

CITY OF IOLA

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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on August 22, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., at the 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, Shaughnessy, Wells, B. Franklin, Zornes, Ford, Sigg, A. Franklin and Becker were present. Also present were Administrator Fleming, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donna Houser thanked everyone that participated in the football stadium open house.

Mary Ann Nord stated that she lives in Meadowbrook Addition and she does not want to see the city do the land swap of the park. She stated that the younger kids use that for a practice field.

Wes Orzechowski stated that the land swap does not seem like an equal swap. The city will lose the property tax receipts on the land by the disc golf course. The church knew it was landlocked when they bought the property.

Vickie Fowler stated that her back yard adjoins Meadowbrook Park. It is beautiful and quiet. If the church obtains that property they might put an alleyway in which would make it not as safe and quiet.

Deb Greenwall stated that we enjoy the park and we want to keep it as a park in our neighborhood.

Jeanne Creitz stated that the park is an asset to the neighborhood. The city crews take great care of the park.

Donna Houser stated that the city did not build the Disc Golf Course the CITF/PRIDE group did. The disc golf course is very well used.

Randy Johnson, Pastor at First Baptist Church, stated that the church is looking for options to expand. If this is not a good option for the city it is not a good option for the church.

Wes Orzechowski asked what happens the next time the church needs to expand. Has this set a precedent?

Mayor Wicoff asked Administrator Fleming for an update on the project. Administrator Fleming stated that he contacted the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks today and they will be in Iola on Thursday, September 1st for a site visit.

Council Member Ford congratulated the church on growing the youth. That is a great problem to have.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

- August 8, 2016

B. Appropriations Approval – 2016-16

C. Personnel Action

- **Ron Knavel – Gas, Water & Sewer – Annual**
- **Joe Bonczkowski – Gas, Water & Sewer – Annual**
- **Danny McKarnin – Electric Generation – Annual**
- **Andy Chester – Electric Distribution – Twelve Month**
- **David Harrison – Sanitation – Annual**
- **Eric Sanders – Fire Department – Annual**
- **Michael Burnett – Fire Department – Title Change Interim EMS Director**

D. Board Appointments

- **Darrel Chester – New Appointment – Board of Zoning Appeals**

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Report Items

- **Presentation & Approval 2015 Audit – Phil Jarred** – Phil Jarred presented the audit report for the year ending 2015. He noted that the general fund balance is lower than recommended. Typically, the fund balance should maintain enough cash on-hand to cover 60-90 days of operational expenses. He noted that in the sales tax fund more was remitted than received. Council Member B. Franklin asked if the sales tax was paid on money received. City Clerk Hutton stated that the sales tax for the City Of Iola is paid on billable amounts not receivables. Motion made by Council Member B. Franklin and seconded by Council Member Wells to approve the audit report for the year ending 2015. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **2016 Audit Proposal – Contract** – Jared, Gilmore & Phillips presented a contract for the 2016 audit. There is a \$300 increase over the price for the 2015

audit. Motion made by Council Member B. Franklin and seconded by Council Member Wells to approve the contract for Jared, Gilmore & Phillips to perform the audit for the year ended 2016 in the amount of \$9,100 plus an additional \$1,900 for a single audit if required. All in favor. Motion carried.

- **GAAP Waiver Approval** – The annual GAAP Waiver resolution was presented to the council for approval. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to approve the GAAP Waiver for the year 2016. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Blue Cross & Blue Shield Insurance – Annual Renewal – City Clerk Hutton informed the council members that the premium increased by 2.99%. Currently the city pays 100% of the employee's premium at an amount of \$418.18 and for family premium the employee contributes \$250.00 and the city contributes \$942.79. The fund is healthy at the current time with a balance of \$561,347. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to renew the medical policy for the City with Blue Cross and Blue Shield for the period of November 1, 2016 to October 31, 2017 with the city contributing the same amount as the current year. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Fire Department MDA Boot Block– The annual event to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association will be held on Saturday, September 3rd from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Motion made by Council Member Ford to approve the Iola Fire Department to hold a boot block fundraising event for MDA on September 3rd from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the intersection of Washington and Madison. Motion seconded by Council Member Wells. All in favor. Motion carried. It was suggested that next time this be placed on the consent agenda instead of a separate agenda item.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CDBG Sanitary Sewer Improvements - Contract – The next step in the application process for a CDBG grant is to have an engineer to compile necessary data on proposed improvements. Administrator Fleming stated that this process will help city staff know where to target the areas of need are in order to target for LMI surveys. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to authorize city staff to sign the scope of work with Ponzer-Youngquist to assist in gathering necessary information for the CDBG grant process not to exceed \$2,500. All in favor. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Non-Elected Personnel – Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Becker to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of Non-Elected Personnel. The meeting will reconvene at 7:10 p.m. Attending the executive session will be Mayor, Council, Administrator Fleming, and Human Resource Director Carla Brown.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- None

B. Council Member Wells–

- Welcomed Administrator Fleming.
- Thanked the CITF/PRIDE committee for the Support the Blue Concert in the Park Event last Saturday. It was a great event.

C. Council Member Ford –

- Welcomed Administrator Fleming.
- Thanked everyone for their support for the Support the Blue Concert in the Park Event. It was a great turnout.
- Thanked Donna Houser for all of her work on the stadium remodel project.

D. Council Member B. Franklin–

- None

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- Welcomed Administrator Fleming.
- Thanked Donna Houser for all of her work on the stadium remodel project.

F. Council Member Becker –

- Welcomed Administrator Fleming.

G. Council Member Sigg –

- None

H. Council Member Zornes –

- Welcomed Administrator Fleming.

I. Council Member A. Franklin –

- Welcomed Administrator Fleming.
- Asked about the resolution for the beer garden for Farm City Days. City Clerk Hutton stated that council approved it last meeting she will get the resolution ready.

J. Administrator Fleming –

- Thanked the mayor and the council for the opportunity to work here.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 12, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

7:13 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member Zornes to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 12th day of September, 2016.



Mayor, Joel Wicoff

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton