

CITY OF IOLA

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A regular meeting of the City Council of Iola was held on July 26, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at the Dr. John Silas Bass North Community Building, 505 North Buckeye Street, Iola, Kansas.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Myrick to approve the agenda as presented. 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 stated that she had received a request for the broken windows to be replaced and the paint that is chipping off the building at the swimming pool be scraped off and painted.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes Approval**
  - **July 12, 2021, Council Meeting**
  - **July 19, 2021, Special Called Council Meeting**
  
- B. Appropriations Approval**

**C. ACARF / Second Chance - Request**

**D. Convention & Tourism Funds Distribution - FCD**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Iola Public Library - Emergency Connectivity Funds** - The librarian of the Iola Public Library, Sharon Moreland, was in attendance at the meeting to request the City's participation in an application for funding through the Emergency Connectivity Funds. The Funds will be used to purchase laptops, tablets, WI-FI hotspots, modems routers, and broadband connectivity purchases for off-campus use by students, school staff, and library patrons.

Council Member Slauch asked how long a person can check them out. Ms. Moreland stated that she is requesting ten units about the library's extended check-out time.

Council Member Ballard asked about an individual who wants to check an item out right after returning. Ms. Moreland stated that if there is a waiting list, it will be handled the same as library materials are taken with a first-come, first-serve policy.

Council Member Peterson asked if there were sites that could not be accessed on the computers. Ms. Moreland stated that with the Children Internet Protection Act, they would have restricted access.

The grant does not require matching funds from the City of Iola. Motion made by Council Member Kinder to approve the City to be the sponsoring agency for the Iola Public Library application for funding through the Emergency Connectivity Funds. Motion seconded by Council Member Myrick. All in favor. Motion carried.

**B.Dangerous/Unsafe Structure Removal - Bid Acceptance-** Code Enforcement Staff has solicited bids for the four structures. Two bids were received, one from Ray's Metal Depot at the cost of \$11,900 for all four structures and one from Mueller and Sons at \$8,500 for all four structures. Code Enforcement Officer Hutton told the Council that the property at 610 N Third is currently being demolished and will likely not be included in the final cost of the bid.

Mayor Wells asked Mr. Hutton if the city had worked with Mueller and Sons on a previous occasion. Mr. Hutton stated that the City had worked with Mr. Mueller in the past and felt confident that the jobs could be completed as per the contract.

Motion made by Council Member Peterson and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve the bids submitted by Mueller & Sons for a project cost up to \$8,500 and demolish the structures and clear the properties based on Section 8-501 the Unified Development Code. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Fire Truck & Equipment - Bid Awards** - The bids were presented to the Council for the second time.

Council Member Myrick stated that the Darley truck did not meet specifications on the torque part of the engine. Chief Waggoner noted that while this is a true statement, the salesman from Darley informed him that he did not feel like a city the size of Iola would need the higher torque. He also stated that none of the bids met all of the specifications set forward.

Council Member Ballard stated that he did call the sales representative for Darley. He did confirm that while the engine was 445 horsepower, it did not meet the specifications on the torque.

Council Member Ballard stated that he had also contacted CDBG about the received bids. CDBG Informed him that while the grant requires the city to approve the lowest bid, it can also consider a bid that meets the specifications versus a bid that does not meet the specifications.

Council Member Ford asked how much of the equipment on the truck will be sold when the new truck will work with the new truck to prevent the City from Purchasing a new truck.

Council Member Peterson stated she is not comfortable approving a bid that does not meet specifications, especially if this is an essential part of the vehicle's operation.

Becky Vorhees, the grant administrator from Thrive Allen County, stated that while the City still has 19 months left on the grant, the truck company is predicting a build time of 16 months or longer.

Motion made by Council Member Slaugh and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve the purchase of a new Darley Vision fire engine from W.S. Darley & Co. in the amount of \$629,858 and approve the purchase of necessary firefighting

equipment from W.S. Darley & Co. in the amount of \$23,372.54 and Conrad Fire for necessary firefighting equipment in the amount of \$36,768.72, and authorize staff to execute the necessary documents for the purchase to meet CDBG grant requirements. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members: Slaugh, Peters, and Kinder. Voting against the motion were Council Members: Ballard, Myrick, Ford, and Peterson. Motion failed.

Motion made by Council Member Slaugh and seconded by Council Member Myrick to rebid the engine with all vendors meeting the required specifications and returning a bid within 30 days. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **Contract Negotiations:**

Council Member Myrick made a motion with Council Member Ballard seconding the motion to recess into Executive Session for 15 minutes pursuant to contract negotiations, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(3). The purpose of the executive sessions is to prepare for future or current contractual discussions and shall include the Mayor, Council, City Administrator, Attorney Heim, and the Fire Chief. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 7:06 p.m.

Council Member Kinder made a motion with Council Member Ballard seconding the motion to recess into Executive Session for 5 minutes pursuant to contract negotiations, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(3). The purpose of the executive sessions is to prepare for future or current contractual discussions and shall include the Mayor, Council, City Administrator, Attorney Heim, and the Fire Chief. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 7:11 p.m.

## **COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

### **A. Council Member Peters -**

- None

### **B. Council Member Ford-**

- Council Member Ford stated that a patron had contacted her about the time of day that mosquito spraying is being done. We want to assure that the bees have returned to their hives and that it is the right time of day to gain the most benefit from the spray for mosquito control.
- She noted that the nursing home in her neighborhood has had more air conditioning units removed and doors and windows broke.

**C. Council Member French –**

- Absent

**D. Council Member Peterson–**

- Council Member Peterson stated that she appreciates the new water line down Washington Avenue.

**E. Council Member Ballard**

- Council Member Ballard noted that the street sweeper needs a light bar attachment to be easily seen in the early morning hours.
- Council Member Ballard asked if the city had settled on withholding \$65,000 from Heckert Construction for the Mill and Overlay project. Administrator Rehder noted that was what was done.

**F. Council Member Slaugh–**

- Council Member Slaugh congratulated the three employees Mike Phillips, Pam Coons, and Chuck Heffern on over 30 years of service each.

**G. Council Member Myrick–**

- None

**H. Council Member Kinder -**

- Council Member Kinder received a comment from a resident regarding the material used for chip and seal noting that it should be watered down to prevent the dust from getting on plants which harms them and gets on vehicles and ruining their paint. Administrator Rehder stated that he thought the process used by the City of Iola was the cleanest process he had seen. Council Member Slaugh stated that the material is very clean because of the city's washing process used to recycle rock applied to the streets. He also noted that rock purchased for this project is used because of its cleanliness and safety to cars and plants.
- Council Member Kinder asked about pets that could be scanned for a microchip before the Police Department taking them to ACARF and asking around the neighborhood to see if the pet belonged close by.

**I. Mayor Wells**

- Mayor Wells commented that he is pleased with the job well done on the chip and seal. He noted that the roads in Iola are better than a lot of cities around.

**J. Administrator Rehder**

- Administrator Rehder reminded the public to take precautions in the upcoming heat wave. Take care of pets, drink lots of water, and stay inside in the heat of the day.

**DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

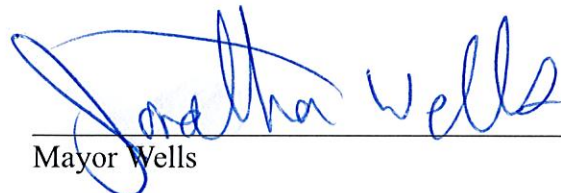
City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 9, 2021

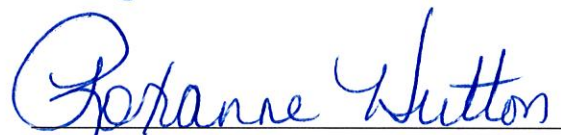
City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 23, 2021

**7:22 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, the 9th day of August 2021.



  
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Mayor Wells

  
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City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton