

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on July 25, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., at the Dr. John Silas Bass Community Building, 505 N. Buckeye Street, Iola, Kansas.

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Wicoff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Sigg to approve the agenda adding appointment and contract under #8G and non-elected personnel under Executive Session. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None heard.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **A. Minutes Approval**

- July 11, 2016
- July 14, 2016

#### **B. Appropriations Approval – 2016-14**

#### **C. Personnel Action**

- **Danny Rodriquez – Police Department – Annual**
- **Jason Franklin – Gas, Water & Wastewater – Annual**
- **Jason Ellis – Street & Alley – Promotion**
- **Darrell Baughn – Electric Distribution – Retirement**
- **Douglas Clark – Parks & Cemetery – Annual**
- **Kenneth Powell – Fire Department – Annual**
- **Ryan Latta – Recreation – Annual**

#### **D. Board Appointments**

- **Eddie Johnson – Planning Commission – Appointment**
- **Jaelyn Valentine – Library Board – Resignation**
- **Sharyl Zajic – Library Board - Appointment**

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

## NEW BUSINESS

**A. 2017 Budget Presentation – Set Budget Hearing** – The budget was presented to the council for review and setting of a hearing. Administrator Slauch stated that the mill levy had been decreased by two mills from the previous proposed budget. The proposed budget includes a solid waste increase of \$2.00 per customer per month. The library budget qualifies for state aid and falls within the mill levy allowance in the ordinance.

Council Member A. Franklin asked about putting the credit card charge back on the customer to decrease expenditures. City Clerk Hutton will look into getting this done. It will take some time to switch over. The current system does not allow for charges on the customer that calls in and pays by credit card. The system does not allow for charges on customers who use the auto draft option.

Council Member Wells wondered about a one mill increase and a larger transfer from the utility funds to cover the other mill.

Council Member Sigg had some concerns about increasing the mill levy and raising the solid waste cost.

Council Member Shaughnessy would like to see the shortfall made up from all of the users of utilities versus only the taxpayers of the city.

Council Member A. Franklin stated he would like to see a no mill increase and gain efficiencies in operations instead.

Council Member Becker stated that a \$2.00 increase in solid waste is still a good value for the cost.

Council Member Ford noted that the budget numbers do look larger than usual because of the new line items in each department that transfer money to the retirement line item within the employee benefit fund for potential retirements.

Council Member Shaughnessy stated that everyone needs to do more with less. With the population decreasing spending must also.

Mayor Wicoff stated that this is less than ½% increase in the budget. The city is running on a \$30 million budget. We need to do what is best to protect and maintain the infrastructure we have.

Motion made by Council Member Sigg to approve the budget as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Wells. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members: Ford, Sigg, Wells, Becker and B. Franklin. Voting against the motion were Council Members Shaughnessy and A. Franklin. Motion carried by majority vote.

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to set a hearing for the proposed budget for August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

**B. Solid Waste Rates - Ordinance** – The 2017 budget is prepared using a transfer from Solid Waste Fund to General in the amount of \$105,000 which is an increase from the 2016 budget in the amount of \$69,000. This transfer is made possible by an increase in the solid waste charges of \$2.00 per customer. This increase will go into effect on January 1,

2017. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to approve general ordinance 3464 setting the residential solid waste collection at \$10.50 per month effective with billing after January 1, 2017. All in favor. Motion carried.

**C. Home Demolition – Bid Award** – The council approved Resolution No. 2015-21 on October 26, 2015 ordering the property to be demolished and the premises be made safe and secure no later than February 25, 2016. Nothing was done on the property. Staff solicited bids for demolition and clearance of the property. One bid was received from L.B. Dirtworks in the amount of \$4,100. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Sigg to approve the bid for demolition of the house located at 706 N Washington. All in favor. Motion carried.

**D. Annual Tree Trimming – Bid Award** – An invitation to bid was sent out to four professional tree trimming companies for the annual tree trimming project for the electric transmission line clearance. Three bids received in the amounts stated, Poor Boy Tree Service \$82.10 per hour, Asplundh Tree Experts \$87.03 per hour, Davey Tree Service \$255.00 per hour. Motion made by Council Member Wells to approve the bid for the 2016 annual tree trimming project to Poor Boy Tree Service, Inc. of Fair Play, Missouri for the amount of \$82.10 per hour up to the budgeted \$55,000. Motion seconded by Council Member Becker. All in favor. Motion carried.

**E. City of Gas Water Purchasing Agreement** – The City of Iola and the City of Gas entered into an agreement on December 11, 2001 for a thirty-year term to supply water. The agreement contained a provision that the rates would not be raised more than six times in any one term (30 years).

The City of Iola has raised rates more than six times to cover the cost of operation caused by increases in chemical prices, system upgrades and the cost of construction for the water plant in 2005.

The City of Gas has refused to pay the higher rates.

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Sigg to approve a modified water purchase agreement for the City of Gas. All in favor. Motion carried.

**F. CDBG Agreement – SEKRPC** – Staff solicited proposals for assistance with the preparation of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application in the sewer category and selected Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission (SEKRPC), Chanute, to perform the work. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Sigg to approve the agreement with SEKRPC for administration consulting services for a 2017 Kansas Small Cities Community Block Grant for sewer improvements and authorize the mayor to sign the document. All in favor. Motion carried.

**G. Appointment and Contract** – Human Resource Director, Carla Brown, handed out the contract for the administrator position. The contract has been approved by Attorney Johnson. Mayor Wicoff appointed Sid Fleming as City Administrator. Motion made by

Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Sigg to accept the Mayors appointment of Sid Fleming as City Administrator and authorize the mayor to sign the contract. All in favor. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Non-Elected Personnel** – Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of Non-Elected Personnel. The meeting will reconvene at 7:40 p.m. Attending the executive session will be Mayor, Council, Administrator Slaugh, Fire Chief Thyer and Human Resource Director, Carla Brown.

7:35 p.m. Chief Thyer left the executive session.

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Sigg to accept the resignation of Danielle McNaught. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Wicoff appointed Patti Boyd as Municipal Court Judge. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to approve the appointment of Patti Boyd as Municipal Court Judge. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

### **A. Mayor Wicoff –**

- None

### **B. Council Member Wells–**

- None

### **C. Council Member Ford –**

- Thanks to all of the employees working out in the heat. Kuddos to all of the employees. They all do a great job.

### **D. Council Member B. Franklin–**

- None

### **E. Council Member Shaughnessy –**

- A tenant of his received a letter because of a chair on her porch. Staff will check into this matter.

### **F. Council Member Becker –**

- Thank you to all city employees.

**G. Council Member Sigg –**

- None

**H. Council Member Zornes –**

- Absent

**I. Council Member A. Franklin –**

- None

**J. Administrator Slaugh –**

- Has been contacted by an individual about painting blue lines on curbs around town in support of police officers. Staff had some concerns because blue lines are painted on curbs to indicate the location of water meters. Will give individuals the ok to paint the lines as long as they line up with the water meters or are distinguished by two black lines on the outside of the blue line. Council Member Wells stated that individuals can also show their support by placing a blue light bulb in their outside light.

**DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

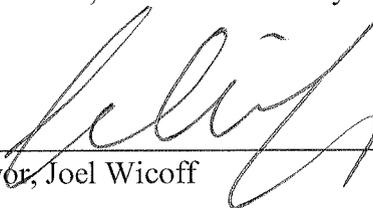
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**ADJOURNMENT**

**7:53 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.



  
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Mayor, Joel Wicoff

  
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City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton