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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on February 22, 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 Ballard, Peters, Myrick, Ford, Slaugh, and Peterson were present. Also present was Interim City Administrator Schinstock and City Clerk Hutton. Council Member Kinder attended a portion of the meeting via cell phone. Absent was Council Member French.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Slaugh to approve the agenda as posted. 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.

None was heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Approval**
 - **February 8, 2021, Council Meeting**

- B. Appropriations Approval**

- C. Police Department Forfeiture Report**

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Safebase Funding Request - Angela Henry- Ms. Henry was at the Council Meeting to request that the City of Iola commit to \$5,000 per year for five years if Safebase receives a grant that is being prepared to submit.

Ms. Henry noted that this is the twenty-first year for the After School Program. Since the program began, Safebase and the City of Iola have had a great partnership.

Over the years, the City of Iola has committed funds and workforce to assist with the program.

Council Member Slaugh commended Ms. Henry for her work with the after-school program. He asked if there is a program tied to funding from the district.

Ms. Henry noted that \$22,000 is committed for tutoring assistance for that Safebase participant who qualifies or asks for help with their schoolwork within another grant.

Ms. Henry also noted that the district provides the utilities, handling the financial work necessary for the program., serving meals, and various other services.

Council Member Ford noted that when her children were younger, they attended SafeBase, which helped her as a working parent. When her daughter attended High School, she became an instructor for Safebase and has since started teaching. It is a great program and a valuable job opportunity for high school age students.

Council Member Myrick stated that he was an instructor for Safe Base in the past. He feels that it is a great program and helps children with homework and teaches them different things they might not otherwise learn.

Council Member Slaugh asked Ms. Henry if it was good for one taxing entity to subsidize another taxing entity.

Ms. Henry stated that since the program began, the city has seen a drop in juvenile crime. Over \$10 million has been put into the city's economy.

Ms. Henry stated that she would be attending the School Board Meeting following this meeting to request \$40,000 each year for three years for a Safebase Summer Program.

Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Myrick to committing to the Safe Base Program \$5,000 per year over five years for a total of \$25,000 dependent upon a successful grant award. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. CMB License Renewal - Coronado's - Coronado's has applied to sell CMB for the 2021 calendar year. The establishment has corrected all of their safety issues required by the Iola Fire Department.

Council Member Myrick seconded council Member Ballard's motion to approve the listed CMB application for consumption on premises for Coronado's Restaurant for the 2021 calendar year. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Recognition Signage - Interim Administrator Schinstock stated that he and Mayor Wells had been approached about installing a sign at the east and west entrance to Iola along U.S. Highway 54. The sign would be to recognize Iola as the home of the 52nd Lieutenant Governor, David Toland.

Interim Administrator Schinstock noted that he had consulted with KDOT, and they will require approval prior to installation.

There was some discussion about honoring individuals that are elected to state offices.

A motion was made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Peters to purchase and install signs recognizing Iola as the home of the 52nd Lieutenant Governor, David Toland.

Voting in favor of the motion was Council Members Ford, Peterson, Peters, and Myrick. Voting against the motion were Council Members Ballard and Slaugh. Motion passed with a majority vote.

ROUNDTABLE

A. Economic Development Tools and Incentive Discussion - Carl Slaugh -

Council Member Slaugh informed the Mayor and Council that he had invited Lisse Regehr and Jonathon Goering from THRIVE to have input on this topic.

Discussion:

- Need for a specific policy outlining what the City offers for economic development.
- The majority of County and State incentives are based on how much income will be generated with the additional business.
- Small businesses in the area speak favorably about the SEK Small Business program available.
- Do we need to offer what other cities in the area are contributing to competing?
- Guidelines would be helpful for Council Members.

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- Offer different incentives for industrial, commercial, and residential.
- Noting that an additional business has an impact on energy usage.
- Asking what they are bringing to the table.
- Be cautious about offering incentives to a private entity that may interfere with the area's current businesses.
- What is the added value to the City? Not just monetary but resident well-being.

Lessa Regher noted that she is glad that the City is discussing this topic as it would be helpful to THRIVE to understand what the city has to offer and is willing to commit to with a policy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Council Member Slaugh 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 contractual discussions and shall include the Mayor, Council, Interim Administrator Schinstock, and Fire Chief Waggoner. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 7:15 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Peters -

- Appreciate the employees for work during the past weeks cold and snow weather event.

B. Council Member Ford—

- Appreciate the staff working in the weather last week.

C. Council Member French –

- Absent

D. Council Member Peterson—

- I appreciated the work of the crews to keep the power on for the residents.

E. Council Member Ballard

- He noted that there is a need to determine how the new fire truck will be paid for out of the budget.

F. Council Member Slaugh—

- Appreciate the hard work of all the city's employees. They are good crews and showed valiant effort during the events of last week.

G. Council Member Myrick–

- Thanked all of the employees, noting they went above the call of duty.

H. Council Member Kinder -

- Absent

I. Mayor Wells

- Mayor Wells was first to thank the city crews during the snow and cold. Employees from all of the departments worked extra hours to keep the city running smoothly. They deserve to be commended for their hard work.

J. Interim City Administrator Schinstock–

- Opening building rentals one per weekend. This will allow the building to be adequately cleaned before the next use.
- The Kansas Department of Labor will be on site this Thursday to do a safety inspection.
- An Administrative Policy has been prepared for teams using the Recreation Building.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

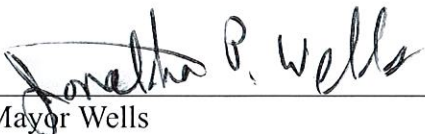
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7:22p.m. Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Ford to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

It is approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas, this 8th day of March 2021.





Mayor Wells



City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton