

A special called meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on April 17, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at the Mary Ellen Stadler Room at the Allen Community College, 1801 N Cottonwood Street, Iola, Kansas.

Dinner was served at 5:30 p.m.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Wicoff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a strategic planning session. Trudy Rice and Carla Nemecek of K-State Research and Extension Office conducted the session.

Trudy Rice informed the group that the two-day session would focus on three things.

Now – Where are you now?

Wow – What would WOW look like?

How – How are we going to get to the WOW?

Trudy had everyone complete the Personal Values Exercise to determine what the five top values are important to everyone. Everyone introduced themselves and gave their top values.

Trudy informed the group to keep in mind that strategic planning are things that are important but perhaps not urgent to the organization. This will be something the city would like to accomplish within the next three to five years.

Strategic Plan is a document

Strategic Planning is a process

Strategic Doing is a series of actions

The council is here to decide what is good for the people that live and work in Iola.

Administrator Fleming stated that he is seeking a definitive idea of where Council desires the City to go next. Staff needs a clear picture of what Council wants them to concentrate efforts and funding on.

Each participant was asked to come up with five items that they would like to concentrate on.

Ideas included:

Economic Development

Infrastructure

Housing

Financial Stability

Governance

EMS

Land Use

Human Resources

Health

Youth

Community

Sales Tax

Carla Nemecek commended staff that they want to look to the future and take care of the city.

Administrator Fleming noted that on the topic of the form of government it is common among cities in Kansas is to have a Council/Manager form of government. Basically the main difference in what staff does now versus this type of governance is that the City Manager would have the ability to hire and fire employees. As it is now if an employee is a potential termination we have them on paid suspension until the next Council Meeting, which could take up to three weeks.

Participants were asked to come up with five ideas that related to the above topics. Then each person was asked to vote on their top three ideas which they think were most important.

The three with the most votes were:

Financial Stability/Sales Tax

Infrastructure

Economic Development

Participants were broken up into three groups. They were asked to design the front page of the Iola Register for the year 2020 taking some from their topic. The road maps to get to the point of making it happen.

Each group presented their newspaper article.

Trudy asked the group to think tonight about what action needs to take place to accomplish the things in the newspaper articles.

ADJOURNMENT

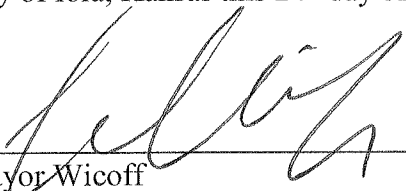
7:45 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to adjourn the meeting until 6:00 p.m. tomorrow evening. All in favor. Motion carried.

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened. Present were Council Members: Becker, Wells, A. Franklin and Ford. Also Present was Administrator Fleming, Assistant Administrator Schinstock and City Clerk Hutton. Absent was: Mayor Wicoff, Council Members Zornes, Shaughnessy, and B. Franklin. A quorum was not present.

Members still participated in a discussion about Strategic Planning but an official meeting was not held, therefore, no minutes were taken.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 24th day of April, 2017.



Mayor Wicoff



City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton

