

CITY OF IOLA

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A regular meeting of the City Council of Iola was held on August 22, 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 and Council Members Peters, Peterson, D’Albini, Shallah, Kinder, Wicoff and Lohman were present. Also present were City Administrator Rehder, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Council Member Slaugh was present via telephone.

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Council Member D’Albini and seconded by Council Member Peters 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 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.*

Donna Houser reported to the Council that the Coaches box has had exhaust fans installed as well as the electricity completed, this completes the football stadium project.

Donna Houser stated that she attended a recent meeting for recycling in the area. She thinks Iola needs to look into having the citizens recycle with city vehicles picking it up. All of the garbage we are putting in the landfills is killing our planet.

Max Grundy asked that the Council look at putting stop signs up on Kentucky Street. He noted that a dog was hit in the area a few weeks ago and individuals drive fast down the road. Staff will look into this.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes Approval**
  - **August 8, 2022, Council Meeting**

**B. Appropriations Approval**

Mayor French asked about the invoice for CDL working on sewer lines. Mitch Phillips, Wastewater Superintendent informed the Council that years ago when the City hired the contractor to line sewer lines there have been a few taps that they did not cut out. This has caused sewage to back up into the owners lines. The City paid for the invoice from CDL to the homeowner and opened the connection on the main..

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. 2023 Budget Approval Process -**

- 1. Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing & Resolution #2022-16-** Mayor French opened the public hearing at 6:08 p.m. Don Heath, 702 N Briarwood, spoke about his concern in the valuation of his property increasing by \$40,000. Administrator Rehder told Mr. Heath he needed to voice this concern with the Allen County Appraisers office. No other comments were heard. Mayor French closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Council Member D’Albini and seconded by Council Member Peters to adopt Resolution 2022-16 to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2023 budget. A roll call vote was taken:

Mayor French	Yes
Council Member D’Albini	Yes
Council Member Kinder	Yes
Council Member Wicoff	Yes
Council Member Lohman	Yes
Council Member Peterson	Yes
Council Member Shallah	Yes
Council Member Peters	Yes
Council Member Slaugh	Yes

The motion passed with a majority vote.

- 2. 2023 Budget Public Hearing & Adoption -** Mayor French opened the Public Hearing at 6:11p.m. No comments were heard from the public. Mayor French closed the public hearing.

Motion made by Council Member Peterson and seconded by Council Member D'Albini to approve the 2023 Budget as published.

Prior to the vote being taken Council Member Slaugh asked for discussion. He stated that he had concerns with a mill levy increase and the \$1 million transfer from the Electric CIP Fund. He has heard that the funding is needed to cover the extra salary and benefits due to the rate increase in 2020. Council Member Slaugh noted that he had not received any reasons for the increase in writing and therefore he would be voting no for the budget.

The vote was taken: Voting in favor of the motion were: Council Members D'Albini, Kinder, Wicoff, Lohman, Peterson, Shallah and Peters. Voting against the motion was Council Member Slaugh. Motion passed by a majority vote.

**B. Gas & Wastewater ½ Ton Pickups Bid Acceptance - Mitch Phillips -**

Mr. Phillips informed the Council that Staff solicited bids for two ½ ton Ford F-150 pickup trucks. Two bids were received. One from Twin Motors Ford and one from Steve Faulkner Ford from Chanute.

Based on section 6.4 of the purchasing policy "Local Procurement" the difference in the two bids is within the limit to purchase locally.

Motion made by Council Member D'Albini and seconded by Council Member Shallah to approve the purchase of two ½ ton Ford F-150 pickup trucks from Twin Motors Ford in the amount of \$72,467.56. All in favor. Motion carried.

**C. Cedarbrook Third Addition Housing Project**

**1. Resolution 2022-17 RHID - Jonathan Goering, Economic Development**

Director informed the council that a potential housing developer is interested in the Cedarbrook Addition. With this resolution the process will begin with the Kansas Department of Commerce requesting the area of the development to become a Rural Housing Incentive District.

