

CITY OF IOLA

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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on March 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, Ballard, Middleton, Peters, Franklin, Martin and Myrick were present. Also present were Administrator Fleming, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and Deputy City Clerk Sexton. Absent was Council Member Shaughnessy.

**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**

Donna Houser noted that she traveled to Pawhuska, Oklahoma with a friend to visit the Pioneer Women's store and restaurant. Other than those things the town did not have much to offer. They had rundown buildings. They draw 500 to 1,000 people per day because they have this one attraction. Iola needs to find their thing that attracts people to the area.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes Approval**

- March 12, 2018 & March 15, 2018

**B. Appropriations Approval – 2018-05**

**C. Farmer's Market Street Closure Request**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. SEK Catbackers - Request** – SEK Catbackers is requesting approval to serve/sell alcohol at the Recreation Community Building in Riverside Park on May 23, for their annual banquet. This banquet is for area Kansas State University Alumni to raise money for scholarships and Catbacker functions in Southeast Kansas. Motion made by Council Member Ford to approve Resolution 2018-10 allowing the consumption of alcoholic liquor at the Recreation Community Building in Riverside Park for the SEK Catbacker event in accordance with KSA 41-2645(E) from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on May 23, 2018. Motion seconded by Council Member Peters. All in favor. Motion carried.

**B. AB-3 Crushed Rock Bid Award** – On February 23 an invitation to bid was sent out to local rock providers for providing AB-3 crushed rock to the City of Iola for one calendar year from date of Council approval. This award can be extended for two (2) one-year extensions if both the bidder and City are agreeable at the conclusion of the first year.

Assistant Administrator Schinstock noted that only one bid was received for this project from Nelson Quarries at \$8.75 per ton delivered.

Council Member Myrick asked if the Council could approve a two-year period. Administrator Fleming stated it would have to be rebid.

Council Member Myrick asked if this was the Chip Seal rock. Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that it was not. It was alley rock and fill in for holes that were dug for leaks.

Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Myrick to accept the bid from Nelson Quarries for \$8.75 per ton delivered for KDOT Grade AB-3 crushed rock for one year with the option to extend for two (2) one-year extensions following year one. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **ROUND TABLE**

### **A. Water Utility Rate Discussions**

- Administrator Fleming discussed the yearly Water Utility Fund cash flow.
- The yearly Loan Payment to KDHE of \$675,000 will be paid off in 2025.
- Council Member Myrick asked what the payment to KDHE was for?
- Administrator Fleming stated that the payment was the loan to build the water plant.
- Rate Options – Open for Discussion.
- CIP will help outline future projects – Contractor or City project
- Mayor Wells asked if Administrator Fleming could get rates from Humboldt, Chanute, and Garnett to compare.
- Council Member Ford asked if the rate increase would include per unit as well as a meter charge increase. She was also curious as to what an average customer's usage was.
- Mayor Wells stated that an added 20% increase would add about \$.80 to an average bill.

- Council Member Myrick asked what has been resolved with the City of Gas water issue.
- Mayor Wells stated we need to get a new option so we are prepared for 2025 for future projects.
- Council Member Myrick asked if it would be beneficial to refinance the bonds. Administrator Fleming stated that this option was previously reviewed and that it was not beneficial to refinance at that time.
- Donna Houser stated that this is borrowing from Peter to pay Paul. She has done history, and many of the water pipes in town are from the 1900.
- Mayor Wells stated that possibly we could do an increase over a four to five-year time period so residents would know what is coming up.
- Council Member Ballard stated he is not comfortable about a water increase when he hasn't seen any cuts made.
- Administrator Fleming noted that \$2,00,000.00 budget for the department. Seven personnel. He understands the sentiment but the budget is slim already.
- Council Member Ballard stated that we need to talk about whether we want new or just depreciation.

## **COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

### **A. Council Member Franklin –**

- Farm City Days concert is coming up he would like Iola to support the program. It has been several years since Iola has been able to get a well-known artist here.

### **B. Council Member Myrick–**

- Took his granddaughter to the ballfield and there is a world of difference on the bleachers. Half of the stands were full instead of people in the grass. This is a great addition to the ballfield.

### **C. Council Member Shaughnessy –**

- Absent

### **D. Mayor Wells–**

- The Elks got the grant for the netting. The City employees did a lot of the work. The fences are still being repaired.
- Thanks to Dr. Leonard, City Crews, Electric Department, Parks Department, and Recreation Department.

**E. Council Member Ballard –**

- Thanked the Farm City Days Committee for bringing in a big artist in July for a concert.

**F. Council Member Middleton –**

- None

**G. Council Member Ford–**

- Great to have a big concert for Farm City Days in Iola.
- Reminded everyone of Easter Egg Hunts this weekend. The Kiwanis Hunt starts at 12:00 PM (noon) on the square. It will be at the college if it rains.

**H. Council Member Peters –**

- The school meeting is tomorrow night. Administrator Fleming stated if Council Members plan on going let him know.

**I. Council Member Martin -**

- None

**J. Administrator Fleming–**

- Softball field is complete. The Baseball field is not quite finished.
- April 9<sup>th</sup> is Spring Cleanup Week. Sign-up calls will be accepted until noon on April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Passed around a thank you note from CASA.
- Washington Street Bridge is wrapping up. Assistant Administrator Schinstock and the engineer will do a walk thru to assure everything is complete. THRIVE is planning an opening celebration.

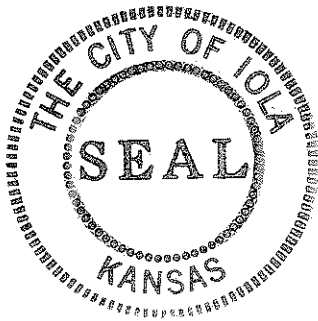
**DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 2018

**ADJOURNMENT**

**7:14 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.



*Sarah Wells*  
Mayor Wells

*Roxanne Hutton*  
City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton