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A regular meeting of the City Council of Iola was held on June 12, 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 Shallah, Peterson, D’Albini, Peters, Slaugh, and Lohman were present. Also present were City Administrator Rehder, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Absent were Council Members Wicoff and Kinder.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member D’Albini, seconded by Council Member Shallah, to approve the agenda adding a five-minute executive session for non-elected personnel. 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Approval**
 - **May 22, 2023, Special Called Council Meeting**
 - **May 24, 2023, Regular Council Meeting**
- B. Appropriations Approval**

Council Member Peterson motioned to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member Lohman. All in favor. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

The Mayor read a proclamation declaring June 12, 2023, as Max Andersen Day. Mr. Andersen is a Speech and Drama Team Member that received a gold medal in the Class 4A State Speech and Drama Championships.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Right-of-Way Seating and Consumption - Central Business District - Ordinance 3515-

Administrator Rehder stated that the Ordinance is before the Council. Mayor French asked if the section that states approval granted by the ABC and the City of Iola was correct. City Clerk Hutton noted that the new ordinance covered dining only and serving alcohol on the city's right of way. The approval for dining only will be approved by the city staff. The city staff and the ABC must approve those wishing to serve alcoholic beverages.

Motion made by Council Member D'Albini and seconded by Council Member Lohman to approve Ordinance 3515 and the attached Common Consumption Area Policy. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Rotary Day in the Park - Resolution 2023-16 - Assistant Administrator Schinstock presented the request from the Rotary Club. The proposal is the same as in years past.

Motion made by Council Member Shallah and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve Resolution 2023-16 to provide support for Rotary Day in the Park. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Annual Chip Seal Program - Oil Bid Acceptance - Street and Alley Superintendent Jason Ellis informed the Council that two bids were received. Both bidders met the specifications, and the City has done business with them.

Motion made by Council Member Slaugh and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve the purchase of approximately 46,000 gallons of RS-1P Emulsion Oil from Vance Brothers, Inc. out of Kansas City, Mo. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Annual Tree Trimming - Bid Award - Electric Distribution Superintendent, Jim Baker, informed the Council that two bids were received. Both bidders met the specifications, and the City has done business with them.

Motion made by Council Member Slaugh and seconded by Council Member D'Albini to approve the annual tree trimming bid from Poor Boy Tree Service, Inc. for \$119.04 per hour with a maximum of 600 hours of trimming and authorize staff to execute the necessary documents. All in favor. Motion carried.

ROUND TABLE

A. 2024 Budget Presentations

Clerks/Utility Office - Roxanne Hutton

Police Department - Jared Warner

Parks & Cemetery - Berkley Kerr

Street & Alley/Sanitation - Jason Ellis

Fire/EMS Department - Corey Isbell

Administration - Corey Schinstock

Code Enforcement - Gregg Hutton

Industrial Fund - Matt Rehder

Discussion during the budget: Berkley Kerr informed the Council that he had money set aside in equipment reserve for a new RTV. He will be replacing a regular pickup with this Kubota RTV. He was planning on purchasing it next year; however, during the budget process, he solicited bids to determine the cost of the RTV. He discovered that the local dealer had two on the lot. They will sell him the Kubota RTV without the bed liner sprayed for \$22,046.89 or with them spraying the bedliner for \$22,582.89. The price is the government bid price; therefore, the lowest bid will be received. Motion made by Council Member Peterson and seconded by Council Member Shallah to purchase the Kubota RTV for \$22,046.89. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the mill levy increase in the General Fund is needed partly due to decreased transfer from the Solid Waste Fund. Council Member Slaugh stated that he would rather we do the transfer in the general fund and increase the monthly fee for solid waste pickup, not increase the mill levy. The discussion was to raise \$3.00 per month, making the total monthly fee for trash pickup \$15.00.

Council Members would like to see comparison rates for other cities and a list of the extra services provided by the department.

Discussion regarding the Equipment Reserve transfer from the Fire Department was discussed. The council did not see the need for the storage building to be built next year behind the Fire Station since the County allows the City to use the State Street Building. It was discussed to split the cost over the next two years rather than building it next year.

Council Member Shallah stated that as Council Members, we employ the Chiefs and Department Heads to investigate the equipment and uniform needs, and we should trust them to make decisions for the budget transfers to pay for these things, especially when it comes to the safety of our employees.

Council Member Slaugh stated he is not suggesting we don't budget transfers for the necessary equipment and uniforms. He wants us to see cuts so we don't have to have a 5.5 mill levy increase. Administrator Rehder stated that if we do the solid waste increase and transfer to the General Fund, we will need to find \$162,000 to make up the difference if the council wishes not to have a mill increase.

Administrator Rehder noted that the 5.5 mill increase would be approximately \$47.00 per year for an average house in Iola.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Non-Elected Personnel- Motion made by Council Member D'Albini and seconded by Council Member to recess into executive session for 5 minutes pursuant to Personnel matters of non-elected personnel, K.S.A. 75-4319. The purpose is to discuss non-elected personnel. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 7:44 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Peters -

- Council Member Peters reported that the building that used to house Tara Gardens on E. Carpenter Street is falling apart and has some items that need to be addressed immediately. Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Hutton will discuss it with the property owner.
- Council Member Peters reminded everyone to watch out for summer traffic, including kids on bicycles and walkers.

B. Council Member Lohman-

- Council Member Lohman had nothing to report.

C. Council Member D'Albini-

- Council Member D'Albini stated that we have several employees on the longevity list this time. He congratulated all of those long-term employees.
- Council Member D'Albini noted that July 14th would be the Greenzone Training at the college. All are welcome to attend.

D. Council Member Peterson–

- Council Member Peterson had nothing to report.

E. Council Member Wicoff-

- Council Member Wicoff was absent from the meeting.

F. Council Member Slaugh–

- Council Member Slaugh had nothing to report.

G. Council Member Shallah –

- Council Member Shallah congratulated the employees on their longevity. She stated that the Flag Development Committee had yet to meet, and she would send Max Grundy a text notifying him of a meeting.

H. Council Member Kinder -

- Council Member Kinder was absent from the meeting.

I. Mayor French

- Mayor French had nothing to report.

J. Administrator Rehder

- Administrator Rehder reported to the Council that the utility crews would finish installing utilities in the Cedarbrook addition soon. The street project will be starting shortly.

K. Assistant Administrator Schinstock -

- Assistant Administrator Schinstock reminded the Council to return their budget booklet to the next meeting.

L. City Clerk Hutton

- Reminded Council Members that if they plan to attend a meeting outside of the Council Meeting, they need to notify City Hall to prevent an Open Meetings Violation.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 26, 2023

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2023

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7:52 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Shallah 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 26th day of June 2023.





Mayor Steven French



City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton