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A regular meeting of the City Council of Iola was held on January 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at the Park Community Building 510 Park Avenue Iola, Kansas.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

Mayor Wells, Council Members Peterson, Peters, Ford, and French, were present. Also present were Administrator Matt Rehder, Assistant City Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Absent were Council Member Kinder, Ballard, and Myrick. Council Member Slaugh was present via telephone.

PROCLAMATION- Officer David Ingle Day

Mayor Wells read the proclamation and declared January 14, 2022, as Officer David Ingle Day.

Council Member Slaugh said a prayer.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MAYOR

City Clerk Hutton swore in Mayor French, and he signed his oath.

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILMEMBERS

City Clerk Hutton swore in Council Members Lohman, D'Albini, Wicoff, and Peters. They all signed their oaths.

ROLL CALL

Mayor French, Council Members Peterson, Peters, D'Albini, Wicoff, and Lohman were present. Also present were Administrator Matt Rehder, Assistant City Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Absent was Council Member Kinder. Council Member Slaugh was present via telephone. There is a vacancy in Ward 4.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Wells recognized Council Member Ford for her service to the Council and presented her with a plaque.

Mayor French recognized Mayor Wells for his service to the council as a council member and Mayor and presented her with a plaque.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Peterson and seconded by Council Member D'Albini to approve the agenda as amended. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who wish to address the City Council regarding items on the agenda may do so as that agenda item is called. Persons who wish to address the City Council regarding items not on the agenda and under the jurisdiction of the City Council may do so when called upon by the Mayor. Comments on personnel matters and matters pending in court or with other outside tribunals are not permitted. Speakers are limited to three minutes. Any presentation is for information purposes only. No action will be taken.

Mayor French read the above statement.

Donna Houser informed the Council that she would like them to redress the Solar Field for consideration.

Donna Houser asked the Council to consider taking over recycling. Since the Rotary quit taking the recyclables, she has had an extra trash can for city pick up every trash day. She would like not to have to throw away all of the recyclables.

Joe Hesse addressed housing needs in the community and possible solutions. Some of his suggestions included building tiny houses, allowing inmates to live rent-free for a certain amount of time while assisting them with getting a job and an income to support themselves.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Approval**
 - **December 13, 2021, Council Meeting**
- B. Appropriations Approval**
- C. New Board Appointment - Library Board - Tim Stauffer**

Council Member Peters made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Peterson. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Park Department ATV/RTV - Bid Acceptance- Park Superintendent Berkeley Kerr noted that while the final cost was less for the vehicle from Heartland, the price is lower without the optional snowplow from Storrer Implement.

Mr. Kerr would instead purchase the vehicle from Storrer Implement due to the two-year warranty and any work being done on the vehicle to be done locally.

Council Member Slaugh noted that he didn't think having warranty work done at a different location is not a reason to purchase the higher vehicle.

Motion made by Council Member Slaugh and seconded by Council Member Peters to purchase the ATV/RTV from Storrer Implement dba Machine Shed for a total of \$20,492 and buy the snowplow separately to get it at a lower price. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Dangerous / Unsafe Structure Removal -

1. 19 S Ohio Street - Code Enforcement Officer Hutton noted that the Resolutions re to hold a hearing to determine the next step in condemnation.

Council Member D'Albini commented that the utilities had been off for quite some time on the mentioned properties. He asked Mr. Hutton how he determines when a house needs to be condemned. Mr. Hutton explained that he has a running list of houses to the point of condemnation; each year, he looks at the foundation and as much of the inside of the house as possible to determine if the property will require more than ½ of the value to repair.

Motion made by Council Member Peters and seconded by Council Member Peterson to approve Resolution 2022-01 for 19 S Ohio setting a public hearing on February 28, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. based on Section 8-501, of the Unified Development Code. All in favor. Motion carried.

2. 307 S Ohio Street -

Motion made by Council Member Peters and seconded by Council Member D'Albini to approve Resolution 2022-02 for 307 S Ohio setting a public hearing on February 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. based on Section 8-501 of the Unified Development Code. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. 417 S Cottonwood Street

Motion made by Council Member Peterson and seconded by Council Member D’Albini to approve Resolution 2022-03 for 417 S Cottonwood setting a public hearing on February 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. based on Section 8-501, of the Unified Development Code. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. 611 N Chestnut Street

Motion made by Council Member D’Albini and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve Resolution 2022-04 for 611 N Chestnut setting a public hearing on February 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. based on Section 8-501, of the Unified Development Code. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. 914 E Broadway Street

Motion made by Council Member Peterson and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve Resolution 2022-04 for 914 E Broadway setting a public hearing on February 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. based on Section 8-501, of the Unified Development Code. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. City Council President Appointment - Council Member Slaugh made a motion to appoint Mark Peters as Council President. Motion seconded by Council Member Peterson. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Peters -

- None

B. Council Member Lohman--

- Council Member Lohman asked how the agenda was set and whether or not old business items could be added. City Administrator Rehder stated that he would go over that topic with Council Member Lohman during his orientation time.

C. Council Member D’Albini–

- Council Member D’Albini asked if long-term employees ever come to a meeting to be recognized for their years of service. Assistant Administrator Schinstock noted that usually, the employees choose not to go to a meeting.
- Council Member D’Albini stated that the Police, EMS Crew, and the Fire Department did a great job interacting with the students at the college. Some issues with mental health had come up, and they were handled with professionalism and compassion by the responders.

D. Council Member Peterson–

- Council Member Peterson asked Code Enforcement Officer Hutton what the status was for the Westco building. Mr. Hutton stated that they had pulled permits and were beginning work today. They will be remodeling CountryMart into the new Westco building, tearing down the old Westco building, and building it back to its initial condition.
- Council Member Peterson requested an Executive Session to discuss the Electric Department with Superintendent Jim Baker present at the next meeting.

E. Council Member Wicoff

- None

F. Council Member Slaugh–

- None

G. Council Member Vacancy –

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H. Council Member Kinder -

- Absent.

I. Mayor French

- Mayor French welcomed everyone to the Council.

J. Administrator Rehder

- Administrator Rehder welcomed the new Council Members and the Mayor.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2022

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2022

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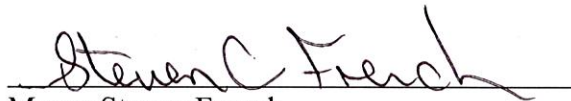
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6:41 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Peterson and seconded by Council Member Lohman to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried

It was approved by the City Council of Iola, Kansas, on the 24th day of January 2022.





Mayor Steven French



City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton