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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on January 13, 2020, 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 and Council Members, Franklin, Peters, Ballard, Ford, Peterson, Myrick, and Martin were present. Also present were Administrator Fleming, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Absent was Council Member Matthew.

INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Wells asked the newly elected Council Members to stand up and be sworn in.

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS SWEARING IN

City Clerk Hutton swore Mayor Jonathan Wells into office. City Clerk Hutton swore Council Members Kim Peterson, Steve French, Carl Slaugh and Nickolas Kinder into office.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Wells recognized Council Members Martin and Franklin giving them a plaque to recognize their service. They left the meeting at this time.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Wells read the following statement:

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 that are under the jurisdiction of the City Council may do so at this time when called upon by the Mayor. 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.

Following Mayor Wells reading of the aforementioned statement, he asked members of the audience if they wished to address the Council.

No one from the audience had any public comments at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

- **December 9, 2019**

B. Appropriations Approval

C. Kansas Pride Program - Resolution #2020-01

Council Member Peters asked about the Cox Services bill. He wondered if these charges were for phone and internet on a monthly basis. Administrator Fleming stated that they were the monthly charges for each department for phone and internet and cable television at the Fire Station.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Trade Secrets - Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Kinder to move the city council into Executive Session for 10 minutes pursuant to Trade Secrets, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (4). The purpose of the executive session is to discuss confidential data relating to financial and operational affairs and shall include the Mayor, Council, City Administrator, and the Assistant City Administrator. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 6:18 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Rotary Recycling - Request - Rotary Recycling is requesting assistance emptying dumpsters they have stationed at some of the businesses around town.

Staff of the Street and Alley Department did a couple of trial runs. It was noted that only the oldest sanitation truck could be used because of the lift ability of the truck. Each run took approximately one hour with two men on the truck.

Council Member Slaugh asked what the old truck is currently used for. Administrator Fleming noted that it is used when any of the other trucks are down, for reserve a truck and city wide cleanup.

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Mayor Wells asked what the cost was for 2 yard dumpsters? It was noted that they would cost approximately \$300 each. Since the County already purchased the 8 yard dumpsters and they also provide transportation of the recycling material to Wichita it would not be economical to purchase new dumpsters. Steve Strickler also noted that the businesses are filling up the 8 yard dumpsters he didn't think it would be beneficial to replace them with smaller ones.

Administrator Fleming noted that the city currently only picks up trash for residential customers. Service is not provided for commercial business.

Council Member Ballard asked if the estimated cost of \$100.00 was for pickup each month. Administrator Fleming noted that yes it was the cost of picking up for one month.

Council Member Myrick stated that he wants to help out the Rotary with this adventure, he had concerns about the wear and tear on the truck.

Street Superintendent, Dan Leslie stated that it wouldn't be too much wear and tear on the truck. He did have some concerns about personnel shortage in the summer months which could result in overtime in the department.

Steve Strickler, Rotary Representative noted that he had been physically climbing into the dumpsters and placing the cardboard in totes to move them to the bailing area.

Mayor Wells asked if it was important that the truck be clean when the cardboard is picked up. Mr. Strickler stated that the truck needed to be clean for it to be acceptable at the drop off site.

Council Member Slaugh stated he would be in favor of a 90 day trial.

Council Member French wondered if two smaller bins would be better than one large one.

Council Member Ballard was agreeable to the trial period stating our trucks would only pick up in Iola.

Council Member Myrick stated that he wanted to have an agreement between the City of Iola and the Rotary stating that if Street and Alley Personnel were unable to provide the manpower to dump the bins it would be the responsibility of Rotary to get the bins emptied.

Council Member Kinder noted that if smaller bins were used they would have to be dumped more often. He wondered if the businesses involved would pay for pickup, splitting it between them would be a small amount.

Mayor Wells noted that the cost associated with the truck is what the city would charge if the truck was to be used for something outside of normal operations.

Council Member Ford stated that she was in favor of a trial period and staff would just communicate to the Rotary if they were unable to pick up the cardboard.

Council Member French noted that he hoped this venture would become permanent. He gave accolades to the Rotary Club for the recycling efforts.

The Council Members were in agreement that a 90 day trial would be a good start.

B. Preliminary Gas Utility Master Plan Engineering Study - The Gas Utility Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) has included a master plan project. The full master plan project has not yet been initiated, the Gas Utility needs to conduct some preliminary flow analysis at its Southern Complex.

Motion made by Council Member Slaugh and seconded by Council Member Peterson to authorize staff to move forward with the Preliminary Gas Utility Master Plan Engineering Study with Burns & McDonnell not to exceed \$12,000 and to sign the necessary documents. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Council President Selection - Mayor Wells stated that a Council President is selected from the Body every two years. In the past it has been the senior member of the Council.

Motion made by Council Member Slaugh made a motion to nominate Council Member Ford as the Council President. Motion seconded by Council Member Kinder. All in favor. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Peterson to recess into Executive Session for ten minutes pursuant 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, and the Human Resources Manager. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 6:54 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Peters -

- Noticed that there is an opening in the Code Enforcement Office. Is this a necessary position? Should the rehiring process be put on hold until it is evaluated.

B. Council Member Ford—

- Stated that she agrees with Council Member Peters about analyzing the open position prior to filling the position.

C. Council Member French --

- Nothing to report.

D. Council Member Peterson—

- Noted that there has been high turnover in the Code Enforcement Office. Maybe the pay is not high enough to retain someone.

E. Council Member Ballard

- Noted that if the Council is not going to follow the staffing study performed by Wichita State University then it is a waste of money and future studies should not be done.

F. Council Member Slauch—

- None

G. Council Member Myrick—

- He agreed that the open position should be evaluated. Wondered how many are in the same department in Chanute.
- Asked about the prairie grass area. Administrator Fleming stated that late next summer the land will be prepared and next fall planting should begin. THRIVE is looking into the possibility of Grant Funds to help pay for the plantings.

H. Council Member Kinder -

- Stated that he is looking forward to serving on the City Council.

I. Mayor Wells

- Commended City Staff for their performance at the fire on New Years.
- Noted that all of the employees that were on call for the holidays. All City Employees are doing an outstanding job.

- Reminded Council Members of the upcoming joint meeting at the college to discuss the new Recreation building. The meeting is scheduled for February 17th. Let staff know if you plan to attend so that a special meeting could be called.

J. Administrator Fleming—

- City Clerk Hutton gave an update on the new Credit Card Processing system that is up and running in the utility office. She noted that some customers have been unhappy with the new policy to charge customers the 3% credit card fee that the city has been paying for years. All in all the process is working as it should.
- Informed Council Members that it is the time of year to hold a Strategic Planning Meeting. It is a time for the Council to set goals for the staff to carry out. Please let him know if you have any ideas.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING


City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2020.

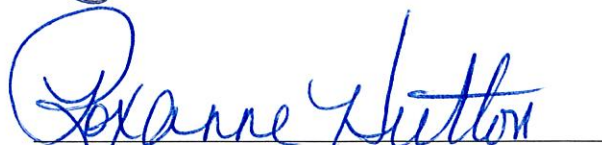
City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 10, 2020

7:00 pm. Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Slaugh to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 27th day of January, 2020.




Mayor Wells


City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton