

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on July 11, 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, Wells, Sigg, B. Franklin and A. Franklin, Ford and Becker 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 Becker to approve the agenda adding an executive session for non-elected personnel. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Boan told the council that she appreciated the city employees working so hard in the heat, keeping her electric on, the streets maintained and clean as well as keeping the budget in line.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

- June 27, 2016

B. Appropriations Approval – 2016-13

C. Personnel Action

- **David Shelby – Police Department – Annual**
- **Brandon Andres – Police Department – Annual**
- **Check Heffern – Electric Generation – Annual**
- **Kevin Appling – Electric Generation – Annual**
- **James DePriest – Water Production – Six Month**
- **Andrew Hill – Fire Department – Promotion**
- **Corey Isbell – Fire Department – Title Change Only**

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 Presentation – The proposed 2017 budget was presented to the council with very little change from the 2016 budget. Implementation of the 3rd year of the pay compensation plan is a large part of the increase. Originally a 2.0% COLA was

included, but that was scaled back to a 1.0% due to lack of revenue to support it. All of the funds are balanced. Council Members discussed the budget. The council members discussed the overtime policy and whether or not it really saved much money. They would like to see some figures and make a determination at a later date.

Council Member Wells would like to see the second patrol car removed from the budget and start putting a smaller amount into equipment reserve each year to purchase a second patrol car in three to four years.

Council Member B. Franklin stated that our work force needs to be reduced. She noted that a lot of salaries around Iola are lower than the city's.

Administrator Slaugh stated that the long term trend of the city has been to cut through attrition. Staff has been reduced over time, from 104 after Allen County took over dispatch in 2010 to 99 in 2012. The number increased to 107 after the EMS merger.

Council Member Sigg stated that staff needs to do a better job managing the over time in the Fire/Ems department.

Council Member A. Franklin stated that the employees should be glad to have a job and be willing to adjust to the overtime rules. The council's obligation is to the citizens and taking care of the tax dollars they are entrusted with.

Administrator Slaugh stated that it is a challenge to keep the overtime down in the Fire/Ems department because it is hard to recruit paramedics. This is a problem all over the country.

Council Member Wells stated that he would rather we raise trash rates \$2.00 and cut the mill increase.

Mayor Wicoff wondered if the 2nd police vehicle could be put off.

Council Member B. Franklin asked about once per week trash pick-up. Staff stated that would not save money because pick-up would still have to be done five days per week. Administrator Slaugh noted it is also difficult to take away services residents are used to.

Council Member Becker asked if we could review the EMS contract and see if we have a clause to discuss an increase in funding from the county due to increased costs.

Mayor Wicoff stated if the Fire/Ems are holding at their budget levels how can we hold them accountable for expenses. Administrator Slaugh stated that in his calculation it is cheaper to have eight on each shift and pay overtime as necessary than have nine on each shift.

Council Member Sigg stated as long as we increase the budget for the fund they will continue to spend the dollars.

Council Member A. Franklin stated that moving chip and seal to a five year rotation and decreasing the amount set aside for condemnation of houses would lower the mill levy also. The council members felt like more data needed to be obtained before changing the overtime pay policy.

Administrator Slaugh noted that the mill levy rate for the city is about the middle of the road for cities our size. The study that was mentioned at a previous council meeting stating Iola had the highest mill levy was not done using accurate data. Cities larger than Iola have lower mill levy rates because they have a larger sales tax base.

B. Golf Carts/City Street – Jared Warner – The city currently allows operation of Micro Utility Trucks, Low Speed Vehicles (LSV) and Work-Site Utility Vehicles/Side by Side vehicles. Currently there are a total of 11 of those vehicles that are registered with the city. There have been no issues with these vehicles on the streets. In order to allow golf cart operation the city would have to change the speed limit on North Cottonwood and Miller Road from 35 mph to 30 mph. State law only permits golf carts to operate on roads with a maximum speed limit of 30 mph. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to approve incorporation to allow operation of golf carts on city streets with adoption of the Standard Traffic Ordinance later this year. To also include lowering the speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph on North Cottonwood and Miller Road. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Driveway Vacation Request – The planning commission approved a request at the June 15, 2016 meeting to vacate the U-Shaped driveway that surrounds Lot 25 of Richard's Place Addition, 115 S First, part of the redevelopment of the old hospital site. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Sigg to approve Ordinance 3463 vacating the U-shaped driveway at 115 S First, part of Richard's Place Addition. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Smoke Free Parks - Policy – The city council approved the concept of having designated smoking areas at Riverside Park in order to limit the exposure of those utilizing the park to second-hand smoke and other smokeless tobacco products. Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Wells to adopt a policy for use of tobacco products only in designated areas of Riverside Park. All in favor. Motion carried. It was noted that Thrive will be paying for the signs.

C. Seal Coat Project 2016- Bid Acceptance – Staff sent a request for proposals to seal coat municipal parking lots. Only one bid was received for the project from

Musselman & Hall Contractors of Kansas City, Missouri. The school district was asked if they would like to have their parking lots included in the bidding process in order to make it a better offer from the bidding companies. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to approve the bid from Musselman & Hall Contractor in the amount of \$33,359.40 for city facilities and \$17,643.80 pending other entities approval of the add alternates to the project, and authorize city staff to execute contract documents for the project. All in favor. Motion carried. Assistant Administrator Schinstock noted that after visiting with the school the city will stripe the parking lot if the school will buy the paint and determine the layout they would like.

Council Member B. Franklin asked when Kentucky would be restriped. Administrator Slauch noted that is usually done at the end of summer before the start of school.

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 6:47 p.m. Attending the executive session will be Mayor, Council, and Human Resource Director, Carla Brown.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- None

B. Council Member Wells–

- Electric Department did a great job Friday night.
- Thanks to everyone that donated to the Elks fireworks display.

C. Council Member Ford –

- Thanked all of the city crews that helped with the Melvin Run.

D. Council Member B. Franklin–

- None

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- Absent

F. Council Member Becker –

- Encouraged everyone to acknowledge a veteran for their service. Give respect and gratitude to the police officers.

G. Council Member Sigg –

- Our employees are our most valuable tool. We need to continue to take care of them.

H. Council Member Zornes –

- None

I. Council Member A. Franklin –

- Asked staff to check into bat houses.

J. Administrator Slaugh –

- Reminded everyone that the next meeting will be held at the John Silas Bass North Community Building due to the Allen County Fair.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 25th, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

7:51 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 25th day of July, 2016.



Mayor, Joel Wicoff

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton