

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on February 27, 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, Zornes, A. Franklin, and Becker were present. Also present were Administrator Fleming, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Absent were Council Members Sigg and Shaughnessy.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

- February 13, 2017

B. Appropriations Approval – 2017-04

C. Personnel Action

- Charlotte Sexton – Clerk's Office - Merit

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.

ROUNDTABLE

A. AAA Award – The Iola Police Department was presented the AAA Platinum award for their work in traffic safety issues. The award is based on the following programs within the city radio advertising, the SAFE program at the high school, the bicycle lanes, and walking trails along with many others. The platinum award was awarded to 14 cities out of 300 applicants.

B. Strategic Planning Discussions – Administrator Fleming stated that a strategic planning session would give the city a framework and guide for projects the city would like to accomplish. This would give the city a plan moving forward. Administrator Fleming has visited with Carla Nemecek about leading the strategic planning session. Carla has April 1st and 15th available. The session would be held at a location other than a city building. Council Member Ford stated that Saturday's are not good for her, and she would rather see

it be held on two consecutive evenings. Council Member B. Franklin stated that a Monday evening would be good since that is the normal meeting day of the council. Administrator Fleming will get some dates together and let the council know.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Iola Elks Fireworks Display – Russell Beth, representing Iola Elk’s was present to ask for city sponsorship of the event which will allow them to buy more fireworks without the added cost of sales tax. He is also requesting permission to have a storage location for the fireworks to keep them from getting wet in case of rain. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to approve the city sponsorship of the annual fireworks display, authorizing staff to sign the appropriate documents, and for the storage with the approval of the Fire Chief. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Elm Creek Community Garden – Val McLean, representing the Elm Creek Community Garden, was present to ask for the council to provide free water for the garden for the third year in a row. Council member Wells asked if the cost is a lot of meter charges. Mr. McLean stated that there are a lot of meters on the property in order to provide water to the different garden spots. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Ford to approve the water credit to the garden not to exceed \$1,500 for the 2017 garden season. All in favor. Motion carried. Council Member A. Franklin inquired if this funding would be coming from the council’s discretionary line item and if there were funds available within that line item. City Clerk Hutton stated that there are funds available for this expenditure.

C. Annual Mowing Bid – Gregg Hutton – Bids were solicited through the Iola Register, Facebook, the city website, and channel 6. Two bids were received. One from D&R Lawn Care, LLC in the amount of \$36.00 per hour, and one from All In One Pest Home & Lawn in the amount of \$48.00 per hour. The bid was presented with a three-year option if the price of fuel increases greatly the contract price can be negotiated. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Ford to approve D&R Lawn Care in the amount of \$36.00 per hour for nuisance mowing and green space mowing for the 2017 season. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Dangerous/Unsafe Structures – 310 N 4th Street – Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Hutton presented the council information on the property at 310 N Fourth. Staff is requesting a hearing be held on April 10, 2017 to proceed with demolition. Motion made by Council Member B. Franklin and seconded by Council Member Wells to approve Resolution 2017-04 to hold a hearing on April 10, 2017 for the property at 310 N Fourth. All in favor. Motion carried.

E. Dangerous/Unsafe Structures – 26 N Third Street – Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Hutton presented the council information on the property at 26 N Third. Staff is requesting a hearing be held on April 10, 2017 to proceed with demolition. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to approve Resolution 2017-04 to hold a hearing on April 10, 2017 for the property at 26 N Third. All in favor. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to adjourn to executive session to discuss Land Acquisition and Trade Secrets. Present: Mayor, Council, Administrator Fleming, David Toland, Economic Development at Thrive Allen County and John McRae, President of Iola Industries. The regular meeting will reconvene at 6:45 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

F. Land Acquisition – Discussions- Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to approve the real estate purchase agreement following final approval from City Attorney Johnson, and authorize the necessary signatures for the 80-acre tract of land at the southwest quadrant of the intersection at the Marshmallow Lane and Miller Road at \$5,000 per acre for a total cost of \$400,000. Voting in favor of the motion was: Council Members Zornes, Ford, Wells, Becker and B. Franklin. Voting against the motion was Council Member A. Franklin. Motion carried by a majority vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. City Website Overhaul – Administrator Fleming stated that the savings from the recent insurance renewal could cover the 2017 costs this project and would not require an increase to budget expenses. The insurance was budgeted at a 6% increase and we only had a 2% increase billed. Council member Ford stated that she had used the website today and encountered some issues. It is an older platform with no one trained to use it. The city needs to move to a more user friendly product. Council Member A. Franklin stated that he is not a fan of approving a non-budgeted item of this amount. He wondered if this was a necessity or a priority. Administrator Fleming stated that this expense would be .1% of the General Fund Budget. The expense could also be spread over the Convention and Tourism Fund and the Industrial Fund. Council member Ford agreed she didn't like to spend unbudgeted money but she also sees the need to update the website. Mayor Wicoff stated that at what point do you expend dollars. We have the whole year ahead of us. Administrator Fleming stated that the new website could be up and running by this summer. Council Member Ford stated that it is difficult to locate necessary items on the current website. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to approve the website development contract with CivicPlus and authorize the necessary signatures. Voting in favor of the motion was: Council Members Zornes, Wells,

Becker and B. Franklin. Voting against the motion was Council Members A. Franklin and Ford. Motion carried by a majority vote.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- None

B. Council Member Wells–

- None

C. Council Member Ford --

- None

D. Council Member B. Franklin–

- None

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- None

F. Council Member Becker --

- None

G. Council Member Sigg –

- None

H. Council Member Zornes –

- None

I. Council Member A. Franklin –

- None

J. Administrator Fleming–

- Administrator Fleming informed Council that he had authorized the emergency purchase of a transformer for the Water Treatment Plant. The plant has three transformers, which are critical to the plant's operation, and we do not have a spare. Staff had noticed that one unit began leaking oil. The leak has become progressively

worse in the last week. Quotes were solicited from two companies, and Solomon Corporation had the best price and turnaround. The transformer will cost \$22,250.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

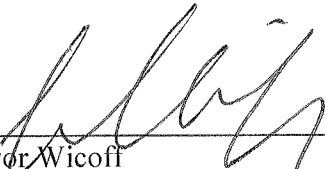
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ADJOURNMENT

7:07 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 13 day of
March, 2017.





Mayor Wicoff



City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton