

A regular meeting of the City Council of Iola was held on June 13, 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, Shallah, Kinder, and Lohman were present. Also present were City Administrator Rehder, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Absent was Council Member Wicoff.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Kinder and seconded by Council Member Slaugh to approve 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 and under the jurisdiction of the City Council may do so when called upon. Comments on personnel matters and matters pending in court or with outside tribunals are not permitted. Speakers are limited to three minutes. No action taken.

None were heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Approval**
 - **May 23, 2022, Council Meeting**

- B. Appropriations Approval**

- C. Elks Fireworks Sponsorship**

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. CIPP Lining Project - Bid Award - Administrator Rehder noted that the bids came in lower than the amount budgeted for the project; therefore, the staff wants to move forward with the Rehabilitation of the Lift Station in Riverside Park.

Administrator Rehder noted that the second ½ of the ARPA funds were received today for a total of \$803,639.80, and the \$200,000 budgeted within the WasteWater CIP Fund is enough money to complete both projects.

Gas, Water, and Wastewater Superintendent Mitch Phillips informed the council that he had spoken to Mayer Specialty Service individuals, who seem ready to start the project and knowledgeable about the process.

Motion made by Council Member Slaugh and seconded by Council Member Kinder to accept the low bid from Mayer Specialty Services of Goodard, Kansas, in the amount of \$844,799.30 from the Wastewater Utility CIP and ARPA Funds and authorize staff to execute the necessary documents. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Council Member Lohman and seconded by Council Member D'Albini to have staff solicit an RFP for the lift station project in the park utilizing the excess funds in the CIP not used for the lining project. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Elm Street Water Tower - Staff has been approached by Max & Candice Grundy about converting the decommissioned Elm Street Water Tower into an elevated living space.

Mayor French noted that he had spoken to Attorney Johnson about the matter and stated that if the council wants to put covenants or stipulations on what the tower can be used for within a bid proposal, he would be willing to assist the Council at the next meeting.

Mitch Phillips and Assistant Administrator Schinstock noted that the city would have to retain an easement on the property due to the area's water main and other utilities.

Council Members stated that they would be interested in having assistance from City Attorney Johnson with a solicitation of bids for the property.

ROUND TABLE

A. 2023 Budget Presentations

1. **Recreation - Jason Bauer** - Mr. Bauer stated that his budget remains the same as the current year.

Council Member Shallah asked Mr. Bauer if the Assistant Recreation Directors' job was a necessary position and would be filled after the resignation of the current assistant director, Ryan Latta.

Mr. Bauer stated that the job was necessary. During the summer, Ryan's job was coordinating baseball and softball activities, preparing fields, and assuring things ran smoothly during the season. He also would take calls if something came up during off-hours.

2. **Streets & Sanitation - Jason Ellis** - Mr. Ellis gave an overview of the Street and Alley Budget. He noted that with the necessary cut in equipment reserve transfers, his equipment purchases would be moved back one year. He said that in the Sanitation budget, he will be purchasing a new truck in 2023 with money set aside in the equipment reserve fund.
3. **Water Production & Wastewater Treatment - Toby Ross** - Mr. Ross gave an overview of the Water Production Budget and the Wastewater Treatment Budget. He noted that painting the water towers and replacing some of the equipment at the water plant is the priority in the next couple of years.
4. **Gas, Water Distribution & Wastewater Collection - Mitch Phillips** - Mitch Phillips noted that his budgets were pretty well flat across the board. He has budgeted for water line and bare steel main replacement, as he does every year.
5. **Phillips** stated that he hadn't gotten a bid in time to put it in the budget. He wants a SCADA / real-time metering system for the Westar loop in 2023. The cost will be about \$20,000. Staff will add this to the 2023 budget.
6. **Electric Distribution - Jim Baker** - Mr. Baker noted that he had raised a few line items, including his training to include individuals attending the apprenticeship program. He said that Human Resources Director Carla Garrison works with Kansas Works Program to obtain reimbursement for the cost of the classes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Trade Secrets-

Motion made by Council Member D'Albini and seconded by Council Member Peterson to recess into Executive Session for 15 minutes pursuant to Trade Secrets, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4). The purpose of the executive session is to discuss confidential data relating to financial and operational affairs and shall include the Mayor, Council, City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, and Economic Development Director. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 6:56 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Council Member D'Albini and seconded by Council Member Peters to recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes pursuant to Trade Secrets, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4). The purpose of the executive session is to discuss confidential data relating to financial and operational affairs and shall include the Mayor, Council, City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, and Economic Development Director. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 7:06 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Peters -

- Council Member Peters reported that he had been contacted by the renters at 411 N Kentucky regarding the water accessing their home and the landlord not cleaning up the mold resulting from the water. Staff will look into the matter.

B. Council Member Lohman—

- Council Member Lohman noted that he was pleased with the council turned out for the meeting last week held by Thrive on needs in the area.

C. Council Member D'Albini—

- Council Member D'Albini noted that the meeting was informative and is happy to see that some of the ideas were already being carried out.
- He asked about when mow orders were sent to customers. Administrator Rehder stated that the current ordinance is 12 inches; however, he would favor lowering it to somewhere between 6-12 inches.
- Challenged the others to sponsor a day at the Iola Pool.
- Congratulated the Iola Register on the awards they had won at the recent KPA meeting.

D. Council Member Peterson—

- Council Member Peterson stated that losing Ryan Latta as an employee of the Recreation Department will be a significant loss to the department and the city.

E. Council Member Wicoff-

- Council Member Wicoff was absent.

F. Council Member Slaugh—

- Council Member Slaugh had nothing to report.

G. Council Member Shallah —

- Council Member Shallah congratulated Debbie Troxel on her retirement.

H. Council Member Kinder -

- Council Member Kinder reminded everyone that with the heat, it is necessary to check on their neighbors and elderly residents, especially those without air conditioning.

I. Mayor French

- Mayor French had nothing to report.

J. Administrator Rehder

- Administrator Rehder congratulated Deb Troxel on her retirement.
- Administrator Rehder congratulated the employees on the anniversary list this week; he noted that there are many years of employment there.

K. Assistant Administrator Schinstock

- Assistant Administrator Schinstock had nothing to report.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 27, 2022

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

7:14 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Peterson and seconded by Council Member Peters to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried

It was approved by the City Council of Iola, Kansas, on the 27th day of June 2022.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven French".

Mayor Steven French

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roxanne Hutton".

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton