

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on September 12, 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 Fleming, 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 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

- August 22, 2016

B. Appropriations Approval – 2016-14

C. Personnel Action

- Kendall West, Sanitation – Annual
- Jeremy Troester – Police – Annual
- Scott Stewart – Municipal Court – Resignation
- Tammy Womelsdorf – Clerk – Annual
- Deborah Sager – Municipal Court – Promotion

D. LKM Voting Delegate – Annual Conference

- City Administrator Sid Fleming

E. Farm City Days Event – Requests

- Requests for city staff to provide support for the annual event.

F. Allen County Historical Society - Request

- Approval of an air soft pistol shooting gallery fundraising event at the Frederick Funston home within the fenced area on Saturday October 8th.

G. KU Alternative Breaks Request

- Approval of Alternative Breaks group from the University of Kansas to use the recreation building during their stay in Iola from October 8th thru October 11th.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Meadowbrook Park – Land Swap – Administrator Fleming stated that the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism outlined the requirements for the conversion. The next step would be to get appraisals of both of the properties to see if they are comparable in value. The city would have to submit plans for the new park area and the plans would have to be carried out within three years or an explanation why it will not be completed within the three years. The entire disc golf course would be encumbered under the 6(f) (3) boundary. A letter from Terry Sparks representing the church and a plan for the site was distributed to the council.

Council Member Wells wondered if the land across the street from the church could be used as a parking lot and the church could expand their building out into the current parking lot.

Council Member B. Franklin stated that if the city wanted to expand the disc golf course we could buy the adjacent land ourselves without losing Meadowbrook Park.

Council Member Ford stated that the church will not be taking away from the park they are enhancing the area. The public would still have access and be able to use the park area.

Wes Orzechowski, local resident, said that the church states that they will be making enhancements but they had playground equipment on their property in the past and they removed it.

Donna Lower-Nord, resident, stated that the church plans to put in a parking lot that does not make it as attractive as a park. She stated the qualifications for the land swap and noted that the proposed property does not measure up to the current park.

Council Member Wells wondered if the council shouldn't table the issue until a member from the church hears the proposal of the land across the street.

Deb Greenwall, resident, stated that the fair market value of the two properties is not the same. There is limited accessibility and space at the proposed site. The proposed site would need to be upgraded and seeded. Meadowbrook Park is a multi-use park where the proposed site would only have one use. She stated the location would not be as centrally located as the current Meadowbrook Park is.

Council Member B. Franklin stated that she spoke with a local appraiser and he stated that there is no comparable property to appraise the park against.

Wes Orzechowski, local resident, asked who would be paying for the appraisal. It shouldn't be the city they are not the ones that are requesting the swap.

Council Member Becker stated that he is not against the church expansion. He is against the land swap.

Mayor Wicoff stated that the land swap is what is on the table if the council wants to move forward we need to follow the next step. If not then we need to move onto other ideas.

Motion made by Council Member Becker to decline the land swap. Motion seconded by Council Member B. Franklin. Voting in favor of the motion was: Council Members

Becker, B. Franklin, Wells, Sigg and A. Franklin. Voting against the motion was Council Member Ford. Motion carried by a majority vote. Council Member Zornes did not vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A. New Police Car Purchase – Jared Warner – The department solicited bids for a Ford SUV Police Interceptor. Four bids were received. The lowest bid was from Beckman Motors in Garnett, Kansas for \$25,552.72. The local dealer Twin Motors Ford had the highest bid, which was \$1,613.28 over the lowest bid. Motion made by Council Member B. Franklin and seconded by Council Member Becker to purchase the Ford SUV Police Interceptor from Twin Motors Ford at a price of \$27,166. Council Member Wells stated that we shouldn't always buy from them because they are local when they are always over the lowest bid. Council Member A. Franklin agrees stating that we need to set a % over and above that we are willing to go and abide by the policy. Council Member Sigg noted that we are trying to watch the budget right now and an additional 5-6% on this vehicle is a lot of money. Chief Warner stated that the vehicle will require an additional \$6,800 to outfit it. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members: B. Franklin, Becker, A. Franklin and Sigg. Voting against the motion were Council Members: Ford, Zornes and Wells. Motion carried. There was some question since the purchasing policy is an ordinance was this vote binding. Following research done the next day by City Clerk Hutton with the League of Kansas Municipalities it was determined that since the purchasing policy does not specifically state that the lowest bid must be awarded the vote is binding.

B. Safe Routes Grant – KDOT Agreement – Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to approve the contract with KDOT for the construction phase of Safe Routes grant award and authorize the mayor to sign the contract documents. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- None

B. Council Member Wells–

- Commented on the Farm City Days hay bale décor that is around the city and how great it all looks.

C. Council Member Ford –

- Noted that Pedal Fest attendance was down due to the weather however, it was a great event. Thanked all of the city crews that helped to make it happen.

D. Council Member B. Franklin--

- Pedal Fest was a great event.

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- Absent

F. Council Member Becker –

- None

G. Council Member Sigg –

- Received no calls this year due to the noise of Pedal Fest.
- Council needs to review the % of overage we are willing to accept on the lowest bid for a local merchant.
- Can the city look into alternate mosquito spray or alternative methods? The current spray doesn't seem to be working.

H. Council Member Zornes –

- The Pedal Fest was a great event. Thanked everyone for their work to make it happen.
- Looking forward to Farm City Days.

I. Council Member A. Franklin –

- Noted the hard work that the Farm City Days Committee has done on the decorations around town.
- Pedal Fest was a great event.
- Noted that as a Farm City Days Committee Chair he is requiring a lot of department heads time for the event. Wondered if the time and materials could be tracked and possibly the organization could help to offset these costs. Administrator Fleming stated that he has visited with department heads and the city is currently tracking the time and material to see what the city is giving away to the various organizations.

J. Administrator Fleming –

- Asked if anyone had interest in attending the annual League Conference in October.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 26th, 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 26th day of
September, 2016.



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Mayor, Joel Wicoff

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City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton