

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on January 23, 2017, 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, Wells, B. Franklin, Ford, Sigg, Zornes, A. Franklin, and Becker were present. Also present were Administrator Fleming, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Council Member Shaughnessy was absent.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Walden stated that he is requesting the council change their meeting times because there are only five taxing entities within the county that affect the citizens of Iola. They include the city, county, school, college, and the hospital. The city should not make meeting decisions based on social and athletic events. The school and the city budgets are important to the city of Iola and citizens should not have to choose which meeting to attend.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

- January 9, 2017

B. Appropriations Approval – 2017-02

C. Personnel Action

- **Dennis Walden – Street and Alley / Sanitation – Merit**
- **Jason Ellis – Street and Alley / Sanitation – Merit**
- **Dalton Houk – Police Department – 12 Month**
- **Jeremy Ellington – Fire Department – Merit**
- **Caitlyn Callaway – Fire Department – 12 Month**
- **Tyler Wooten – Fire Department – 6 Month**
- **Michael Burnett – Fire Department – Promotion**
- **Chris Bailey – Fire Department – New Hire**
- **Jason McManus – Fire Department – New Hire**
- **Bryan Braden – Fire Department – New Hire**
- **Adam Ferguson – Fire Department – New Hire**
- **Levi Ballou – Fire Department – New Hire**

Council Member B. Franklin asked if the Sanitation truck repairs were able to be done in Iola. Administrator Fleming stated that the repairs could not be done locally. Council

Member A. Franklin asked why there were five new hires in the Fire Department. Administrator Fleming noted that two employees were planning to retire within the next six months. With eligible candidates available, the departments choose to go ahead and hire. This will give 28 total employees in the department or 9 per shift.

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.

ROUNDTABLE

A. Seizure & Forfeiture Report – Jared Warner – Chief Warner gave the report to the council members of the forfeitures and the expenses that had occurred within the department during the calendar year 2016. This report is being done in pursuant to KSA 60-4117 (d) (2).

NEW BUSINESS

A. Humanity House Request – Tracy Keagle – Tracy Keagle of Humanity House is requesting the use of either the North Community Building or the Recreation Building on March 25th and 26th to hold a fund-raising event for utility bill funds. The event will be a craft fair. The amount paid to Humanity House by the crafters for booth rent will be the revenue for the fundraiser. The money the crafters make for sale of goods will be the crafters profits. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to waive the rental fee for whichever building the group would like for the event on March 25th and 26th. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Electric ECA Base Rate Modification – At the last meeting of the city council staff was directed to draft an ordinance to modify the base rate for the Electric Energy Cost Adjustment. The ordinance was presented to the council for approval. Motion made by Council Member Wells to approve Ordinance 3470 and authorize the mayor to sign it. Motion seconded by Council Member Zornes. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. City Council Meeting Day and Time – Staff has looked at potential changes to the meeting day or time. Staff has visited with the school district they cannot currently change their times or days. Currently the timing of their meetings works best for their schedules. Terry Kretzmeir is not interested in moving the days or buildings for the 4H meetings. The Trinity Church is a possibility. There may not be enough parking availability and sound proofing may have to be done for executive sessions. There are options at the college with some concerns about parking and accessibility. The Bowlus Creitz Recital Hall is an option however the accessibility issue may cause some concerns. The audio/visual equipment would have to be moved and there are concerns about protecting it in a non-city building.

The city council could always hold collaborative meetings with other taxing entities to allow citizens to observe both at work. Council Member Becker stated he did not think the city should move locations. Let the school board change. Council Member Sigg stated that the city could move 4-H. Council Member Ford stated that the kids and parents of 4-H might have some conflicts if we force them to change days. Larry Walden stated that the city caused the conflict, so they should be the one to fix it. He stated the city should bounce the 4-H out of the city's building. Council Member Wells stated that this is not the city's building this is the peoples' building, and we shouldn't take it upon ourselves to tell the groups they have to move. The council meetings are accessible on YouTube and television if someone wants to attend the school board they can watch the council meeting on those outlets. Council Member Ford stated that the meetings were being televised to be open to the public. She stated she is not interested in moving the meetings or buildings. Council Member Ford stated that Mr. Walden is the only resident that has said something about moving meetings. Council Member Ford made a motion to leave the meetings on the day and time they are currently on. Motion seconded by Council Member B. Franklin. Council Member A. Franklin stated that he knew the meeting times and days when he signed up to be a candidate. He is willing to be flexible and continue with the group. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Memo of Understanding/ Office of State Fire Marshall – Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to approve Resolution 2017-02 and authorize the Mayor to sign it and authorize staff to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- None

B. Council Member Wells–

- None

C. Council Member Ford –

- Glad the ice storm passed us by. Was in church when the power went off. Glad to have the city crews available and willing to help when necessary.

D. Council Member B. Franklin–

- Inquired about the county EMS Contract. Administrator Fleming stated that the county commissioners had approved an ambulance purchase and a meeting has been set up for the first week of February to discuss EMS.

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- Absent

F. Council Member Becker –

- None

G. Council Member Sigg –

- Would like a briefing of the Economic Development Committee at the next meeting.

H. Council Member Zornes –

- None

I. Council Member A. Franklin –

- Would like to see the property tax and sales tax receipts over the last five years.
- Inquired about the large billboard being erected east of town. Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that the property is in the county the city has no authority over it.
- Would like to see a joint meeting with the school and the county a couple of times per year to have proactive discussions.

J. Administrator Fleming--

- Has a copy of the audit and annual report for the Bowlus if anyone is interested.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, February 13th, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

6:40 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 13th day of February, 2017.





Mayor Wicoff



City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton