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A regular meeting of the City Council of Iola was held on September 12, 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, Slaugh, and Lohman were present. Also present were City Administrator Rehder, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Slaugh and seconded by Council Member Lohman 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.

None were heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Approval**
 - **August 22, 2022, Council Meeting**
- B. Appropriations Approval**
- C. Standard Traffic Ordinance and Uniform Public Offense Code**
- D. Farm City Days Resolution**

Council Member Slaugh made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member D'Albini. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2021 Financial Audit Presentation - Sean Gordon -

Sean Gordon, CPA from Gordon P.A., reviewed the 2021 Audit with the Council Member. Mr. Gordon noted that no regulatory or statutory violations were found during the audit process.

Mr. Gordon noted that the staff was accommodating and used checks and balances to ensure accurate record keeping.

Council Member Slaugh asked Mr. Gordon if he thought the city had adequate cash to maintain a healthy cash balance. Mr. Gordon noted that was one of the items they tested for, and the city has sufficient money for their expenses.

Motion made by Council Member D'Albini to accept the audit report for the 2021 fiscal year. Motion seconded by Council Member Kinder. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Elm Street Water Tower Property - Bid- Administrator Rehder informed the Council that one bid was received for the purchase of the Elm Street Water Tower. Max and Candice Grundy submitted a bid for \$1,000 for the property.

Motion made by Council Member D'Albini and seconded by Council Member Peterson to approve the Elm Street Water Tower sale to the Grundy's with an agreement drawn up by City Attorney Johnson. All in favor. Motion carried.

ROUNDTABLE

A. CITF/Pride Splash Park - Discussions- Donna Houser, Chelsey Beasley, Heather Curry, Jonathan Goering, and Coury Sager were present to update the Council on their latest project.

Donna Houser told the Council that CITF had been working on a splash park for several months and are ready to start fundraising, holding some meetings to obtain residents' ideas.

Ms. Houser stated that Meadowbrook Park is the location that has been picked.

Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that part of the property is within the floodplain. The group will have to visit with floodplain management representatives about possibly relocating the doghouse that houses the water pump.

Council Member D'Albini asked if the finished park would be covered under the City of Iola's insurance. Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that it would be under the City's insurance.

Council Member Peterson asked the group if they had a date the project would be completed. Ms. Houser stated that they have to raise the money, so that it may take a while.

Council Member Shallah asked who would be responsible for the park's maintenance and why the group did not consider putting the Park on the square.

Ms. Houser stated that the courthouse property was looked into, and the County indicated that they did not want it on their property. The Park crew would be in charge of the park's maintenance.

The council gave their blessing on the project, moving forward with fundraising and designing the park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Non-Elected Personnel - Motion made by Council Member D'Albini and seconded by Council Member Shallah to recess into executive session for ten minutes according to personnel matters of non-elected personnel, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The purpose of the executive session is to discuss an individual employee's employment and shall include the Mayor, Council, City Administrator, and Assistant City Administrator. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 6:36 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & 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 had nothing to report.

D. Council Member Peterson–

- Council Member Peterson congratulated Eric B’Hymer and Michael Burnett on their years of service.
- Council Member Peterson congratulated staff on a good audit report.

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 had nothing to report.

H. Council Member Kinder -

- Council Member Kinder wondered about having an online suggestion box to gain ideas from the citizens.

I. Mayor French

- Mayor French had nothing to report.

J. Administrator Rehder

- Administrator Rehder reported that the water tower project would begin this week. They will paint the tower white with the blue I logo and the repairs and cleaning.
- Administrator Rehder stated that the Sewer Lining Project being funded by the ARPA funds has begun. Most likely, the crew will be televising and finding repairs that need to be done by city staff and then continue with the lining in the Spring.

K. City Clerk Hutton

- City Clerk Hutton reported that her staff is in the process of notifying customers that, effective December 1, 2022, all credit card phone payments will be made through a secure phone line through the software company. Making the process more secure for the customer as well as city staff.
- She noted that in the last year, the online service had had over 1,000 users as well as \$101,540 in e-checks and over \$2 million in total payments received.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2022

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6:47 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 26th day of September 2022.





Mayor Steven French



City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton