

## CITY OF IOLA

03/02/2020

A special called meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on March 2, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at Allen Community College, 1801 N Cottonwood Street. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a strategic planning session.

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Mayor Wells, Council Members, Ford, Peters, Ballard, Slaugh, Myrick, French, Kinder, and Peterson. Also present was Administrator Fleming, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton.

Administrator Fleming had received from the Council Members prior to the meeting the top five long term and short term priorities. Those present were split up between three tables. The topics were presented and each table communicated among themselves their thoughts and ideas, then reported back to the room.

### **Vision and Mission Statement**

Possibly break up into one smaller group to develop. Report back to the Council as a whole with thoughts.

City Wide with departmental support statement.

A City that is never standing still. Always looking to move forward.

Hiring a new City Administrator could impact the Mission Statement. It could be helpful for the new City Administrator if one was in place.

Facilitated the necessary endeavors to enhance the quality of life and enable community partners to build a thriving community.

### **Governance**

#### **Council Size and Makeup**

The current size and the four wards are good.

Keep wards or go to at large.

It seemed to be a push to continue as is. Possibly shorten terms to two years.

### **Boards**

Move Tree Board under the PRIDE Committee.

Combine Planning and Zoning Committees.

Possibly have Convention and Tourism meet more often.

### **Code of Conduct:**

Council in support of developing.

May not be enforceable.

Combine with the smaller group developing Mission and Vision.

### **Service Levels & Priorities**

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Trash to once a week pickup.  
EMS – Keep or give it back to the County?  
Adding a K9 Unit to the Police Department  
Recreation – What to keep?  
Charge a fee for the Loan a truck program

**Efficiencies**

Radio read meters  
SEMS Implementation. (assists with retaining institutional knowledge)  
Look at the link between public and private.

**Change Management and Communications**

SEMS – Asset Management & Work Orders (Council Supports)

**Organizational Structure**

Explore Options that may help with efficiencies.  
Possible Public Works Director.

**Other Items**

Grass clippings in streets.  
Need to address via Facebook, website, etc. Put some teeth into the Ordinance

**Infrastructure**

Streets: Eliminate Chip and Seal on Vacated Streets. Plans for Kentucky with the new elementary school and the hospital. Possibly working with the county to make these improvements.

Gas: Keep the master plan on the radar.

Water: Continue implementation of the Master Plan.

Electric: Keep the master plan on the radar. Explore more opportunities to generate.

Wastewater: Continue Master Plan implementation.

USD #257: Traffic impacts around the new school. Walkway impacts and actual useability.

Infrastructure Improvements?

Cedarbrook Phase III: Extend utilities.

Buildings: Assess for potential needs of City used buildings.

Stormwater: State Street, Jefferson, etc. Master Plan possibility?

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**2021 Budget**

Timeline: May start Council draft by June, two special work sessions in July plus work session at the second meeting.

Guidelines: Keep it flat (mill the same or ½ of mill increase for K9 unit. No reserve budgeting.

Employee Fund Process: Health Savings matching \$25.00 per month.

Process: Department heads involved in the budgeting process

**Housing**

Tiny homes or housing alternatives.

Lot Incentives

Cedar brook Phase III – Study for infrastructure improvements needed. Oregon entrance.

Private Developers

Allow small lot development for smaller homes.

**Economic Development**

Cut ties with Thrive

Provide additional funding to the Chamber

**ADJOURNMENT**

**9:55 p.m.** Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Ford to adjourn the meeting. As the vote was unanimous, the meeting was declared adjourned.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2020



Mayor, Jonathan Wells

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan P. Wells".

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton

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