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A regular meeting of the City Council of Iola was held on June 14, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at the Park Community Building, 510 Park Avenue, Iola, Kansas.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Council Member Myrick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Peters, French, Myrick, Slaugh, Peterson, Kinder, and Ballard were present. Also present were Administrator Matt Rehder, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Absent was Mayor Wells and Council Member Ford.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Kinder and seconded by Council Member Peters 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.

Councilmember Myrick read the above statement. No public comments were made.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

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B. Appropriations Approval

Council Member Ballard inquired about a purchase for tires. Assistant Administrator Schinstock noted that those were for a sanitation truck. Council Member Ballard asked about a payable for repairs to a vehicle. Assistant Administrator Schinstock pointed out that the invoice was also for a sanitation vehicle.

Council Member Ballards asked why staff had rented a pressure washer to clean the swimming pool. Staff will look into this.

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. FloodPlain Ordinance #3498 -

City of Iola FloodPlain Manager Gregg Hutton informed the Council that he worked with Kansas Water Resource Corporation employee Steve Samuelson to bring the City's policies and procedures up to higher standards. Completing these tasks and revising the enclosed ordinance will reduce flood insurance purchased by Iola homeowners by 5% beginning April of 2022. Another reduction will take place in October of 2022 of a total of 8%.

Council Member Myrick questioned what the term substantial improvement meant. Mr. Hutton noted that modifications made to a home within the floodplain at 50% or more of the house's value would have to comply with the new requirements mentioned in Ordinance 3498.

Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve Ordinance #3498 adding mechanical freeboard requirements to floodplain regulations and authorize the necessary signatures. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Peters -

- He stated that the electric crew was changing a few of the decorative light globes around the square. He wondered if that could be done to all of them. Administrator Rehder noted that they have been ordered and will be converted to LED during the process.

B. Council Member Ford-

- Absent

C. Council Member French -

- He noted that the citizens and city crews are keeping up with the mowing with the wet weather.
- Thanked all of the City crews for the quick work following the Friday storm event.
- He has heard complaints about the State Street Mill and Overlay project recently completed.

D. Council Member Peterson–

- She asked why the flags were not out on Memorial Day. Administrator Rehder stated that staff did not follow through, and they were not hung up as they should have been.
- She asked when the electric charge for the February storm event would appear on customer's bills. Administrator Rehder noted that the charge has been on there since the event.

E. Council Member Ballard

- He commended the crews that mowed the cemetery for Memorial Day.
- He stated the road work on State Street is of poor quality. He had an engineer look at it, and they said they would have the company come back and mill and overlay it again.
- He asked about the grievance hearing that was supposed to be done at the Council Meeting this evening. He said that just because a couple of Council Members were absent from the meeting was not a good reason to put it off.

F. Council Member Slauch–

- He commended Mitch Phillips, Tom Roush, and Gary Kimball all for thirty-three years of service at the City.

G. Council Member Myrick–

- He agreed with Council Member Ballard the contractor that did the work on State Street was poorly done. He has heard comments that it is worse than it was before.
- He stated that he saw some employees doing road repair on the south side of town, and they were doing a better job than the crew that did the State Street project.
- I wondered if the City could beautify the Cemetery entrance by planting trees.
- He asked Code Enforcement Officer if he had a plan from the owners that had the fire on W. Lincoln Street. Mr. Hutton noted that he had spoken to the owner's son last week. He is planning on tearing down the building except for the last stall of the garage, which did not suffer damage. Mr. Hutton told him that the Council would want it taken care of soon. He gave the man three weeks to complete it.

H. Council Member Kinder -

- He reminded everyone that it is summertime children are playing. The swimming pool is open to enjoy.
- He noted that the dips in the roads in the South part of town need to have something done to them.
- He is still interested in the City hiring an IT person.

I. Mayor Wells

- Absent

J. Administrator Rehder

- Administrator Rehder asked the Council Members to let him know if they will be attending the tour at Peerless on June 30th at 10:00 a.m.
- He informed the Council that the City would receive approximately \$800,000 from the ARPA Federal Funds. The staff is working on a sewer lining project for these funds.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING


City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 28, 2021

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 12, 2021

6:32 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Peterson and seconded by Council Member Ballard to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

It is approved by the City Council of Iola, Kansas, this 28th day of June 2021.





Mayor Wells



City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton