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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on April 12, 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 Peters, French, Ford, Myrick, Kinder, Ballard, and Peterson were present. Also present were Administrator Matt Rehder, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Council Member Slaugh was present via phone.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Peterson 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

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Approval**
 - **March 22, 2021, Council Meeting**

- B. Appropriations Approval**

- C. Allen County Farmers Market**

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

PROCLAMATION

A. CASA Child Abuse Awareness Donita Garner, a representative from Hope Unlimited, and Aimee Daniels, a representative from CASA, spoke about their activities to keep children safe. Ms. Daniels noted that while the number of children taken into custody between 2019 and 2020 decreased dramatically, it is unknown if this was due to outside individuals not seeing the children.

Mayor Wells read the proclamation and proclaimed April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 17 East Portland - Special Use Permit - Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Hutton informed the Council that on March 17, 2021, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and voted to approve the request for a particular use permit for this property.

Mr. Hutton noted that according to the State of Kansas regulations, Mr. Lamb would be required to set up an escrow account to clean up the property if the owner abandons it.

Council Member Slaugh asked who regulated the number of tires stored at the property. He noted an outstanding action against the company regarding the number of tires stored at another location.

Mr. Hutton stated that the state regulates the number of tires and treats them for mosquito repellent. He noted that if a problem arose, he would contact the State of Kansas.

Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Kinder to approve the special use permit for the property at 17 E. Portland to allow solid waste collection and processing. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members: Ballard, Kinder, Myrick, Peterson, Peters, Slaugh, and French. Voting against the motion was Council Member Ford. Motion passed by majority vote.

B. Green Space Lots Request - Assistant Administrator Schinstock noted that Josh Hawley had signed up for a garden space program on empty lots the city had obtained during the 2007 Flood. Mr. Hawley is requesting to plant fruit trees on the lots.

Mr. Hawley stated that he would plant the trees in orderly rows to make them easier to mow. He said that he was going to utilize the fruit for his friends and family.

Council Member Slaugh inquired about the number of the current trees that would be cut down. He wondered if it would be beneficial to stipulate Mr. Hawley not to cut down shade trees on the properties.

Council Member Ballard noted that the trees on the property were not significant; they tend to drop more limbs than they offer shade.

Mr. Hawley stated that he wouldn't be cutting down trees currently on the properties anytime soon due to the fruit trees requiring some shade from the mature trees during the first couple of years.

Motion made by Council Member Kinder and seconded by Council Member Peterson to approve Mr. Hawley planting fruit trees on the green space properties. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members: Kinder, Peterson, Peters, Ford, Myrick, Slaugh, and French. Council Member Ballard abstained from the vote due to the conflict of interest he has as the Mowing Contractor for the City of Iola. Motion passed by majority vote.

C. Combining of City Boards - Ordinance #3497 - Code Enforcement Officer Hutton informed the Council that combining the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals is allowed by State Statute. It is difficult to find enough volunteers for both boards.

City Attorney Johnson had the attached Ordinance prepared to combine the two boards.

Council Member French asked if the number of members would change. Mr. Hutton noted that each committee has five members. Some of the members have requested to step down.

Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Kinder to approve Ordinance #3497 combining the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals and authorizing the necessary signatures. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Accessory Structure Size - Ordinance #3496 - Code Enforcement Officer Hutton informed the council that the current ordinance is not quickly clarified. The change in the ordinance will have more straightforward statements on what is allowed per size of the property.

Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve Ordinance #3496, allowing the maximum total size and number of structures to increase to 1500 sq. ft. and three structures on adjacent properties over 18,000 sq. ft. and authorize the necessary signatures. All in favor. Motion carried.

E. Electric Generation Purchase - Contract - Assistant City Administrator Schinstock reviewed the project with the Council, noting that City Attorney Johnson had drafted the contract with High Plains Power Systems.

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Power Plant Superintendent Mike Phillips noted that everything is in place to set the generating unit. The funding is available in the Electric CIP Fund.

Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Kinder to approve the contract for the purchase with High Plains Power Systems LLC, the purchase and install a 2 MW Caterpillar generating unit from the Electric CIP fund for \$325,000 and authorize the necessary signatures. All in favor. Motion carried.

F. Recreation Building Projects - Recreation Director Jason Bauer informed the Council that repairs to the Recreation Community Building are needed, including a restoration of the roof, HVAC unit replacement, and painting outside the building.

Mr. Bauer obtained quotes for all three projects, noting that some extra funding was received from the Flood Insurance Program following a flood event in October 2018 that could be used to fund the projects.

Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Peters to authorize staff to prepare and send out a request for proposal for the roof replacement and HVAC replacement project for the recreation community building and utilize the remaining 2018 flood insurance proceeds as the funding mechanism. All in favor. Motion carried.

Council Member Slauch disconnected from the phone.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Peters to recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes pursuant to contract negotiations, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(3). The purpose of the executive session is to prepare for future or current contractual discussions and shall include the Mayor, Council, Administrator Rehder, and Assistant Administrator Schinstock. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 7:00 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

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COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Peters -

- None

B. Council Member Ford–

- Council Member Ford congratulated Rhonda Fulton on her retirement from the Iola Police Department.

C. Council Member French –

- Council Member French noted that he had observed some semi-trucks on North Kentucky.
- I wondered if he could receive the history on US 54 Highway.

D. Council Member Peterson–

- Council Member Peterson noted that she would like to begin receiving the Friday Weekly Administrative Report.

E. Council Member Ballard

- Council Member Ballard reported that it might be helpful to have a D.E.F. pump at the warehouse to be used with diesel fill-ups.
- He stated that he would like to receive the Friday Weekly Administrative Report.
- Council Member Ballard reported that the freshly laid sod within the parking area should be weed controlled to look better and be more appealing to play sports on.
- He asked about the Mill and Overlay project awarded to the low-bid company on January 25, 2021. He stated that the minutes didn't reflect a motion. Staff will review this and report back to the Council.
- He suggested that the new City Administrator interacts with the staff and Council more often.

F. Council Member Slaugh–

- None

G. Council Member Myrick–

- Commended the Fire Department for their efforts fighting the fire on Lincoln and US 54. They were able to contain the fire to the one structure.

H. Council Member Kinder -

- Council Member Kinder stated that he would also like to receive a Friday Administrative report.

I. Mayor Wells

- Mayor Wells stated his appreciation to all of the volunteers that had been staffing the COVID vaccination clinics.

K. Administrator Rehder

- Administrator Rehder commented that in his last position, he was told by Council Members that he over-informed them on happenings within the City. He will share more information weekly with the Council.
- He stated that everyone is welcome to come to his office anytime they would like to visit with him.
- Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that letters had been sent to landowners surrounding the MOPAC trail extension project informing them of a public meeting. Facebook will be used in conjunction with the letter to notify the public of the meeting to voice concerns and ideas.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

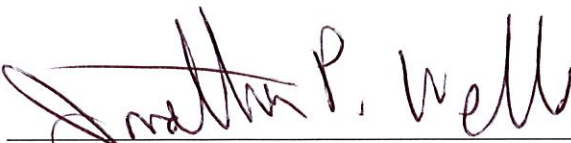
City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 2021

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2021

7:26 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Ford to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

It is approved by the City Council of Iola, Kansas, this 26th day of April 2021.





Mayor Wells



City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton