

CITY OF IOLA

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A regular meeting of the City Council of Iola was held on February 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at the Park Community Building, 510 Park Avenue, Iola, Kansas.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

Mayor French and Council Members Peters, Shallah, Peterson, Wicoff, D’Albini, Kinder, and Lohman were present. Also present were City Administrator Rehder, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Council Member Slaugh was absent.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Kinder, seconded by Council Member Peterson, approves the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons wishing to address the City Council regarding items on the agenda may do so as they are called. Persons wishing to address the City Council regarding items not on the agenda may do so when called upon. Comments on personnel matters and matters pending in court or outside tribunals are not permitted. Speakers are limited to three minutes. No action will be taken.

None

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

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B. Appropriations Approval

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Iola Amateur Radio Club Request - Assistant Administrator Schinstock noted that the Club had requested to have individuals in Riverside Park overnight for the annual field day on June 24 and 25th. They have asked for this in the past to stay with their equipment.

Motion made by Council member Kinder and seconded by Council Member Lohman to approve the Iola Amateur Radio Club to stay overnight in Riverside Park the night of June 24. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Annual Mowing Bid Award - Gregg Hutton - Code Enforcement Officer Hutton told the Council Members that staff requested a mowing bid. Three bids were received. The lowest bid received was from C&J Mowing.

Council Member Peterson noted that the equipment list shows that D& R Lawncare has several more mowers and that their mowers are larger than those that C& J Mowing listed. This could cause the actual bottom line larger due to the time to mow the properties.

Motion made by Council Member Kinder and seconded by Council Member D'Albini to award the mowing contract to C& J Mowing for one year with the option to continue for two additional years. Council Members Kinder, D'Albini, Shallah, Wicoff, Peters, and Lohman voted in favor of the motion. Voting against the motion was Council Member Peterson. Motion carried by a majority vote.

C. Dangerous / Unsafe Structure Public Hearing 224 N State - Mayor French opened the Public Hearing. Mr. Hutton informed the Council that the property is within the C-2 Zone. Per City Code, if a nonconforming use ceases for any reason for a period of more than six months, the subsequent use of such parcel or lot shall conform to the regulations of the zone it is located in.

The property is also located within a floodway and would only be allowed to make improvements up to 50% of the appraised county value, currently \$5,810.

No individuals from the public spoke about the property.

Mayor French closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Council Member Kinder and seconded by Council Member Peterson to approve Resolution 2023-08 for 224 N State and proceed to condemn the property and order the structure to be demolished and removed. Based on Section 8-501 of the Unified Development Code. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Dangerous/Unsafe Structure Public Hearing - 406 E Lincoln Street -

Mayor French opened the public hearing. Mr. Hutton reported to the Council that the owner had sent a letter asking for more time to renovate the property. The letters were placed at each Council Member's seat prior to the meeting.

Mr. Hutton noted that the property has a broken sewer line and will need to be repaired and the roof replaced. These items alone will exceed 50% of the property value.

It was noted that if the Council approves the current resolution and Mr. Hutton contacts the house owner and informs her of the time allowed to make repairs, this will give the property owner time to work on the house if the repairs are not completed within the time limit.

No individuals from the public spoke about the property.

Mayor French closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Council Member D'Albini and seconded by Council Member Kinder to approve Resolution 2023-09 for 406 E Lincoln and proceed to condemn the property and order the structure to be demolished and removed. Based on Section 8-501 of the Unified Development Code. All in favor. Motion carried.

E. Dangerous/Unsafe Structure Public Hearing 407 S Elm. Street -

Mayor French opened the public hearing.

No individuals from the public spoke about the property.

Mayor French closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Council Member Kinder and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve Resolution 2023-10 for 407 S Elm and proceed to condemn the property, and order the structure to be demolished and removed. Based on Section 8-501 of the Unified Development Code. All in favor. Motion carried.

F. Dangerous/Unsafe Structure Public Hearing 515 S Fourth Street -

Mayor French opened the public hearing.

Mr. Hutton noted that the property sustained a fire in 2022 without homeowners insurance. The homeowners still need to remove the property, and it has become a dangerous structure.

No individuals from the public spoke about the property.

Mayor French closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Council Member Peterson and seconded by Council Member Kinder to approve Resolution 2023-11 for 515 S Fourth and proceed to condemn property and order.

G. Dangerous/Unsafe Structure - Set Public Hearing - 617 S 4th Street -

Mr. Hutton noted that a structure at 617 S Fourth was to be torn down by the owner. The owner still needs to complete the project.

Motion made by Council Member Kinder and seconded by Council Member Peterson to approve Resolution 2023-12 for 617 S Fourth setting a public hearing on April 10, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. based on Section 8-501 of the Unified Development Code. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Peters -

- Council Member Peters had nothing to report.

B. Council Member Lohman—

- Council Member Lohman had nothing to report.

C. Council Member D’Albini—

- Council Member D’Albini noted that with the removal of the structures mentioned above, the homeless population might become more prevalent within the City of Iola. He would challenge the Council to address the situation by being solution minded. This would be an excellent discussion to have along with the warming stations.
- It was noted that a German Food Lunch would be held Thursday at the college.

D. Council Member Peterson—

- Council Member Peterson has been approached about putting campers on the south side of the Disc Golf Park.

E. Council Member Wicoff-

- Council Member Wicoff had nothing to report.

F. Council Member Slaugh—

- Council Member Slaugh was absent.

G. Council Member Shallah –

- Council Member Shallah congratulated Gregg Hutton and the other employees on their anniversary.

H. Council Member Kinder -

- Council Member Kinder has received complaints about the structure on South State. Mayor French noted that the integrity of the building might be worth looking into.
- Administrator Rehder and Code Enforcement Officer Hutton stated that the property is going through due process.

I. Mayor French

- Mayor French thanked the Council for their service. He noted that some decisions that the Council makes are hard, and he appreciates the Council's ability to make those decisions.

J. Administrator Rehder

- Administrator Rehder stated that if the Council Members need to meet with staff about the budget other than the days and times listed on the schedule, we can work around that.

K. Assistant Administrator Schinstock -

- Assistant Administrator Schinstock said he had handed out a schedule for the 2024 budget to each Council Member.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023

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6:33 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 13th day of March, 2023.





Mayor Steven French



City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton