

CITY OF IOLA

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10/25/2021

A regular meeting of the City Council of Iola was held on October 25, 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, French, and Kinder were present. Also present were Administrator Matt Rehder, Assistant City Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Absent was Council Member Slauch.

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Kinder 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.*

Josiah D'Albine informed the group that the next International Cuisine night at the College would be November 9th, and they will be serving Nigerian Food.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes Approval**
  - **October 12, 2021, Council Meeting**
  
- B. Appropriations Approval**
  
- C. Board Appointment - Iola Housing Authority**

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

## **ROUNDTABLE**

**A. CITF/Pride - Eleanor Discussions - Donna Houser--** Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Myrick to table this agenda item following New Business. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Recreation Building Roof - Bid Award -** Assistant Administrator Schinstock told the Council that staff set up bid specifications and solicited four separate roofing companies to bid the project. Bids were received from two roofing companies.

Recreation Director Jason Bauer informed the Council that the area over the ladies restroom is leaking and the Little Theater area.

Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Myrick to approve the contract of removing and replacing the flat roof on the Recreation Building with Stanfield Roofing, Inc for \$71,868.72 that comes with a 20-year warranty. All in favor. Motion carried.

**B. Annual Auditing Services - MOU -** Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Peters to authorize staff to engage Gordon CPA, LLC and sign the necessary documents for the financial audits for the Fiscal Year 2021. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **C. 2022 Holidays & Council Meeting Dates -**

Administrator Rehder noted that the County added Juneteenth to the calendar this year.

Mayor Wells would like to add Indigenous to Columbus Day.

Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Ford to approve the proposed holiday list for the calendar year 2022 and approve revisions to the City Council Meeting on October 10th to the following Tuesday and cancel the December 26th meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

**D. 2022 COLA Adjustment** - On October 13th, the Social Security Administration press office released the cost of living adjustment. The rate for 2022 is 5.9%.

Motion made by Council Member Kinder and seconded by Council Member Ford to approve the Cost of Living Adjustment for 2022 at 5.9% for all employees. All in favor. Motion carried.

**E. Ambulance Purchase RFP** - Administrator Rehder stated that this agenda item was added at the request of the Council to prepare a request for proposal (RFP) for a new ambulance. Administrator Rehder noted that ARPA funds could be used to purchase the vehicle.

Council Member French asked if the new van-type would be beneficial to the City. Council Member Ballard noted that while the van type may be cheaper and is smaller, it would not be a good unit for the department due to the lack of room for treatment in the patient area.

Motion made by Council Member Peterson and seconded by Council Member Myrick to authorize staff to prepare a request for a proposal specification sheet for purchasing a new ambulance for the new citywide EMS service. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Peterson to table Roundtable item A to follow Executive Session. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Contract Negotiations** - Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Peters 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 6:51 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

**A. CITF/Pride - Eleanor Discussions - Donna Houser--** Donna Houser reported to the group that t rare Eleanor Toilet is located in the Iola Cemetery. The CITF/Pride Group would like to have permission to solicit grants to restore and preserve this piece of history.

The Council was in consensus to encourage the group to solicit grant opportunities to refurbish the Eleanor Toilet located in the Iola West Cemetery.

## **COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

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

- Council Member Peters asked about the missing bollards on the trail. Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that they were removed due to some damage that was caused to them.
- Council Member Peters informed the group that if individuals need assistance with funeral expenses for a COVID-related death, they can reach out to FEMA.gov for financial aid.

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

- Council Member Ford stated that kids would be out and about for Halloween; everyone needs to be aware.

### **C. Council Member French –**

- None

### **D. Council Member Peterson--**

- Council Member Peterson stated that she had received numerous calls and texts from residents complaining about Washington Street. Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that the gravel needs to settle, and the Street and Alley Crew will permanently repair the street next Spring.
- Council Member Peterson would like to revisit the discussion about a downtown restroom.

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

- Council Member Ballard noted that the 169 is now open to Garnett. He encouraged everyone to look out for deer this time of year.

### **F. Council Member Slaugh--**

- Absent

### **G. Council Member Myrick--**

- Thanked all of the city employees who helped with Farm City Days festivities.
- Reminded individuals not to blow leaves into the streets.

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

- Council Member Kinder reminded everyone to be safe out and about with cold weather coming.

**I. Mayor Wells**

- Mayor Wells thanked the city staff for all of their hard work, including assisting with Farm City Days festivities.
- He reminded everyone to winterize your homes to cut down on energy costs and prevent frozen pipes.

**J. Administrator Rehder**

- Administrator Rehder reminded the members of the Economic Development Committee of the meeting tomorrow in his office.

**DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

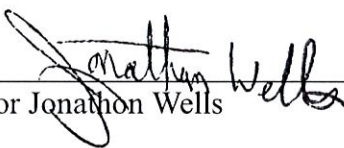
City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 8, 2021

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 22, 2021

**6:51 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 8th day of November, 2021.



  
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Mayor Jonathon Wells

  
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City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton