Franklin agreed taking down the wall would make a big difference.

Council Member Sigg wondered if this is something KDOT will contribute money to. Administrator Slaugh stated that KDOT doesn't have an obligation to this project.

Council Member Ford wondered if we would have to hire an outside engineer isn't this something we could figure out in house.

Council Member Sigg stated that slowing down the traffic is the better option especially for pedestrian traffic.

Administrator Slaugh asked for an opinion from council members Zornes and Shaughnessy. Council Member Shaughnessy stated that going from a 70 foot wide road to a 40 foot wide road would be a problem. Large trucks need ample lane room to make the curve. Council Member Zornes agreed that we need more data before we make changes. She is in favor of retaining the four lanes.

Council Member Shaughnessy asked how G&W felt about it. David Toland stated that they will be on the south of the property and don't really have a concern. The developers

building the apartments may have a concern about the road. Trucks can make deliveries on Second Street.

David Toland didn't think a traffic study was needed. Administrator Slaugh noted that the city needs a definite layout from the developer to see where possible changes need to be made.

Council Member A. Franklin asked what fund the cost of the engineer would come from. Administrator Slaugh stated it would be the Special Projects Fund.

Donna Houser stated that she has concerns about a stop light and traffic being able to stop after they come around the curve.

The council agreed to wait until further information is received before they commit to an engineer study.

B. 2015 Budget Update - Administrator Slaugh reviewed the current status of the cash balance of the funds. With the mild weather gas, water and electric sales were down this year. The reserve for the general fund has been depleted since transfers have not been made to the general fund from the electric and water fund due to low fund balances in those two funds. We will have to make a transfer from the electric fund to the general fund to keep it out of the red. Council Member Wells asked about the low funds in the water fund and increasing rates to increase the revenue. Administrator Slaugh has spoken with the city's utility consultant, Scott Shreve about a possible cost adjustment on the water fees.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Neighborhood Revitalization Hearing – 221 S Colborn Street – On June 18, 2014 T&T Business, Inc. was issued a building permit for the remodel of the house at 221 S Colborn. At the same time, they applied for the Neighborhood Revitalization on that property. According to the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Program, construction must be completed within one year of the application date to receive the tax rebate. The work on 221 S Colborn has not been completed. The owner renewed the remodel permit for the house on November 23, 2015 and at that time asked to be allowed to remain in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. A one year extension may be granted by the City Council per the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Program, Section I (M). Should the council agree to the one year extension the work on 221 S. Colborn should be completed by June 18, 2016 in order to qualify for the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Motion made by Council Member A. Franklin and seconded by Council Member Wells to approve a one year extension of the Neighborhood Revitalization application for remodel of the property located 221 S. Colborn. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Cereal Malt Beverage License Renewals – The CMB licenses were presented for renewal. The Fire Department has done site inspections of all the applicants. The Police Department has had no complaints or problems with the applicants in 2015. Administrator Slaugh stated that Coronado's Mexican Restaurant, 1401 East Street

submitted their application after council packets were distributed. Motion made by Council Member Wells with the addition of Coronado's and seconded by Council Member Sigg to approve the CMB licenses as presented for the 2016 calendar year. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. 2016 City Council Meeting Dates – The following city approved holidays fall on a scheduled council meeting date. Columbus Day on October 10th and Christmas Day on December 26th. Staff is recommending the city council meeting dates be changed to the Tuesday following the holidays. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Sigg to approve moving the council meetings for the two holidays to the following Tuesday. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Annual Diesel & Gasoline Bid Acceptance – Annual bids were solicited for Gasoline and Diesel. The successful vendor will be required to use these prices to figure the total cost per gallon of fuel. Bids are to exclude any state and federal taxes. Two bids were received Hampel Oil bid \$.072 per gallon for gasoline and \$.076 for Diesel, LeRoy Coop bid \$.068 per gallon for gasoline and \$.075 per gallon for diesel. Discussion centered on the small difference in the two bids. Council Member Sigg noted that there is not enough cost difference to ignore the fact that Hampel Oil has a base in Iola. Motion made by Council Member Sigg and seconded by Council Member Ford to approve Hampel Oil to provide diesel and gasoline for the calendar year 2016 in the amount of \$.072 for gasoline and \$.076 for diesel above rack price from the refinery. All in favor. Motion carried.

E. Rock Purchases 2016 Bid Acceptance – Annual bids were solicited for rock providers providing AB-3 crushed rock to the City of Iola for the calendar year 2016. Only one bid was received from Nelson Quarries Inc. at a cost of \$8.50 per ton delivered. Staff will continue to pursue obtaining rock from Allen County when available. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to accept the bid of \$8.50 per ton delivered for KDOT grade AB-3 crushed rock material from Nelson Quarries for the 2016 calendar year. All in favor. Motion carried.

F. Westar wind Generation – Contract – The council heard a presentation on November 9, 2015 by city energy consultant, Scott Shreve, EMG, regarding a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Westar that would provide a block of wind power to add to our mix of energy. The wind energy purchase will be a block purchase by members of the Southwind Energy Group. The City of Iola will purchase approximately three megawatts of power.

The agreement will involve a certain number of megawatts per month, and a set price per kilowatt, not an outright purchase of a portion of the windfarm. It is not anticipated that there will be a capital outlay for the agreement.

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Sigg to approve a power purchase agreement (PPA) with Westar for approximately three

megawatts of wind energy purchase subject to review by the city attorney. All in favor. Motion carried.

G. FEMA Fire Fighters Grant – Tim Thyer - The department is requesting permission to apply for an Assistance to Fire Fighters FEMA Grant. The grant would be used to replace the Rural Fire District #2 Pumper, Engine 312. The current truck is a 1989 model, it has been in service approximately 26 years. The unit covers the City of Gas and surrounding areas of RFD #2. The grant would be a 95% federal and a 5% city obligation. The cost would be approximately \$320,000 with the city's portion being approximately \$15,000. Council Member Sigg asked where the funding would come from for the city's share. Administrator Slaugh stated that the funding has not been budgeted but would come from the fire department budget. Council Member Sigg stated that the current 1989 truck is worth about \$2,500. Council Member Wells stated that he would rather pay \$15,000 for a new truck than \$320,000. Council Member Sigg asked how many miles were on the current truck. Council Member Ford would like to see what the maintenance costs are on the current truck and if there is rust on the vehicle. This type of information would be good to have on all future proposed vehicle purchases. Council Member Ford wondered if the department is willing to cut on other budgeted items in order to purchase the vehicle. Council Member Sigg asked if we could get the request earlier so we can get the information we need to make this decision. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member A. Franklin to approve the fire department submitting a grant application to the Assistance to Fire Fighters FEMA Grant. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Wells, Zornes, Ford, and Becker. Voting against the motion were Council Members Sigg, Shaughnessy and A. Franklin. Motion carried by majority vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Municipal Code Review – Administrator Slaugh reviewed the status of the municipal code review. Council Member Sigg asked if there were any points to elaborate on. Administrator Slaugh stated that the rates for contract work were increased. When the updates are reviewed and approved by the city attorney they will be brought back in ordinance form for the council to approve.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- Merry Christmas to everyone. It has been a tough year for everyone. Your service is appreciated.

B. Council Member Wells–

- Merry Christmas to everyone. Safe travels for everyone that will be on the road.
- Thanked those that gave gifts to the council.

C. Council Member Ford –

- Sending thoughts and prayers to Beverly Franklin.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. Safe travels for all those traveling.
- Thanked those that gave gifts to the council.

D. Council Member B. Franklin–

- Absent

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- Thanked everyone for the gifts.
- It has been a pleasure to serve with everyone.
- Merry Christmas to everyone.

F. Council Member Becker –

- Merry Christmas to everyone.
- Thanked everyone for the gifts.

G. Council Member Sigg –

- Thanked everyone for the gifts.
- Merry Christmas to everyone.
- Hoped everyone got out to the Jock's Nitch sale. It made the armory smell like shoes.

H. Council Member Zornes –

- Merry Christmas to everyone.
- Thanked everyone for the gifts.
- God Bless everyone.

I. Council Member A. Franklin –

- Happy Holidays to everyone.
- Thanked everyone for the gifts.

J. Administrator Slauch –

- Nothing to report.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, January 11, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

7:35 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Becker 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 11th day of
January, 2016.

Mayor, Joel Wicoff

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton