

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on July 10, 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, Ford, B. Franklin, Middleton A. Franklin, and Becker were present. Also present were Administrator Fleming, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, City Attorney Johnson and City Clerk Hutton. Absent was Council Member Shaughnessy

### **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Shiloh Eggers, representing CITF, read a letter of support of the Washington Bridge project. CITF has worked on many projects that have enhanced and shown pride in the community. The group is committed to assist in raising funds for the project shortfall. She stated if we don't utilize the grant funding we have been awarded, we may put the community in jeopardy of not receiving future grants.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **A. Minutes Approval**

- **June 26, 2017**

#### **B. Appropriations Approval – 2017-112**

#### **C. Personnel Action**

- **Mike Phillips – Electric Production – Annual**
- **Chuck Heffern – Electric Production- Annual**
- **James Appling – Electric Production – Annual**
- **Andrew Hill- Fire Department – Twelve Month**
- **Tyler Wooten – Fire Department – Twelve Month**
- **Denver Mitchel – Fire Department – Twelve Month**
- **Brandon Andres – Police Department – Annual**
- **David Shelby – Police Department – Annual**
- **Tony Hutton- Sanitation- Twelve Month**
- **David Ingle- Police Department- Six Month**
- **James DePriest- Water Production- Six Month**
- **Eric B'Hymer – Fire Department- Promotion**
- **Jeremy Ellington- Fire Department- Promotion**

• **Dominick Haen – Police Department – New Hire**

Motion made by Council Member Becker to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Council Member B, Franklin. All in favor. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council Member Wells made a motion to recess into executive session for 20 minutes for Attorney-Client Privilege, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(2). . The purpose of the executive session is to discuss contract negotiations and shall include the Mayor, Council, City Administrator Fleming and City Attorney. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 6:27 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Council Member Zornes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Council Member Wells made a motion to recess into executive session for 15 minutes for Attorney-Client Privilege, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(2). . The purpose of the executive session is to discuss contract negotiations and shall include the Mayor, Council, City Administrator Fleming, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Program Director, Bill Maness, and City Attorney. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 6:42 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Council Member Zornes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Council Member Wells made a motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney-Client Privilege, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(2). . The purpose of the executive session is to discuss contract negotiations and shall include the Mayor, Council, City Administrator Fleming, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Program Director, Bill Maness, City Attorney and Motel owner, Bill Michaud. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 6:52 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Council Member Zornes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Council Member Wells made a motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney-Client Privilege, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(2). . The purpose of the executive session is to discuss contract negotiations and shall include the Mayor, Council, and City Administrator Fleming, The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 7:05 p.m. The Motion was seconded by Council Member Zornes. All in favor. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. EMS Contract - Discussions**— Administrator Fleming stated that he, EMS Director, Mike Burnett and Fire Chief Tim Thyer have been working with Allen County Counselor, Alan Weber to update the existing Emergency Medical Services Joint

Agreement that is currently in place between the City of Iola and Allen County. The updated agreement more accurately reflects the current language used by the State of Kansas to designate emergency medical services. The updated agreement also clarifies our operational requirements and outlines a more beneficial payment schedule for the services provided. Attorney Johnson has reviewed and approved the new agreement. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Zornes to approve the updated Emergency Medical Services Joint Agreement with Allen County and authorize the necessary signatures. All in favor. Motion carried.

**B. Washington Street Pedestrian Bridge** – Assistant Administrator Schinstock presented the contract with KDWP&T in the amount of \$197,000 for the Washington Street Pedestrian Bridge Project. If additional grant funds are found by KDWP&T an addendum to the contract will be done to include the extra funding. Execution of this contract will allow the city to let for bids on the contract to determine the actual cost of the project and determine the amount the city would have to commit to cover some or the entire funding gap for the project. Council Member Wells asked what the city spent on the two trails the city has in place currently. Assistant Administrator Schinstock noted that the Prairie Spirit Trail was a KDOT project and the city just assumed responsibility of the trail after it was completed. He will have to get the project cost of the MoPac Trail to the council members. Council Member A. Franklin asked if the city has budgeted for trail maintenance. Administrator Fleming stated that staff has currently not budgeted for maintenance. Routine maintenance is just being done by park and street crew. Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Ford to approve the contract with KDWP&T in the amount of \$197,000 for the Washington Street Pedestrian Bridge Project authorizing staff to sign the necessary documents. Council Member A. Franklin stated that he would like to see a spot on the utility bill where customers could pay an extra \$2.00 - \$3.00 for trail maintenance. Council Member Becker asked if the City would wait on the bid before committing to the funding. Administrator Fleming stated that the construction bid award would be brought before Council for approval and before funds were committed for the project. Mayor Wicoff asked if the crane bid was reasonable. Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that he felt that the bid was accurate. Council Member Wells called for orders of the day. The vote was taken. Voting in favor of the motion was: Council Members: Wells, Ford, B. Franklin, Becker, Zornes, and Middleton. Voting against the motion was: Council Member A. Franklin. Motion passed by majority vote.

## **COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

**A. Mayor Wicoff –**

- None

**B. Council Member Wells–**

- Thanked the city for their support with the Elk's fireworks display.

**C. Council Member Ford –**

- Encouraged the city employees to stay cool and hydrated.
- Stated that the flower pots around the square are looking great.

**D. Council Member B. Franklin–**

- The Elks fireworks display was very nice. Appreciated the city's part in making that happen.

**E. Council Member Shaughnessy –**

- Absent

**F. Council Member Becker –**

- None

**G. Council Member Middleton–**

- None

**H. Council Member Zornes –**

- None

**I. Council Member A. Franklin –**

- Asked if city employees were watering plants around the square. Administrator Fleming stated they are watering once per week due to the excessive heat but will taper off as it cools off. Council Member Franklin wondered if the watering could be done by the Allen County Jail inmates.

**J. Administrator Fleming–**

- Reminded Council Members that the next meeting will be held at the North Community Building due to the Fair.
- Budget Information Meetings to be held next week on Tuesday and Thursday. He will send out a notice.

**DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 24, 2017

**ADJOURNMENT**

**7:27 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017.



*Donald E. Becker*  
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Mayor Wicoff

*Roxanne Hutton*  
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City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton