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A regular meeting of the City Council of Iola was held on June 28, 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, Slauch, Peterson, Kinder, and Ballard were present. Also present were Administrator Matt Rehder, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton.

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Council Member French and seconded by Council Member Ballard 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.*

Mayor Wells read the above statement.

Donna Houser noted that the swimming pool has been fantastic this summer.

Judy and Tom Brigham addressed the Council regarding the requests from the Iola Rotary for the upcoming Rotary Day in the Park On July 23 and 24.

Ms. Brigham noted that the requests are the same as in previous years.

Jonathan Goering reminded the group of the tour of Peerless on Wednesday, June 30th at 10:00 a.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes Approval**

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**B. Appropriations Approval**

**C. Rotary Day In the Park - Resolution 2021-11**

**D. Allen County Relay for Life - Request -**

Council Member Peters asked about several of the expenses showing refund of fines. Staff will check into the costs and report back to the Council.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Non-Elected Personnel -**

Council Member Ballard motioned to recess into Executive Session for 15 minutes pursuant to personnel matters of non-elected personnel, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The purpose of the executive session is to discuss an employee grievance and shall include the Mayor, Council. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peters. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 6:21 p.m.

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6:50 p.m. Mr. Powell and Mr. B'Hymer left the meeting.

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7:23 p.m. Chief Waggoner left the meeting.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Fire Truck & Equipment - Bid Awards -**

Chief Waggoner gave an overview of the bid process, Noting that a fire apparatus advisory committee of three fire department employees and the Fire Chief was formed to review the bids and decipher the specifications included in each submitted bid packet. Administrative staff had also studied the proposals.

Chief Waggoner presented the bid for the fire engine and fire equipment within the specifications and the equipment bid that followed the purchasing policy as the lowest bid.

The Darley Vision fire engine and the equipment from W.S. Darley & Co. in the amount of \$653,230.54 and the additional equipment from Conrad Fire for \$36,768.72 fall within the amount of allotted money within the Budget, including the CDBG funds.

Council Member Peters asked why there was such a difference between the Pierce model and the Darley model.

Fire Chief Waggoner stated that it's a matter of name and notoriety. Both engines meet the needs of the fire department.

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Fire Chief Waggoner stated that Pierce has a service center in Olathe, while Darley's service center is in Kansas City, MO; however, Darley's service center does not have body repairs.

Council Member Ballard asked why Sutphen Fire Engines had not bid.

Chief Waggoner noted that he had contacted Sutphen and sent a bid packet to them. However, they had not sent a bid.

Council Member French noted that stations around Wichita had been having the same problems the Iola has had with the Pierce truck.

Council Member Ballard stated that he had spoken to departments in Wichita. They had problems with the same model that Iola has. They have since been buying several new models from Pierce. Council Member Ballard stated that when he lived in Michigan, the department he worked for switched from Darley Engines to Sutphen Engines.

The council asked to have the members of the Fire Apparatus Committee comment on the two engines.

Corey Isbell informed the Council that the committee had done a lot of research for different trucks. He noted that Pierce came to the station and met with them, discussing the details they wanted on the engine. Darley did not come to the station bidding just to the specifications within the bid packet.

Mayor Wells noted that the Council favors having the department obtain more information on the two different engines.

Council Member French noted that he wanted to ensure that having the engine being pared down to make it "cheaper" doesn't make it a risky situation getting into a vehicle that was not the quality that was needed.

Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Myrick to table this agenda item to a future meeting for more information to be obtained. All in favor. Motion carried.

**B. Allen County Fair Temporary CMB License - Resolution 2021-10-**

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve Resolution 2021-10 allowing Allen County Fair Association to sell CMB for the special event on July 23, 2021, through July 25, 2021, within the designated area at Riverside Park. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve Allen County Fair Association to be in Riverside Park until 1:00 a.m. on the evenings as mentioned above to accommodate the event. All in favor. Motion carried.

**C. 2021 Convention & Tourism Fund Disbursement -**

City Clerk Hutton reported that Farm City Days had missed the deadline to apply for convention and Tourism Funds, and they are requesting to be considered for funds at this time.

The Council Members stated that they would consider funding for Farm City Days after an application is submitted.

Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Myrick to approve the distribution of funds as recommended by the Convention and Tourism Committee. All in favor. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

**A. Council Member Peters -**

- He stated that he had received complaints from citizens about flooding on State Street with the heavy rain lately.

**B. Council Member Ford—**

- She noted that the trail behind her house needs to be mowed. The weeds are getting high.
- Ms. Ford stated that while sitting on her deck one evening, she observed what appeared to be a homeless person entering the old nursing home on North Walnut Street with bags. She noted that the utilities have not been on for several years, and if individuals live there, that is a code issue. Neighboring homes have complained about shingles blowing into their yards and debris from the property.

**C. Council Member French --**

- None

**D. Council Member Peterson—**

- None

**E. Council Member Ballard**

- He had received a call from residents on Cardinal Drive complaining about flooding in their yards. This issue has been brought up several times. Council Member Ballard

wanted to know what the City plans to do about the problem and when the problem will be taken care of. Administrator Rehder stated staff would look at it and report back to Council on a possible solution.

**F. Council Member Slaugh–**

- Council Member Slaugh asked if the County had contacted staff concerning EMS. Administrator Rehder stated that staff had not heard from anyone. Council Member Slaugh suggested the City start preparing policies and procedures to match the bid that was submitted for Countywide EMS Service.

**G. Council Member Myrick–**

- Council Member Myrick stated that the building that suffered a fire on Lincoln and Chestnut had not made any progress. He noted that the City needed to get on top of it and get the mess cleaned up.
- Council Member Peterson stated that Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Hutton had given the property owners three weeks to clear the debris at the last Council Meeting.

**H. Council Member Kinder -**

- Council Member Kinder wished everyone a safe and happy Independence Day.

**I. Mayor Wells**

- None

**J. Administrator Rehder**

- Administrator Rehder informed the Council that the pool pass challenge by local merchants has successfully covered all of the remaining pool days for the summer. He appreciates all of the local businesses taking part.

**DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

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

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

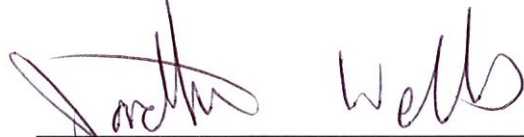
**8:42 p.m.** Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Ford to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

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It is approved by the City Council of Iola, Kansas, this 12th day of July 2021.



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Mayor Wells



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City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton