

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on July 24, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at the Park Community Building, 510 Park Avenue, Iola, Kansas.

## **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

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

## **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Donna Houser stated that the pool has been wonderful all summer long. Staff did a great job again this year with the pool.

She stated that the stadium is looking beautiful. The lanterns are being replicated by B&W from Humboldt. The bathrooms will be renovated and made handicapped accessible next year.

Mark Peters asked if the bleachers at the large ball field are going to be replaced. Council Member Wells stated that the Elks are working with the city and the school district to obtain a possible grant to replace the bleachers. Administrator Fleming stated that Assistant Administrator Schinstock is waiting for the new Activity Director with the School District to get settled-in and will visit with him about what the best solution would be for the school district. The target is to have the bleachers repaired or new ones installed by spring of 2018 for ball season if funding is available.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **A. Minutes Approval**

- July 20, 2017 & July 24, 2017

### **B. Appropriations Approval – 2017-114**

### **C. Personnel Action**

- Darrel Chester – Code Enforcement – Six Month
- Trevor Beyer – Parks & Cemetery – Six Month
- David Harrison – Sanitation – Annual
- Ronald Knavel- Gas, Water & Sewer- Annual
- Randy Holtz – Fire Department – Rehire
- Derek Stahl- Street & Alley – New Hire
- Nina Froggatte – Police Department – New Hire

**D. Board Appointments**

- Sharon Boan – Planning Commission – Resignation
- Benedikt Middleton – Planning Commission – New Appointment

**E. LKM Annual Conference**

- Voting Delegate One – City Administrator, Sid Fleming

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. K-State First Impressions Program**– This program helps communities assess and develop opportunities and strategies for community improvement. The program partners two somewhat similar communities, and volunteers from each community agree to make an unannounced site visit and conduct a community assessment for the other. Iola has been requested to partner with Baldwin City. Administrator Fleming explained that the program would require no money from the city and could provide some great feedback to help the City in areas of Economic Development. Carla Nemecek, Kansas State Extension Representative, stated that she would be happy to coordinate the visit and provide the transportation to Baldwin City. Council Member Ford stated that she thought it would be beneficial for the City to see what other cities have to offer. Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to approve the City of Iola to participate in the K-State Research and Extension’s First Impression Program and authorize the necessary signatures. All in favor. Motion carried.

**B. Setting of the 2018 Budget Public Hearing** – Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member B. Franklin to set the public hearing for the 2018 budget on August 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

**C. Equipment Purchases Discussions** – Administrator Fleming informed Council that there is available funding for the equipment that is being requested. The items were not allocated within the 2017 Budget. Council Member Wells asked if the City would receive a lower bid if they had the dealers bid for three police vehicles at one time. Council Member A. Franklin inquired if the City had incurred any major repairs on the 1-Ton work truck in the Street and Alley Department. Administrator Fleming stated that there hadn’t been any that he knew of. The truck had been using oil. The trade-in value of the vehicle is estimated at approximately \$1,500. Council Member A. Franklin asked how many hours were on the Kubota. Administrator Fleming stated he did not currently have the answer to that question. Motion made by Council Member B. Franklin and seconded by Council Member Zornes for staff to move forward getting bids on the listed equipment as per the purchasing policy. All in favor. Motion carried.

## ROUNDTABLE

**A. 2018 Budget Review** – Administrator Fleming stated that to balance the Recreation Fund a larger transfer was made from the Gas Fund. It will be the goal to find a better source of funding for the Recreation Fund either from Transient Guest Tax, Sales Tax or another source for the 2019 budget. The Electric Fund currently has a shortfall. This shortfall will have to be made up with a future rate increase. Scott Shreve will be invited to a meeting in September to discuss possible options for rate increases. The Water Fund also shows a shortfall. The loan payment is a large part of this fund. Rate increases may have to be done in this fund to keep it solvent in the future also. The General Fund currently has a proposed 3.581 mill levy increase. Several items were cut from the previous draft budget that was presented to the Council. Paul Zirjacks, local resident, stated that the water plant is not running at full capacity. If the City were to sell more water than the Water Fund would have more funding. Administrator Fleming stated that the rate increases are not reflected in the current budget proposal, however; the mill levy increase is reflected in the current budget proposal. Council Member A. Franklin stated that he has spoken to some citizens and they are concerned that they may have to choose between paying for cable, and other items such as medication if the city has utility rate increases. There are other ways to balance the budget than raising rates. Motion made by Council Member Becker for publication and directing staff to prepare the budget for the public hearing and final approval. Motion seconded by Council Member Wells. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members: Zornes, Ford, Middleton, Wells, Becker, A. Franklin. Voting against the motion was Council Member B. Franklin. Motion passed by majority vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Non- Elected Personnel** - Motion made by Council Member Wells and seconded by Council Member Middleton to recess into Executive Session for 20 minutes pursuant to personnel matters of nonelected personnel, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(1). The purpose of the executive session is to discuss an individual employee's performance and shall include the Mayor, Council and Human Resources Director, Carla Brown. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 7:30 P.M.

Eddie Radford asked for an extension on the demolition of his home. His brother is here from Texas to help him. When asked how much time he wanted. He stated 1 or 2 more months. Administrator Fleming stated that his deadline was August 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Radford was given approximately four months to take care of his property. Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that bids have been solicited and will be brought to the Council's next meeting in two weeks. Council informed Mr. Radford he had two weeks to get his property taken care of.

## COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

**A. Mayor Wicoff –**

- None

**B. Council Member Wells–**

- Have enjoyed the swimming pool this year. It is great that the City is able to offer the senior citizens free admission to the pool.

**C. Council Member Ford –**

- Reminded everyone that school will be starting this week. Encouraged everyone to pay attention to the kids crossing streets and riding bikes.
- Reminded everyone about the solar eclipse on Monday

**D. Council Member B. Franklin–**

- None

**E. Council Member Shaughnessy –**

- Absent

**F. Council Member Becker –**

- Need to have a City ordinance against exotic animals. There have been a lot of incidents around the country involving snakes.

**G. Council Member Middleton–**

- None

**H. Council Member Zornes –**

- None

**I. Council Member A. Franklin –**

- Would like to host a forum for Ward 4. He is asking for the Council to waive the fee for the Dr. John Silas Bass Community Building for August 21<sup>st</sup>. Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Wells to waive the rental fee of the Dr. John Silas Bass Community Building for a Ward 4 forum on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members: Zornes, Ford, Middleton, Wells, Becker, B. Franklin. Abstaining from the vote was A. Franklin. Motion carried by majority vote.

**J. Administrator Fleming–**

- He will invite Scott Shreve to a Council Meeting in September to discuss rates.

**DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 28, 2017

**ADJOURNMENT**

**7:46 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 2017.



  
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Mayor Wicoff

  
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City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton