

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on June 13, 2016, 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, Zornes, Shaughnessy, Wells, Sigg, B. Franklin and A. Franklin, Ford and Becker were present. Also present were Administrator Slaugh, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, City Clerk Hutton and Attorney Robert Johnson.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dewayne Vance, local resident, made a proposal to the council to allow regular golf carts on city streets. He visited several cities that allowed golf carts on the city streets. None of the cities reported any accidents involving golf carts. He indicated that requiring an orange flag mounted on the cart seemed to be the best way to see the carts in the distance. It was noted that the carts would not be allowed on the streets after dark. Police Chief Warner will work on compiling an ordinance and bring it back to the council for review.

Bessie Wille lives west of town, just east of the Iola Cemetery. She is requesting a yard light be put up near her driveway. People walk in the cemetery and it is very hard to see them after dark. The council asked staff to look into the possibility of erecting the light pole.

Donna Houser stated that the pool has been great this season. She had spoken with several individuals around town and they were in favor of the council receiving pay. Some of them thought that the council already received pay for their service.

Jim Talkington asked if the council would consider reversing their decision on the Tobacco 21 effort. It is unfair to the local retailers. With no other town in the county passing the rule it is only driving the shoppers to other towns for their purchases. The council members stated that they had heard the same feedback and with the other cities in the county not jumping on board it is really not changing the purchase of the product.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

- May 23, 2016

B. Appropriations Approval – 2016-11

C. Personnel Action

- **Thomas Roush – Police Department – Annual**
- **Andy Hill – Fire Department – Annual**
- **Gary Kimball – Fire Department – Annual**
- **Brandon Thomas – Water Production – Twelve Month**
- **Michael Boeken – Street & Alley – Annual**
- **Derrick Carr – Gas, Water, Wastewater – Six Month**
- **Derek Womelsdorf – Gas, Water, Wastewater – Six Month**
- **James Boeken – Sanitation – Termination**
- **Benjamin Biggs – Police Department – Resignation**
- **Michael Aronson – Police Department – Re-Hire**
- **Ronald Ballard – Fire Department – Resignation**

D. Iola Industries Shareholder Proxy

- **Joel Wicoff – Primary Voter**
- **Corey Schinstock – Alternate Voter**

Council Member B. Franklin inquired about the lineman apprentice program and if we obtained a contract from the employee to continue their service for a certain length of time. Administrator Slaugh stated that we did not. This appropriation amount is for several employees within the electric distribution department. Motion made by Council Member Wells to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member B. Franklin. All in favor. Motion carried.

ROUNDTABLE

A. 2017 Budget Discussions – Administrator Slaugh noted that the outlook is difficult. With 2015 being a tight budget year not all of the interfund transfers were made, therefore the cash carryover for 2016 was lower than expected. Revenues fell below budgeted numbers also. The 2017 budget includes a 2% COLA increase in salaries plus the third and final year of the pay compensation study.

Council Member Wells stated with the bleak outlook for the 2017 budget he is in favor of cutting VanScoyoc and putting ½ of that money aside for economic development projects and the other ½ to help balance the budget.

Administrator Slaugh noted that the 2017 budget includes transfers from each department into the Employee Benefit Fund for future retirements.

- **City Clerk Department – Roxanne Hutton** – City Clerk Hutton noted that the budget documents that were given to the council were draft documents only and changes would be made. City Clerk Hutton stated that she has kept the clerk's office budget the same as 2016, other than increases in telephone and insurance expenses. Two computers are budgeted each year making computer replacement every five years.

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- **Police Department – Jared Warner** – Chief Warner stated that he put \$10,000 in capital outlay for a new server and computers. He has budgeted for two vehicles replacing unit #7 a 2003 Ford Explorer and unit #8 a 2013 Ford Explorer. The wear and tear on the vehicles is increasing and has seen some mechanical issues. He would like to add any savings from the 2016 budget to the equipment reserve fund for future vehicle purchases.
- **Street & Alley / Sanitation – Dan Leslie** – Dan stated that in 2017 the south east quadrant of Iola will be chip and sealed along with the cemetery. He informed the group that the screening of chip and seal rock went well.
- **Solid Waste – Dan Leslie** – No changes on the 2017 budget other than the purchase of a new sanitation vehicle. The money has been set aside in equipment reserve over the last few years. Council Member Shaughnessy asked about larger trash receptacles that are picked up by the truck for residents. Dan Leslie stated that the cost of those containers is approximately \$125,000. The city would have to decide if the customer is required to purchase the container. The pickup times would be limited to once per week and only waste that is place in the container would be picked up. Alley pickup would not be feasible for these type of containers, this would result in a lot of wear and tear on the streets.
- **Storm Water – Dan Leslie** – We are currently building this fund for future larger projects.
- **Parks/Cemetery – Berkley Kerr** – Berkley noted that over the last few years parks have been added that are under his department’s responsibility to maintain. With the additional responsibilities no extra funds or man power have been added. He has budgeted in 2016 to replace a mower and in 2017 to replace a tractor.
- **Cemetery Trust Fund – Berkley Kerr** – Berkley noted that his department continues to use these funds to repair and straighten headstones in the Iola Cemetery.
- **Fire / EMS – Ryan Sell** - Have budgeted for an ambulance cot and loading system. Putting money back in equipment reserve for a future purchase of a fire truck. Will request the county to purchase a new ambulance in 2017.
- **Administration & City Council – Carl Slauch** – Administrator Slauch noted that this is where council pay would need to be budgeted if the council wanted to include that. Council Member Ford stated that it is hard to justify council pay with the budget crunch. Council Member A. Franklin stated that it is not the right thing to do right now. Council Member Wells stated that he would rather see some set aside for economic development than a pay for council members.
- **Code Enforcement – Gregg Hutton** – Gregg stated that he left the budget the same other than increase telephone expense, decrease drug testing and increasing vehicle maintenance due to the age of the animal control vehicle.
- **Library – Roger Carswell** – The library is requesting a \$2,000 increase over last years budget.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Convention and Tourism Funds Disbursement – City Clerk Hutton stated that the committee met last Monday and have presented their recommendations to the council for approval. With increased revenue from the tax the committee is able to disperse all funds requested by each group. Council Member A. Franklin asked about the Bowlus request. Susan Raines, Bowlus Director, stated that even with the pledged amount from the county the Bowlus would still be short on revenue. Donna Houser stated that the Bowlus brings in the majority of the convention and tourism taxes. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Ford to approve the committee's recommendation for distribution of funds and approve discontinuance of the sign west of Yates Center. All in favor. Motion carried.

Funds to be distributed as follows:

<u>Veteran's Day Parade/Committee</u>	\$1,500
Funds to be used to offset expenses for the Veteran's Day Parade, Advertising and bands for parade, maintenance of the wall, and liability insurance.	
<u>Bowlus Buster Keaton Celebration</u>	\$1,500
Travel and Lodging for visiting speakers and advertising	
<u>Farm City Days</u>	\$1,100
Free music entertainment to the public, free movie night and assist with reimbursement of utility work done on the square.	
<u>Chamber of Commerce</u>	\$30,000
To maintain an office of focal and central information for convention and tourism with special projects.	
<u>Bowlus Fine Arts Center</u>	\$20,000
To help defray operations costs for the Bowlus Center.	
<u>Pickle ball Group</u>	\$500
Slats for the fence to block wind and beautify the court	
<u>Allen County Fair</u>	\$2,000
Advertising in surrounding counties.	
<u>Southwind Rail Trail</u>	\$500
Maintenance of the trail. Signage and promotional material.	
<u>CITF/PRIDE</u>	\$5,000
Enhancements in the Elm Creek Park Area. Including adding to the disc	

Golf course, lighting, adding a fishing dock, landscaping etc.

Rotary Day in the Park – Rotary **\$1,000**
Prize money for BBQ Contestant.

Mad Bomber Run **\$1,000**
Promote the event with brochures, flyers, banners and radio ads.

Family Reading Festival **\$1,000**
To assist with the cost of advertising, author stipend and general Program costs.

Molley Trolley **\$2,500**
To help pay for a new trolley and maintain the current one.

Mayor Wicoff declared a five-minute break.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Non-Elected Personnel – Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of non-elected personnel. The meeting will reconvene at 7:35 p.m. Attending the executive session will be Mayor, Council, Human Resource Manager, Carla Brown, and Administrator Slaugh.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION - Non-Elected Personnel – Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of non-elected personnel. The meeting will reconvene at 8:00 p.m. Attending the executive session will be Mayor, Council, and Human Resource Manager, Carla Brown.

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to offer the municipal judge position to Wade Bowie. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- Attended the Mayoral Conference for After School Programs in Kansas City last Saturday. Iola was well represented. Several programs were interested in how Iola's program is run.
- Everyone needs to check out the MARV meal and reading bus.

B. Council Member Wells–

- Pool great this year. Thanks to the Recreation Department for doing a great job.
- The first Jazz Festival at the Elks Lake this weekend was a success. He thanked all of the volunteers.

C. Council Member Ford –

- Reminded residents not to blow their grass into the streets. This is hard on the storm water system throughout the city.
- Reminded everyone that this Saturday is HOFNOD.

D. Council Member B. Franklin–

- Congratulated Mayor Wicoff's daughter on her accomplishments.

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- Noted that his grandchildren are attending the Safe base event in South Dakota this week.
- He has been working on the Funston Home renovations.

F. Council Member Becker –

- None

G. Council Member Sigg –

- Thoughts and prayers to Tim Thyer.

H. Council Member Zornes –

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I. Council Member A. Franklin –

- He stated that he felt he should have abstained from the Convention and Tourism vote earlier in the meeting. Since he does not benefit personally he was not wrong in voting for the item.

J. Administrator Slaugh –

- Informed the group that the retirement party for Judge Saxton would be held on Wednesday, June 29th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the county.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

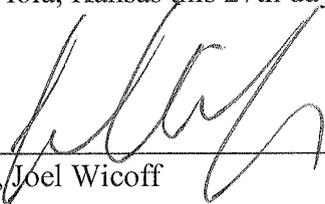
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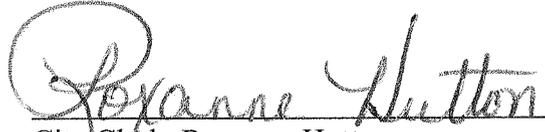
8:22 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member Wells to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 27th day of June, 2016.





Mayor, Joel Wicoff



City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton