

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on May 8, 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, Zornes, A. Franklin, Shaughnessy, Ford, B. Franklin, and Becker were present. Also present were Administrator Fleming, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPOINTMENT

Mayor Wicoff introduced Michael Middleton. Michael gave a brief overview of his career and personal life. Mayor Wicoff appointed Michael Middleton for the open Ward 3 Council Member seat. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to approve Mayor Wicoff's appointment of Michael Middleton to Ward 3 Council Member to replace Austin Sigg who moved from Ward 3. All in favor. Motion carried.

City Clerk Hutton swore in Mr. Middleton. Council Member Middleton took his seat at the Council table.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donna Houser informed the Council that she thought the Council Members extending time limit on the building permit for the house on North Cottonwood has turned out great. The owners are adding on to the home and making it into a very nice home.

Donna Houser informed the Council that she is starting up the football stadium project once again.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

- April 24, 2017

B. Appropriations Approval – 2017-09

C. Personnel Action

- Jim Baker – Electric Distribution- Annual
- Brandon Westerman – Electric Production – Annual
- Sarah McDaniel – Fire Department – Annual

- **Brian Cochran – Gas, Water, Sewer – Annual**
- **Jared Froggatte – Police Department – Annual**
- **Jason Bauer – Recreation – Annual**

D. Council President Appointment

- **Council Member Becker**

E. Northern Star Girl Scout Request – Marty Meadows

- **The girl scouts are requesting permission to have their annual overnight camping event in Riverside Park. The entire event is planned for June 7, 8 and 9 with the overnight camping on June 8 all of which will be held at Riverside Park.**

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

ROUNDTABLE

A. Governance & Council Size - Discussion – Administrator Fleming encouraged the council to consider some of the following:

- What governance model suits Iola best?
- What is the preferred size?
- Does Iola still utilize wards?
- What does the discussion process look like?
- Does a recommendation go before the community before a vote?

Council Member Becker stated he is not in favor of changing the size of the council. Council Member Ford stated that she was on the Charter Ordinance Committee, which supported five council members. She thinks the council size is perfect with a great mix of different backgrounds.

Council Member B. Franklin thinks that one council member from each ward and a voting Mayor at large would be best. Council Member A. Franklin agreed with the five-member council. He states he has only received a call from one individual opposed to making the council smaller. He feels like it should be a referendum and put on the ballot.

Council Member Wells stated that each council member should come up with a plan and then present it to the others with why we should make a change. Then come to a conclusion of which ones we want to present to a public forum.

Donna Houser feels like there is a good mix of young and older opinions and feel like it would be a waste of time to do it all over again.

Council Member Shaughnessy stated that he felt it wasn't worth the Council's time to be discussing this issue.

Mayor Wicoff wondered if it would take an election to change the size. City Clerk Hutton stated that a charter ordinance would have to be changed and if the citizens chose to protest

it within the 60-day period it would then have to go on a ballot. The cost for the election is unknown.

Administrator Fleming stated that the Council could hear ideas from a public forum and then go from there. Mayor Wicoff would like staff find out what forms of government are in the state for cities Iola's size.

Council Member Becker asked why we should change if there is not a valid reason. Council Member A. Franklin stated because the current Council is too large to attract a large pool of candidates. Staff will get statistics of other cities and bring it back to Council at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Compactor Truck Bid – Dan Leslie – Administrator Fleming stated that four bids were received for the compactor truck. Merle Kelly Ford came in with the lowest bid at \$77,929 with a trade in. Council Member B. Franklin asked if this price would be for the complete truck. Street & Alley Superintendent Dan Leslie stated that this would be a turnkey vehicle. The only additions would be the City Logo stickers and a two-way radio. The vehicle that is being replaced is ten years old. Council Member A. Franklin asked why the City wasn't buying from Twin Motors Ford. Mr. Leslie stated that Twin's is not a big truck dealer. Mr. Leslie stated that Merle Kelley works on the trucks for the City, and they utilize RVB whenever possible. Motion made by Council Member B. Franklin and seconded by Council Member Becker to approve the purchase of a new Ford F750 and New Way 20RL Cobra from Merle Kelly Ford for the total price of \$77,929, which also includes the trade-in allowance for the existing unit. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Write-Off of Uncollectable Accounts – Roxanne Hutton- City Clerk Hutton explained that with the possibility of turning bad debt accounts over to a collection agency the City will need to write off uncollectable accounts of individuals that are deceased and/or have been granted bankruptcy by the courts. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to approve writing-off Accounts Receivable for deceased and bankruptcy accounts totaling \$46,240.58. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Collection Bureau of Kansas – Contract – City Clerk Hutton informed the Council that City Attorney Johnson has approved the contract with CBK. Council Member A. Franklin asked if the City has to pass-along the collection fee for Municipal Court fines. Staff will have to check into this and report back to the Council. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to table this item until May 22nd. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Mayor Wicoff –

- None

B. Council Member Wells–

- None

C. Council Member Ford –

- Asked about the bleachers at the baseball field in the park. Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that no one from the school district has approached the city about replacing the bleachers. The school district and the American Legion ball team are the only ones that use that particular field. Assistant Administrator Schinstock will get with the school and discuss options.

D. Council Member B. Franklin–

- Stated she attended the Bike Shop ribbon cutting ceremony. Was a great turnout and a very nice event.

E. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- None

F. Council Member Becker –

- None

G. Council Member Middleton–

- None

H. Council Member Zornes –

- None

I. Council Member A. Franklin –

- Stated that he had been contacted about drainage problems on State Street and Garfield. Staff will check into it and see if anything can be done to alleviate the flooding problems.
- Asked if G&W Grocery Store has received all the permits from the City. Administrator Fleming stated that they are not waiting on anything from the City in order to begin construction.

J. Administrator Fleming–

- Reported that he sent out a red-line copy of the Purchasing Policy. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Reported that he has sent out the Strategic Planning Summary.
- Attended the KMU Conference last week. During the Legislative Update was told that the legislatures are considering putting a charge on utility bills for school finance.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

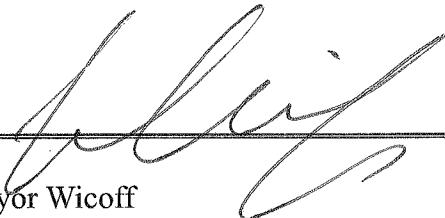
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ADJOURNMENT

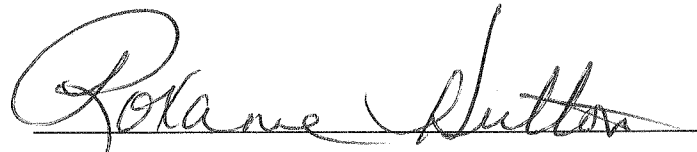
6:54 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Becker and seconded by Council Member Wells to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 22nd day of May, 2017.





Mayor Wicoff



City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton