

CITY OF IOLA

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10/12/2021

A regular meeting of the City Council of Iola was held on October 12, 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 Myrick, Peterson, Ford, Peters, Ballard, and Kinder were present. Council Member Slauch arrived at 6:10 p.m. Also present were Administrator Matt Rehder, Assistant City Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Absent was Council Member French.

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Ballard to approve the agenda as amended. 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.*

No public comments were made.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes Approval**

- **September 27, 2021, Council Meeting**

**B. Appropriations Approval**

Council Member Ford made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Council Member Peters. All in favor. Motion carried.

**A. CDBG-CV3 Funds Disbursement--** Becky Voorhies of Thrive Allen County informed the Council that four more businesses in Iola have qualified for funds through the CDBG-CV3 grant for a total of \$30,000.

Council Member Petterson made a motion to approve the disbursement of CV-3 grant funds and authorize the Mayor and staff to sign the necessary documents for the businesses mentioned above. All in favor. Motion carried.

**B. Fire Truck & Equipment - Bid Award -** Interim Fire Chief Gary Kimball informed the Council of the bids received. Two of them did not meet our minimum bid specifications—making the bid from Feld Fire of Grain Valley, Missouri, for a Spartan fire engine the low bid. He noted that the truck would be built from the ground up at the Grain Valley facility.

Council Member Myrick asked if we could forgo the purchase of the optional equipment and use the extra money for the higher-priced Pierce Fire Engine. He thinks the City could save for the equipment and buy it at a later date. City Administrator Rehder stated that the City would have to say why they were not going with the lowest bid with the grant.

Council Member Peterson stated that the City does not have to go with the lowest bid to justify why the bid was not taken.

Council Member Ballard stated that the City could save the \$35,000 matching funds and not purchase new equipment.

Council Member Slaugh noted that the current equipment is getting some age on it. With the grant, the City can purchase the new equipment at half the price.

Administrator Rehder noted that the motion states that the equipment being purchased is not to exceed \$71,769. The equipment could be reviewed and possibly pared down. The entire amount does not have to be expended.

Council Member Ford stated that if the equipment is getting to a point, it does need to be replaced, it would be best to get it with grant funding assistance.

Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Myrick to accept the bid from Feld Fire of Grain Valley, Missouri, for the purchase of a new Spartan fire engine for \$618,231. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members: Ballard, Myrick, Ford, Peters, Kinder, Myrick. and Slaugh . Voting against the motion was Council Member Peterson. Motion carried by majority vote.

Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Kinder to approve the purchase of firefighting equipment necessary for the new engine not to exceed \$71,769 and authorize staff to execute the documents required for the purchase to meet CDBG requirements. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members: Ford, Kinder, Peters, Slaugh, and Myrick. Voting against the motion were Council Members: Ballard and Peterson. Motion passed with a majority vote.

**C. Partial Easement Release - Super 8 Property** - Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that staff was approached by representatives of Vishnu Corporation, owner of the Super 8 Motel in Iola. They are requesting a partial release of a drainage easement.

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Slaugh to approve the partial release of easement for Vishnu Corporation and authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary documents. All in favor. Motion carried.

**D. C.M.B. License - Paul Porter** - Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Myrick to approve to sell C.M.B. for consumption on premises for 20 W Jackson and approve to sell C.M.B. in original unopened containers, not for consumption on-premises for the remainder of the 2021 Calendar year. All in favor. Motion carried.

**E. Riverside Park Curfew Request** - Motion made by Council Member Ford to approve the request from Allen County Dance Parents to extend the nightly curfew in Riverside Park until midnight on October 22, 23, 29 & 30. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Contract Negotiations** - Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Myrick to recess into Executive Session for 15 minutes pursuant 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, Assistant City Administrator, and Attorney Brett Heim. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 6:37 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Contract Negotiations** - Motion made by Council Member Kinder and seconded by Council Member Myrick to recess into Executive Session for 10 minutes pursuant 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, Assistant City Administrator, and Attorney Brett Heim. The regular

meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 6:47 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

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

- None

### **B. Council Member Ford—**

- Council Member Ford stated that she had sent an email earlier in the month about an air conditioner kicked in at the nursing home on North Walnut. Either it was replaced and kicked in again or was never replaced because it is kicked in again.

### **C. Council Member French –**

- Absent

### **D. Council Member Peterson—**

- None.

### **E. Council Member Ballard**

- Council Member Ballard stated that there are still some drainage problems on Miller Road, possibly caused by some dirt moved around by the college when some work had been done.
- Council Member Ballard noted that the weed removal on the square looks a lot better.

### **F. Council Member Slauch—**

- None

### **G. Council Member Myrick—**

- None

### **H. Council Member Kinder -**

- None

### **I. Mayor Wells**

- Mayor Wells thanked the Farm City Days Committee and volunteers for all of the work done to make the event a success.

### **J. Administrator Rehder**

- Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that the Department of Wildlife and Parks came out last week to stock the ponds in the Cedarbrook Area. They will be open for public fishing in the near future.

**DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING**


City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 2021

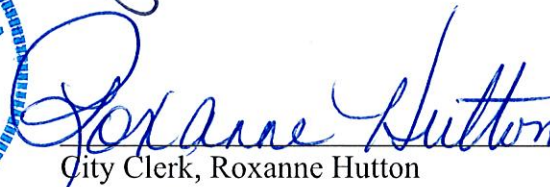
City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 8, 2021

**6:50 p.m.** Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Ford to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried

It was approved by the City Council of Iola, Kansas, on the 25th day of October 2021.



  
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Mayor Jonathon Wells

  
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City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton