

CITY OF IOLA

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A regular meeting of the City Council of Iola was held on September 11, 2023, 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 Shallah, D’Albini, Peters, Slaugh, Peterson, Kinder, Wicoff, and Lohman were present. Others present were City Administrator Rehder, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton were present.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Slaugh motioned to approve the agenda, pulling out item D from the consent agenda and making it separate. Council Member Kinder seconded the motion to approve the agenda with changes. 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.

Lee Grimes informed the Council that, in his opinion, the alleys in town are like slums. He feels that the Mayor should appoint a task force to send letters and issue fines to individuals with code violations. He informed the Council that there are codes on the books and that the Code Enforcement Department needs to enforce them.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Approval**
 - **August 28, 2023,**
- B. Appropriations Approval**
- C. GAAP Waiver**
- D. Police Officer Retirement Service Weapon Request (moved to separate agenda item)**

E. Standard Traffic Ordinance and Uniform Public Offense Code Adoption

F. Thrive Allen County Request

Council Member Kinder motioned to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Council Member Lohman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Item D from the Consent Agenda - Council Member Slaugh stated that while this may be questioning tradition, it doesn't seem appropriate to award a retiring officer with his gun that is costly to replace. Chief Warner noted that a replacement revolver would cost approximately \$400.00.

Mayor French asked how many years of service Officer Ford had with the city. Chief Warner noted that he had 28 years of service.

Motion made by Council Member Shallah and seconded by Council Member Kinder to approve giving Officer Ford his service gun and badge following his retirement. Council Members D'Albini, Kinder, Wicoff, Lohman, Peterson, Shallah, and Peters voted in favor of the motion. Voting against the motion was Council Member Slaugh. Motion passed by majority vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Huskey Property Re-Zoning

1. **R-1 to C-2 25.04 Acres Ordinance 3520**- Code Enforcement Officer Hutton informed the Council that the property had to be zoned R-1 Single Family when it was annexed. This change will change this property to C2 to allow Prairie Land to build on the property and operate as a commercial property.

Motion made by Council Member Lohman and seconded by Council Member Kinder to approve Ordinance 3520 rezoning the property on Oregon Road R-1 to C-2.

2. **R-1 to A-L 80.46 Acres - Ordinance 3521** - Motion made by Council Member Lohman and seconded by Council Member Slaugh to approve Ordinance 3521 rezoning the 80.46 acres from R-1 to A-L. All in favor. Motion carried.

ROUND TABLE

- A. Parallel Generation Policy - Discussion** - Administrator Rehder informed the Council that, eventually, the city would be required to participate in this

program. The ordinance will allow residents and commercial property owners to install solar for their personal use at 4% over their peak usage for personal use. As they generate and put the excess back into the grid, the meter will calculate the energy to rebate the customer every year.

Council Member Lohman asked if this was bad for the city since the city is in the business of selling electricity. Administrator Rehder stated that while the customer getting solar means they are not buying as much power from the city, this credit will not cost the city a lot of money because the peak time for generation is limited in our area. The excess power will go back into our system and onto another customer.

Council Member Slaugh asked how much this is costing the citizens. Power Plant Superintendent Phillips stated that the customer pays from \$30,000 to \$60,000 for the system.

Council Member Peters noted that General Motors has announced that they are developing electric vehicles that can provide power to an individual's resident if the power goes down.

The consensus was to bring an official ordinance to the next council meeting for approval.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Peters -

- Council Member Peters had nothing to report.

B. Council Member Lohman—

- Council Member Lohman had nothing to report.

C. Council Member D'Albini—

- Council Member D'Albini noted that the Allen Community College 100-year celebration would be tomorrow.

D. Council Member Peterson—

- Council Member Peterson had nothing to report.

E. Council Member Wicoff-

- Council Member Wicoff had nothing to report.

F. Council Member Slaugh—

- Council Member Slauch said he would like the city to revisit the EV Charging stations. He thinks it would be possible to discuss cost-sharing of the charging stations with business owners.
- Administrator Rehder noted that the latest grant the city applied for was denied. He stated that there might be some funding in the BIL program.
- Administrator Rehder noted that it was the consensus that the council did not want to allow Mr. Porter to install EV Charging stations in the right-of-way so he didn't see any reason to put it back on the agenda.
- Mayor French noted that the council favored installing them on city-owned parking lots. He asked Council Member Peters to research and find some possible corporations that might be interested in partnering with the city and providing the charging stations.

G. Council Member Shallah –

- Council Member Shallah congratulated the employees with anniversaries in the packet.
- Council Member Shallah informed Council Member Peters that Neosho, Missouri, has EV charging stations. He may want to contact them about their process.

H. Council Member Kinder -

- Council Member Kinder had nothing to report.

I. Mayor French

- Mayor French noted that Kwik Kom was in Cedar Brook. He wondered if they were laying fiber optic. He said it would be nice to have it done before the City laid the streets so things don't get torn up. Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that they are currently working on the First Addition.
- Mayor French has noted that the street lights at the Southwest entrance of Chanute and also some in Eldorado are a bluish/purple tint. He wondered what the difference was. Staff will look into it.

J. Administrator Rehder

- Administrator Rehder had nothing to report.

K. Assistant Administrator Schinstock -

- Assistant Administrator Schinstock had nothing to report.

L. City Clerk Hutton

- City Clerk Hutton had nothing to report.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 2023,

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2023,

6:32 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Peterson and seconded by Council Member D'Albini to adjourn the meeting.

It was approved by the City Council of Iola, Kansas, on the 25th day of September, 2023.





Mayor Steven French



City Clerk Roxanne Hutton