This will aid the potential developer to build the housing and needed infrastructure by assisting in the financing of public improvements.

Council Member Slaugh asked if the Council was approving the developer now? Mr. Goering stated that this is not committing money or property to a certain developer just to the project.

Motion made by Council Member Lohman and seconded by Council Member Kinder to approve Resolution 2022-17 beginning the process to create an RHID district for Cedarbrook Third Addition to Iola. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 2. Ordinance 3508 MIH** - The enclosed ordinance supports moderate income housing within the City.

Mr. Goering noted that this ordinance will make the potential duplexes market rate homes not low income homes.

Motion made by Council Member Lohman and seconded by Council Member Kinderto approve Ordinance 3508 supporting the development of housing within Iola. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Contract Negotiations** - Motion made by Council Member D'Albini and seconded by Council Member Shallah to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes according to Contract Negotiations, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(3). The purpose of the executive session is to prepare for future or current contractual discussions and shall include the Mayor, Council, City Administrator, and Assistant City Administrator. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 6:48 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

**A. Contract Negotiations** - Motion made by Council Member Shallah and seconded by Council Member Kinder to recess into executive session for ten minutes according to Contract Negotiations, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(3). The purpose of the executive session is to prepare for future or current contractual discussions and shall include the Mayor, Council, City Administrator, and Assistant City Administrator. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 6:59 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

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

- Council Member Peters stated that it appeared the open house at the grade school was well attended.

### **B. Council Member Lohman—**

- Council Member Lohman stated that the traffic situation at the new elementary school wasn't quite as bad as predicted.

### **C. Council Member D'Albini—**

- Council Member D'Albini stated that college students started classes today. He asked Iolans to be welcoming to the students around town.
- Council Member D'Albini has received some complaints regarding cracks in the surface of the walking trails as well as branches that have been cut down and left on the trail.

- Council Member D’Albini informed the Council that the first International Dinner at the college will be held on September 13th and will consist of Japanese food.
- Council Member D’Albini asked about the City’s current Comprehensive Plan. Administrator Rehder noted that the current one is outdated, he wants to bring our Economic Director into the process before spending the funds to update it.

**D. Council Member Peterson–**

- Council Member Peterson wished Mark and Virginia Peters a Happy Anniversary.
- Congratulated Jim Baker and Danny Makarnin on their years of service.

**E. Council Member Wicoff-**

- Council Member Wicoff had nothing to report.

**F. Council Member Slaugh–**

- Council Member Slaugh had nothing to report..

**G. Council Member Shallah –**

- Council Member Shallah asked who was responsible for removing the grass and trash from the guttering in the street. Assistant Administrator Schinstock noted that the owner was responsible for maintaining that area.
- Congratulated the long term employees on their service to the City.

**H. Council Member Kinder -**

- Council Member Kinder noted that the school traffic seems to be working out.

**I. Mayor French**

- Mayor French congratulated the long term employees on their service. He stated that the City of Iola is fortunate to have employees that have so much history and knowledge.

**J. Administrator Rehder**

- Administrator Rehder had nothing to report.

**K. Assistant Administrator Schinstock**

- Assistant Administrator Schinstock reminded the Council Members of the upcoming Thrive annual dinner. If anyone is interested in attending let him know.
- Informed the Council that city crews had painted lines in the elementary school parking lot.
- MOPAC trail is still in process however people are using it to get to the school.
- Will visit with the college about partnering together on a crosswalk.

**DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2022

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 26, 2022

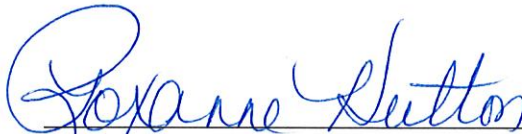
**7:11 p.m.** Motion made by Council Member Shallah and seconded by Council Member D'Albini to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried

It was approved by the City Council of Iola, Kansas, on the 12th day of September 2022.



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Mayor Steven French



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City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton