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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on January 11, 2021, 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 Ballard, Peters, French, Kinder, and Peterson were present. Council Member Slaugh was present via phone. Also present was Interim City Administrator Schinstock and City Clerk, Hutton. Absent was Council Member Ford and Myrick.

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Kinder to approve the agenda as posted. 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 Council President. 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.*

None were heard.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes Approval**

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**B. Appropriations Approval**

**C. Kansas Pride Program Resolution No. 3032-05**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Solar Project Discussion - Scott Shreve-** Interim Administrator Schinstock introduced Mr. Shreve.

Mr. Shreve gave an overview of the potential solar field project.

He noted that this project is different from the previous one; it is a 50% upfront payment for a 2-megawatt field. The project cost would be \$3.2 million with a \$1.6 million upfront. After year six, the City would buy out the project.

Council Member Kinder asked what the life expectancy for the solar field is.

Mr. Shreve stated that studies show a 35-year life expectancy. The oldest known solar field is located in China; it is 50 years old.

Council Member Peters asked who will build the field. Mr. Schreve noted that tonight the Council is only given the go-ahead to come up with project cost and then bring it back to Council for further approval.

He noted that the company is new, however; the owner has; had more than ten years of solar experience.

Council Member Kinder stated that he thought option #2 would be best for our customers.

Scott Shreve mentioned that while the city has the funds for the cash reserves project, interest rates are at an all-time low.

Council Member Peters stated that things might change when the new Administration takes office.

Mr. Shreve stated that more than likely, with the new Administration, it is possible that a tax would be imposed on the companies and municipalities using fossil fuels.

Council Member Ballard stated that he thought Council approved three 2 MW generators, not the two discussed.

Mike Phillips stated that when the City purchased the two 2 MW units, the area was prepped and ready to install the third unit.

Council Member Peterson wondered if it would be beneficial to wait for the new Administrator to arrive.

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Council Member Ballard asked how the City will pay for the solar field.

Interim Administrator Schinstock noted that there are sufficient reserves in the Capital Improvement fund.

Mike Phillips noted that he and Jim Baker both have some projects coming up. They will need to get the costs of the project and project the spending for the CIP Fund.

Council Member Peters asked if the City moved forward with the project would this require another employee added to the department.

Interim Administrator Schinstock noted that no extra employee would be needed to perform the solar field's upkeep.

Mike Phillips noted that he would like to go to a city with a solar field and observe their maintenance schedule.

Council Member French asked about the other green power that is part of the City's energy.

Mike Phillips noted that the city previously had some hydropower but found it was not a good option for the town and has since sold it.

Mr. Shreve noted that the City is benefiting from the wind power.

Council Member Ballard asked if Russell Stovers were contacted about having a solar field in their front view.

Interim Administrator Schinstock said he would contact Russell Stovers with the prospect.

Council Member Kinder made a motion to investigate a solar field project with POW Solar LLC and authorize the necessary signatures. Motion seconded by Council Member Ballard. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members:  
Ballard, Kinder, and Slaugh

Voting against the motion were Council Members.  
Peterson, French, and Peters

Mayor Wells voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried by a majority vote.

**B. Sigg Tire & Repair - Request** - Mason and Chase Sigg are building a new shop at 1304 East Street. They have requested that the fees be waived to install electric service to the property.

Interim Administrator Schinstock noted that the enclosed estimate includes \$7,785.79 in materials, including the transformer \$2,850.00. The assessment also includes \$3,295.20 in Labor and equipment usage.

Motion made by Council Member Peters to waive the labor and equipment fees. The customer will pay the materials cost minus the transformer for Sigg Tire and Auto relocating to 1304 East Street. Motion seconded by Council Member Ballard. All in favor. Motion carried.

**C. Dangerous and Unsafe Structure Removal-** Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Hutton presented to the Council the properties he is proposing for demolition for the 2021 calendar year.

321 N Walnut Street - Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve Resolution 2021-01 setting a public hearing on March 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. based on Section 8-501 of the Unified Development Code. All in favor. Motion carried.

405 S Third Street - Motion made by Council Member Kinder and seconded by Council Member Ballard to approve Resolution 2021-02 setting a public hearing on March 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. based on Section 8-501 of the Unified Development Code. All in favor. Motion carried.

503 North Street - Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve Resolution 2021-03 setting a public hearing on March 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. based on Section 8-501 of the Unified Development Code. All in favor. Motion carried.

610 N Third Street - Motion made by Council Member Kinder and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve Resolution 2021-04 setting a public hearing on March 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. based on Section 8-501 of the Unified Development Code. All in favor. Motion carried.

**D. AB-3 Crushed Rock - Bid Acceptance** - Interim Administrator Schinstock informed the Council that he invited local rock providers to bid on the crushed rock.

One bid was received from Nelson Quarries for \$8.90 per ton delivered. The proposal allows for two one-year extensions if the City chooses.

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Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Kinder to accept the bid from Nelson Quarries for \$8.90 per ton delivered for KDOT Grade AB3 crushed rock for one year with the option to extend for two (2) additional one-year terms following year one. All in favor. Motion carried.

**E. Fuel & Gasoline - Bid Acceptance** - Interim Administrator Schinstock informed the Council that he invited local fuel providers to bid on fuel purchases for the 2021 calendar year.

One bid was received from Hampel Oil for 0.065 for gasoline and 0.073 for fuel.

Council Member Ballard made a motion and seconded by Council Member Kinder to award the 2021 fuel and gasoline bid to Hampel Oil for \$0.065 for Gasoline and \$0.073 for fuel with freight and profit above refinery costs. All in favor. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

**A. Council Member Peters -**

- None

**B. Council Member Ford--**

- Absent

**C. Council Member French --**

- None

**D. Council Member Peterson--**

- None

**E. Council Member Ballard**

- None

**F. Council Member Slauch--**

- None

**G. Council Member Myrick--**

- Absent

**H. Council Member Kinder -**

- None

**I. Mayor Wells**

- Congratulated Corey on 25 Years of Service.

**J. Interim City Administrator Schinstock–**

- Noted he would bring two truck bids to the next meeting
- Mill and Overlay bids will be on the next agenda.
- The electric vehicle charging station will be at a future meeting.
- Interim Administrator, Schinstock noted that with low occurrences of COVID throughout the staff since the holidays, he would bring all staff back to full shifts.
- The EMS contract will need to be addressed soon.
- Council Members asked for updated numbers on the EMS.

**DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2021

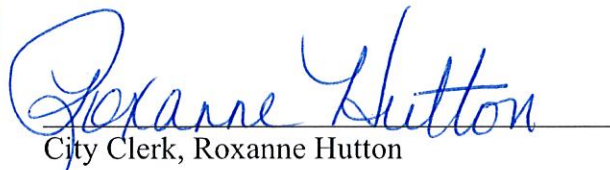
City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2021

**7:11 p.m.** Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member French to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas, this 25th day of January 2021.



  
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Mayor Wells

  
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City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton