

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

## **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Donna Houser informed the council that she had raised another \$27,000 for the football stadium. Improvements that will be made immediately include adding two sump pumps in the basement area and sealing some spots on the stairs that are leaking into the locker rooms.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. Minutes Approval**

- March 13, 2017

### **B. Appropriations Approval – 2017-06**

### **C. Personnel Action**

- **Cameron Kern – Clerks Office – Annual**
- **Travis Knavel – Fire Department – Annual**
- **Austin Green – Electric Distribution – Six Month**
- **Brian Plumlee – Police Department – Resignation**

### **D. Relay for Life – Boot Block Request**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Overnight Event at Riverside Park** – Thrive Allen County is seeking approval for an overnight event at Riverside Park. The event will begin on April 29<sup>th</sup> and conclude the morning of the 30<sup>th</sup>. The event includes a trail ride on the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail that will begin in Lenexa and conclude in Riverside Park. The ride is an event to kick off the grand opening of the new bicycle repair shop VELO+ in Iola. Motion made by Council

Member Wells to allow camping on the lawn around the Recreation Community Building for approximately 10 campers, the right to use water at the Recreation Building, and allow access to the building for use of showers, restroom facilities and shelter in case of bad weather. To accommodate the campers the curfew for the park will be lifted for the night. Motion seconded by Council Member B. Franklin. All in favor. Motion carried.

**B. Flag Hanging Downtown** – Administrator Fleming stated that the standard holidays listed the flags will be hung. Each year staff will look at the calendar and determine if the holiday falls during the weekend then the flags will be hung for the entire weekend. Staff will determine when a request is made for a special event if the flags will be hung. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Ford to approve the proposed holiday schedule for flag hanging around the square and along Madison Avenue as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

### **A. Mayor Wicoff –**

- None

### **B. Council Member Wells–**

- None.

### **C. Council Member Ford –**

- None

### **D. Council Member B. Franklin–**

- Would like everyone to consider decreasing the number of council members and also offering to pay the council. She feels this will get more individuals to run for the office.

### **E. Council Member Shaughnessy –**

- Asked about a trailer house at 26 N. Third Street. The yard is very cluttered. There are vehicles sitting in the yard without proper tags on them. Administrator Fleming noted that the property is scheduled for a hearing at the next council meeting.

### **F. Council Member Becker –**

- Absent

### **G. Council Member Sigg –**

- Informed the council that he gave his resignation that will be effective April 10, 2017 from the council to Mayor Wicoff before the meeting. His family is moving out of the city. He thanked everyone for making his service a good learning experience.

**H. Council Member Zornes –**

- None

**I. Council Member A. Franklin –**

- Would like the council to consider going to a five-member council and offering compensation to encourage more individuals to run for the office.
- Wanted to remind everyone that several of the businesses in town had closed down last year and the sales tax money that was received last year will not be coming in this year.
- Asked about the five-year sales and property tax reports he requested a few weeks ago. Administrator Fleming noted that he is working on a year-end report that will include this information and he will distribute it shortly.

**J. Administrator Fleming–**

- He has scheduled April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> for a strategic planning session. We will meet at the college at 5:30 p.m. and go through the cafeteria line. The meeting will commence immediately after.
- Following the Downtown Summit meetings small groups have been formed. The groups include marketing, events and infrastructure. Administrator Fleming and Assistant Administrator Schinstock have been meeting with the infrastructure group to discuss painting the fire hydrants around the square, installing more bike racks and other things to make the area more attractive. The CITF group is looking into putting flower pots around the square with some funds they have set aside. The flower pots would be self-watering so they wouldn't require staff to water frequently. CITF has formed a group called ICON which stands for Iola Community Organizational Network. They are meeting on Tuesday at the Park Community Building at 6:00 p.m.

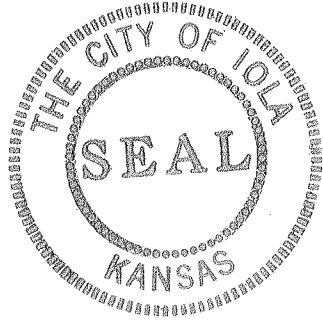
**DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 10, 2017

**ADJOURNMENT**

**6:16 p.m.** Motion made by Council Member Sigg 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.



  
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Mayor Wicoff

  
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City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton