

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on March 13, 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 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Boan commended the utility crews for their hard work and quick response time during the latest storms and high winds. They always do a great job.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

- February 27, 2017

B. Appropriations Approval – 2017-05

C. Personnel Action

- James Snaveley – Electric Distribution – Annual
- Timothy Thyer – Fire Department – Annual
- Todd Rowe – Parks & Cemetery – Annual
- Adam Ferguson – Fire Department – Certification

D. Library Board

- Dan Johnson – New Appointment

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

ROUNDTABLE

A. Flag Hanging Discussions – Staff presented a list of holidays and designated times for 2017 that staff proposes to display the flags. The current flags are good enough to display in 2017. However, the city should plan to replace a portion a portion of the flag supply in 2018. Administrator Fleming noted that staff will be trying to recruit civic groups to hang the flags if possible. Staff will assure the flags get hung on the listed holidays. If the flags get wet they may be left hanging for extra time to ensure that the flags are

completely dry prior to storing. Council Member Wells asked if the flags could still be hung if it was requested when a dignitary came to town or a special event was held. Administrator Fleming stated that yes they could be put up for those special requests. Council Member Sigg wanted to make sure that although Veterans Day is on the list as a designated holiday they also need to be put up for the Veterans Day Parade. Council Member Ford thanked staff for working on this project and assuring that the flags get hung for the designated holidays. Administrator Fleming noted that the list of holidays would be firm guidance on the days they will be hung. If there are requests for special events staff can make the determination at that time. Donna Houser noted that a designated place for citizens to take flags if they see them on the ground or broken off at the pole would be helpful. Administrator Fleming noted that the fire station would be the best location to take flags in this instance.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Safe Base letter of Support – Angela Henry – In 2016, Safe Base applied for and was awarded a Kansas State Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant. The grant was a five-year grant and funds programing for first and second grade students. The City Council committed \$5,000 annually for five years toward Safe Base Funding as part of the grant process. Safe Base Director, Angela Henry is working on an application for another five-year grant. This application will seek funding for kindergarten and third-sixth grade students. Angela Henry, Safe Base Coordinator, stated that they are seeking a letter of support for this grant application. No funding is being requested. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Ford to approve providing a letter of support for the Safe Base application for a Kansas State Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant, which seeks program funding for kindergarten and third-sixth grade students. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Farmers Market Street Closure Request – The new Market Director, Robin Schallie was introduced to the Council Members. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Ford to approve the Allen County Farmers Market to close Jefferson Avenue between East Street and Madison between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. beginning April 13th running through October and including the use of city barricades for the event. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Planning Commission and BZA Hearing Fee - Ordinance – Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Sigg to approve General Ordinance 3472 setting a hearing fee of \$100.00 for the Planning Commission and authorize the Mayor to sign the ordinance. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- None

B. Council Member Wells–

- Commended the power distribution crews for their work on the latest round of storms. He also noted that the tree trimming program seemed to help during this latest storm. The crew that mark the trees to be trimmed did an excellent job of pinpointing the correct trees to prevent a lot of downed limbs and damage to power lines.

C. Council Member Ford –

- Commended the city crews also for their hard work.

D. Council Member B. Franklin–

- Absent

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- None

F. Council Member Becker –

- Absent

G. Council Member Sigg –

- None

H. Council Member Zornes –

- Absent

I. Council Member A. Franklin –

- None

J. Administrator Fleming–

- Visited with Carla Nemecek and she is available April 17th and 18th for a strategic planning session. Council members stated that would be a good time to hold the session. Administrator Fleming noted that the council members may see a survey in the mail before the session.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

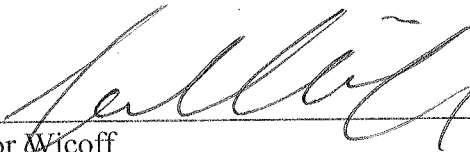
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ADJOURNMENT

6:24 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Sigg to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 27th day of March, 2017.





Mayor Wicoff



City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton