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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on February 26, 2018, 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, Ford, Martin, Ballard, Middleton, Franklin, Peters and Myrick, were present. Also present were, Administrator Fleming, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Absent was Council Member Shaughnessy.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Ford to remove Item 9A. Personnel Policy Adoption from the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Myrick to approve the agenda as amended. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donna Houser informed Council Members that the Gas Boom talk that was rescheduled by the Historical Society because of the weather will be this Wednesday at the Library. Iola Register Reporter Bob Johnson will speak on Thursday about Tidbits of Allen County.

Donna Houser also informed the Council that The Iola Reads Book this year is the *Wright Brothers*. The Expo will be on March 13th from 1:00-7:00 p.m. many area pilots will be present. The Iola Register is doing articles on these pilots to lead up to the event.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

- February 12, 2018

B. Appropriations Approval – 2018-04

C. Personnel Action

- Nina Froggatte - Police Department - Six Month
- Charlotte Sexton - Clerk Office- Annual
- Derek Stahl - Street & Alley- Six Month
- Joshua Jefferis - Fire/EMS - New Hire

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Trade Secrets - K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4) – Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Martin to recess into Executive Session for 30 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 affairs and shall include the Mayor, Council, City Administrator, and Energy Consultant Scott Shreve. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 6:38 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Personnel Policy Adoption - Resolution 2018-05 – Removed from agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Dangerous / Unsafe Structures Removal - 3 W. Neosho Street - Mayor Wells opened the public hearing at 6:38 p.m. Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Hutton gave the Council a briefing on the property. Stating the property is valued at \$3,600 and the code states that if the cost of repairs is more than 50% of the value of the property, it is condemnable.

Raymond Morris spoke on behalf of his wife which is part owner of the property. They have been waiting for better weather to work on the property. They are requesting 90 days to get the roof redone, the siding repaired and painted, new windows installed in the house and the porch redone.

Council Member Ford asked if Mr. Morris planned on doing the work himself or hiring it done. Mr. Morris stated that he will do some of the work himself and hire some of it out.

Council Member Ballard asked Mr. Morris if he realized the cost of all of these repairs compared to the value of the house. Mr. Morris stated that they are wanting to get the house repaired for adult children to live in.

Mayor Wells closed the public hearing at 6:45 p.m.

Code Enforcement Office Gregg Hutton stated that numerous letters were sent on this property prior to 2014 and to date. If the Council passes the enclosed Resolution the owners have 30 days to start demolition and 90 days to complete it.

Council Member Ballard stated that if one of the repairs is done and the others are not completed within the requested 90 days the Council will have the property condemned. This could mean the owners are out the money for the repairs.

Council Member Myrick Made a motion to allow the owners of the property 90 days to put on a new roof, repair and paint the siding, replace the windows, and repair and paint the porch, reporting to the Code Officer every 30 days with updates of repairs completed. Motion seconded by Council Member Martin. Voting in favor of the motion was Council Members: Ford, Martin, Ballard, Myrick, Franklin, Peters. Voting against the motion was Council Member Middleton. Motion passed by majority vote.

B. Dangerous / Unsafe Structures Removal - 322 South Street - Mayor Wells opened the public hearing at 6:53 p.m. Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Hutton reviewed the property. No comments from the public were heard. Mayor Wells closed the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve Resolution 2018-07 for 322 South Street and proceed to condemn property, and order the structure to be demolished and removed. Based on Section 14-611, (I) of the Unified Development Code. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Dangerous / Unsafe Structures Removal - 426 N Third Street - Mayor Wells opened the public hearing at 6:56 p.m. Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Hutton reviewed the property. No comments from the public were heard. Mayor Wells closed the public hearing at 6:59 p.m.

Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Martin to approve Resolution 2018-08 for 426 N Third Street and proceed to condemn property, and order the structure to be demolished and removed. Based on Section 14-611, (I) of the Unified Development Code. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Franklin –

- None

B. Council Member Myrick–

- Praised the Electric Crew and the Street and Alley Crew for their hard work on the ice storm last week.
- Asked if the City had considered requesting funding for extra traffic on City roads during the construction of 169 from April to June. Administrator Fleming stated staff will look into the matter.

C. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- None

D. Mayor Wells–

- The Electric and Street and Alley crews did a great job during the storm.
- Noted that the annual tree trimming maintenance that is done by the City prevented trees taking out electric lines during the last ice storm.

E. Council Member Ballard –

- Acknowledged all of the work that Administrator Fleming and his staff have done on updating the Personnel Manual over the last few months. He appreciates the effort that has gone into it.

F. Council Member Middleton –

- None

G. Council Member Ford–

- Wanted to make sure the next Council Meeting is March 12th. There was an error on the agenda.

H. Council Member Peters –

- Reminded everyone that limb pickup is Wednesday. Must be 6-8 feet in length and on the curb.

I. Council Member Martin-

- Reminded everyone to follow the limb pickup regulations. This is a favor the City is doing for the citizens.

J. Administrator Fleming–

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- There will be a Citywide Cleanup the week of April 9th. Must call in no later than noon on April 6th.
- There will be a Kansas Historical Presentation on April 10th from 3-5 p.m. at the Bowlus Fine Arts Center. More information will be coming.
- Would like to set a date for a Strategic Planning Session. Council decided one evening versus two consecutive would be best. Consensus was for Thursday, March 15th from 6:00-10:00 p.m.


DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2018


ADJOURNMENT

7:09 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Ford to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

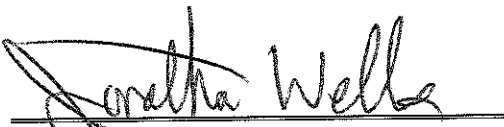
Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 12th day of March, 2018.



The seal is circular with a double-line border. The outer ring contains the text "THE CITY OF IOLA" at the top and "KANSAS" at the bottom. In the center of the seal, the word "SEAL" is written in a large, bold, serif font.



City Clerk Roxanne Hutton



Mayor Jonathan Wells