A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on January 11, 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 B. Franklin were present. Also present were Administrator Slaugh, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Absent was Council Member Shaughnessy.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to approve the agenda deferring item 9E Economic Development Agreement. to a later date. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Amy Karr, Project Coordinator for the Drug Free Communities, presented a proclamation for National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week. There will be activities at the high school and the middle school during that week. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Becker to approve the proclamation and authorize the mayor to sign it. All in favor. Motion carried. Mayor Wicoff read the proclamation and declared the week of January 25th – January 31st, 2016 National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week.
Donna Houser welcomed Council Member B. Franklin back. She stated that with the help of Ryan Sparks, Ryan Sigg, Kenny Anderson and Larry Robertson desired repairs for the football stadium have been documented and a grant will be applied for.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

- December 14, 2015

B. Appropriations Approval – 2015-24, 2016-01

C. Personnel Action

- **Terry Friend – Gas, Water & Wastewater – Twelve Month Evaluation**
- **James DePriest – Water Production – Promotion**
- **Dalton Houk – Police Department – New Hire**

Council Member B. Franklin asked about the personal property tax payment to Airgas. This is a payment we make for having the tanks on city property at the water plant. Council Member B. Franklin asked about the payment to the state treasurer. City Clerk Hutton explained that this was for fines assessed in municipal court that is then remitted to the state to support the law enforcement center. Council Member B. Franklin asked about the towing

of the solid waste truck and if it would be covered by insurance. Administrator Slaugh stated that this was due to needed repairs that could not be handled in town. The insurance deductible is higher than the cost of the towing. Council Member B. Franklin asked about the payment to Kevin Rush for release of fire funds. Administrator Slaugh stated that whenever there is a fire in the city per ordinance the insurance company pays the city a percentage of the insurance proceeds and the city holds the money until the site is cleaned up. Council Member B. Franklin asked why coffee was purchased from Homeville Vending and Walmart. City Clerk Hutton explained that the coffee machine at city hall was free with the stipulation that the coffee be purchased from Homeville Vending. The warehouse buys coffee from Walmart and distributes it out to all of the other departments within the city. Administrator Slaugh added the appointment of Katrina Springer to fill a vacancy on the Library Board to the consent agenda. Motion made by Council Member Wells to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Council Member B. Franklin. All in favor. Motion carried.

ROUNDTABLE

A. 2015 Budget Review & 2016 Outlook – Administrator Slaugh noted with every department cutting back expenditures the last few months of the year we were able to finish in the black. The carryover amounts in the major funds were reduced in order to reduce the transfers from the electric and water funds.
Scott Shreve, our energy consultant, is looking at a possible energy cost adjustment (ECA) for the water fund. We need to increase revenue to this fund in order to keep the fund in the black and pay the water loan. Council Member B. Franklin asked how much longer the city had to pay on the loan. The loan will be paid off in 2025. Administrator Slaugh stated that he will be proposing a possible increase of the ECA for the electric fund as well in order to bring the reserve up to the desired 25% mark. With a 7% increase the reserve should be brought up within a four year period. The reserves have been depleted with the EPA mandates and the improvements done south of town. Council Member Sigg inquired if the ECA is based on consumption. Administrator Slaugh stated that yes the ECA is based on consumption. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to table the rate increase until the meeting on January 25th to give the council members more time to consider the increase.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Kiwanis/CITF Banners – Mike Ford – Mike Ford presented an idea that the two groups have come up with. A two sided vinyl sign that would feature a picture and information of a local veteran. These banners would hang on the light poles around the square. A family or an individual could sponsor one side of the banner for approximately $150. The banner would hang for a three year period with the banners flying during the month of November. The first $5,000 raised would go to the Veteran's Day Committee to be used for repairs on the Veterans Memorial Wall on the square. Any additional

funds would be used for the Kiwanis and the CITF groups for community projects. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Becker to authorize the groups to move forward with the project. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Cereal Malt Beverage License – Dudley's Done Right BBQ presented an application for CMB for consumption on premises. City Clerk Hutton stated that the fire department had done their inspection of the building and the police department had done the required background check. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to approve the CMB license for Dudley's Done Right BBQ. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Iola PRIDE/CITF – Annual Resolution – Mayor Wicoff read the proclamation and declared the community an official entrant in the PRIDE program for the year 2016. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to approve the resolution and authorize the mayor to sign. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Health Care Foundation Grant Agreement – Assistant Administrator Schinstock noted that with this grant, in the amount of $59,320, which was awarded by the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City, the city can hire an engineering firm to design a pedestrian bridge over Elm Creek on Washington Avenue. Once the design is done the city will seek other grant opportunities to build the bridge. Donna Houser noted that the CITF group looked at having a pedestrian/bicycle bridge put in and the cost was $200,000 to $300,000 so the group stepped back from the project. Motion made by Council Member Wells to approve Resolution 2016-02 which accepts the grant and authorizes the mayor to sign the grant documents. Motion seconded by Council Member Ford. All in favor. Motion carried. Mayor Wicoff wondered about the cost of the design. Assistant Administrator Schinstock noted that estimates were received from Schwab Eaton.

E. Economic Development Contract – Moved to a later meeting.

F. Municipal Code Revision – During 2014 staff conducted a review of the Iola Municipal Code, mostly with the help of the Employee Task Force. During 2015 an additional review was conducted with the city attorney. The revisions have been divided into two parts. Ordinance 3454 is the first of two parts. Motion made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member Wells to approve Ordinance 3454, part 1 of a year-long review and update of the Municipal Code. All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 54 Highway/ Hospital Curve - Discussion – Traffic accidents, according to City of Iola Police, in the vicinity of the old hospital curve over the past 10 years total 21, two of which involved minor injuries, no fatalities. It appears that the cause of the traffic incidents is most frequently inattentive driving. The local KDOT office conducted some research over two days, October 13 and 14, from 7:00 -8:00 a.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m. The number of students crossing in the morning hour was 6-7 and during the after school time was 12-13 KDOT made recommendations for a school speed zone assembly: for the intersection of US 54 and Oak Street. City staff has engaged the AMEC engineering firm to take a look at possible improvements and recommend some options.

Council Member A. Franklin stated with fifth graders now attending Iola Middle School this adds approximately 90-100 extra students. He wondered if we could purchase crosswalk equipment from a city that has updated their equipment. Council Member

Ford wondered if there was funding from the state for the crosswalk project. Administrator Slaugh noted that there is no money currently available. The safe routes to school grant could be used for this if the crosswalk had been included in the grant application. The council would like to see some costs for crosswalks and the necessary signage. Administrator Slaugh noted that removal of the retaining wall at the curve would improve the visibility of the corner. Council members noted that if a cross walk is installed at Oak Street, education would need to be done at the schools prompting them to use that crosswalk. Council Member B. Franklin wondered about the previous discussion of making the road a three lane highway and adding a bike lane. Administrator Slaugh stated that the city would lose KDOT funding for the road if the city were to do that.

B. Westar Wind Energy – Contract – The contract is a twenty year tern not the previous five year term that was reported. Motion made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member Wells to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of trade secrets. Present: Council Members, Mayor and Administrator Slaugh. The meeting to resume at 7:17 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to approve the Power Purchase Agreement with Westar for three megawatts of wind energy purchase for a period of 20 years. All in favor. Motion carried.

FEMA Fire Fighters Grant - Information was provided for the truck that will be replaced if the city is awarded the grant. Council Member Sigg stated that if there are equipment purchases that are not included in the budget it would be best to have the department head present to discuss the old equipment that is being replaced. Council member A. Franklin stated that he appreciated Chief Thyer's time to do the letter that demonstrates the status of the old equipment. With the tight budget we need to make sure the funding is available not just because it is a good buy. Administrator Slaugh noted that the purchase will have to be absorbed out of the existing fire budget.

Council Member Wells asked if the fire/ems budget figures could be provided to the council by the next meeting.

Executive Session: Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to adjourn into executive session to discsuss non-elected personnel. Present: Mayor, Council and Administrator Slaugh. The meeting to resume at 7:43 p.m. At 7:33 p.m. Administrator Slaugh left the executive session.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- He appreciates all of the electricity employees that kept the electric on to heat his house.

B. Council Member Wells–

- He noticed the meter reader out and about on a cold day. He appreciates her service.
- He came back from being out of town for the holidays and a tree on his property had fallen in the street. The city crews were cutting the tree up and removing it from the street. He appreciates their help with the situation.
- Reminded citizens to renew their animal tags.

C. Council Member Ford –

- Glad to have Council Member B. Franklin back.
- Reminded citizens to keep pets warm in these cold conditions.

D. Council Member B. Franklin–

- Glad to be back and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- Absent

F. Council Member Becker –

- Glad to have Council Member B. Franklin back.
- Wish former council member French well.
- Thanked all of the city employees that are working in the weather.
- Thanked all of the military for serving.

G. Council Member Sigg –

- Glad to have Council Member B. Franklin back.
- Reminded the citizens that the council is here for them. If they have an opinion on an issue get with your representative before action is taken.
- Thanked the city crews for working in the cold.

H. Council Member Zornes –

- Thanked the crews for working in the weather.
- Give everyone a smile when you meet them. Make the world a little bit happier.

I. Council Member A. Franklin –

- Does the city have a disaster response plan and how often is it reviewed. Administrator Slaugh noted that we do have one and it is reviewed annually.
- Would like an update from the Van Scoyoc Committee at the next meeting.

J. Administrator Slaugh –

- Gave his six-month notice per his contract with the city. He will be retiring in July.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING
City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, January 25th, 2016

ADJOURNMENT
7:56 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 25th day of January, 2016.

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Mayor, Joel Wicoff

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City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton