

CITY OF IOLA

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A regular meeting of the City Council of Iola was held on March 14, 2022, 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, Council Members Peterson, Peters, D’Albini, Slaugh, Kinder, Shallah, and Lohman were present. Also present were City Administrator Rehder, Assistant City Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Council Member Wicoff was absent.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Kinder and seconded by Council Member Shallah to approve the agenda as presented. 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.

Donna Houser thanked the Street Crew for clearing off the streets following the heavy snowfalls recently. She noted that other towns do not do such a great job of cleaning off the streets following a snowstorm.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Approval**
 - **February 28, 2022, Council Meeting**

- B. Appropriations Approval**

Council Member Slaugh inquired about page 4 and the Council Member's name for a motion was admitted. City Clerk Hutton assured him that it had been changed and was corrected on the official copy Mayor French would be signing.

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. 69 KV Power Pole Replacement Project - Bid Award- Mike Phillips Superintendent of the Electric Production Department, relayed to the Council that he had received three bids for the project.

Council Member Peters asked why there was such a large difference in the bids. Mr. Phillips noted that more than likely it was due to the location of the companies. Those out of state would have to travel further and bring the equipment a longer distance.

Council Member Kinder asked about any services that would be off with the change out of the poles. Mr. Phillips stated that if there was an interruption of service it would only be the main sewer lift station and it would be under two hours.

Motion made by Council Member D'Albini and second by Council Member Peters to accept the low bid from PAR Electrical Inc. in the amount of \$145,000.00 and authorize staff to execute the necessary documents for the project. All in Favor. Motion carried.

B. EMD Control & Black Start Improvement Project - Bid Award - Mike Phillips, Superintendent of Electric Production Department told the Council that since the existing programming and components in place with these units is proprietary only one proposal was received from Peaker.

Council Member Slaugh asked Mr. Phillips what these units will do with this upgrade. Mr. Phillips stated that the controls tease the transformers into thinking that there is a signal and starts the generator.

Council Member Slaugh stated that he does have concerns with not getting prices from other companies for comparison. Mr. Phillips stated that the city had already put \$700,000 into the upgrade with the current product and would hate to switch everything over at today's cost.

Motion made by Council Member Slaugh and seconded by Council Member Shallah to accept the proprietary bid from Peaker Services Inc. in the amount of \$543,500 and

authorize staff to execute the necessary documents for the project. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Oak Street Water Tower Rehabilitation Project - Bid Award - Water Plant Superintendent, Toby Ross explained to the Council that he had solicited proposals for the rehabilitation of the Oak Street Water Tower. Two bids were received with Viking Industrial being the lowest bid.

Mayor French asked if Mr. Ross had gotten references for the company with the lowest bid. Mr. Ross stated that he had indeed solicited some references from other cities that have had work done by Viking.

Council Member Peters asked if repairs would be done at the same time as the painting. Administrator Rehder stated that he had named the agenda item rehabilitation project versus just painting project.

Mayor French inquired about the antennas on top of the tower from the internet and television companies. Staff stated that those individuals would have to remove their antennas from the tower at their expense per the agreements.

Council Member Lohman asked since the cost came in higher than the actual budgeted amount would the water department be able to cover the cost of the overage. Administrator Rehder noted that the cost could be absorbed by the water fund.

Motion made by Council Member Slaugh and seconded by Council Member Kinder to accept the low bid from Viking Industrial Painting in the amount of \$290,640 and authorize staff to execute the necessary documents for the project. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Iola PopUp Prom Event Request - Staff received a request for permission from CITF to hold a downtown Street Dance during the actual Prom event at the High School. CITF Members Jonathon Goering and Paul Porter were at the meeting to make the requests and answer questions.

The event will feature live music, food booths, craft beer booths as well as local vendors. Mr. Goering explained that the Committee was not tied to the name and could change it. They have received some complaints from individuals associating the event with prom and drinking.

Council Member Shallah asked the gentlemen if the committee was tied to the date since it did relate to the actual prom. Mr. Goering stated that the committee felt it was a good date because it would give adults something to do while their child is attending prom.

Mayor French had some concerns with closing Washington Street since it is the main road used by emergency services.

Donna Houser stated that she thought the event was a good idea. Having events around the square is always a positive for the community.

City Clerk Hutton noted a couple of concerns she has. Mrs. Hutton noted that in order to have beer sales on the street the committee would need to present a map showing the locations of the beer vendors and the designated drinking areas. Once that information is presented to the clerk's office a Resolution is developed and brought to the council for approval. Once the Resolution is approved by the Council the event can not be moved to another location. The request stated that the event will be moved to the North Community Building in case of inclement weather. Mrs. Hutton noted that the city has a policy against selling alcohol in city buildings.

Mrs. Hutton noted that CITF funds are donations received for certain purposes and since the group does not have an individual 401C3 the money is deposited in city funds. This money is audited as part of the city's accounts. She is not quite sure if these funds could be used for this event.

Motion made by Council Member Peterson and seconded by Council Member Lohman to approve the requests for the event with the stipulation that all of the requirements are met. Voting in favor of the motion was Council Members Peterson, Shallah, Peters, Kinder, Lohman, and D'Albini. Voting against the motion was Council Member Slaugh. Motion passed with a majority vote.

E. Scott Street Re-Zoning - Ordinance #3505 - Code Enforcement Officer, Gregg Hutton reported that the Planning Commission held a public hearing and approved the rezoning change of the designated property from C-2 to R-2.

Council Member Shallah asked why the properties within the area that face State Street are not included within the rezoning. Mr. Hutton stated that when properties are located on the main street like that you want to leave those properties for businesses to make it easier for businesses to build there.

Motion made by Council Member D'Albini and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve Ordinance 3505 for the re-zoning of the property at 15 W Scott and surrounding residential properties from C-2 to R-2. All in favor. Motion carried.

F. Site Plan Review Process Change - Ordinance # 3506 - Code Enforcement Officer, Gregg Hutton relayed to the Council that Staff had approached the Planning Commission requesting changes to the current city ordinance concerning site plan reviews.

When a site plan is received from a contractor or business staff review the plans and check to assure all codes are being met.

Council Member D'Albini asked if this was how other cities handle site plans. Administrator Rehder noted that most cities have staff review the plans.

Council Member Slaugh noted that it is standard practice to handle plan review in-house.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Peters -

- Council Member Peters noted he had heard over the weekend that one of the local businesses had put a freeze on wages.

B. Council Member Lohman—

- Council Member Lohman complimented the street crew on the snow removal last week.
- Council Member Lohman asked about the strip on Washington Street that was caused by the water line replacement last year. Assistant Administrator Shinstock noted that the weather needed to warm up enough for the hot patch to stay hot from the current location of the plant until the crew arrived back in Iola and repaired the street. It will more than likely be late Spring early Summer.
- Council Member Lohman noted that he had attended the Brazilian Food night at the college. The food was very good and encouraged others to dine at the college.

C. Council Member D'Albini—

- Council Member D'Albini stated that there are watch parties planned for the Men's College Basketball Team tomorrow.
- Council Member D'Albini congratulated Administrator Rehder on his one year of service.

D. Council Member Peterson—

- None

E. Council Member Wicoff-

- Absent

F. Council Member Slaugh—

- None

G. Council Member Shallah –

- Council Member Shallas wished the Red Devils good luck at Nationals.

H. Council Member Kinder -

- Council Member Kinder had a neighbor complain to him about the leaves piling up on Walnut and Lincoln. Administrator Rehder noted that the street sweeper was down for repairs and is up and running today.

I. Mayor French

- None

J. Administrator Schinstock

- Administrator Rehder informed the group about the items that would be on the agenda for the March 28th meeting. Using the ARPA Funds for sewer improvements will be discussed as well as the purchase of a new sewer vacuum truck and projects for the next five years in that department.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2022

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2022

6:48 p.m. Motion made by Council Member D’Albini and seconded by Council Member Peterson to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried

It was approved by the City Council of Iola, Kansas, on the 28th day of March 2022.





Mayor Steven French



City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton