

CITY OF IOLA

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A regular meeting of the City Council of Iola was held on March 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at the Park Community Building, 510 Park Avenue, Iola, Kansas.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

Mayor French and Council Members Peters, Shallah, Peterson, Slaugh, D'Albini, Kinder, and Lohman were present. Also present were City Administrator Rehder, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Absent was Council Member Wicoff.

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Council Member, seconded by Council Member, approves the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Persons wishing to address the City Council regarding items on the agenda may do so as they are called. Persons wishing to address the City Council regarding items not on the agenda may do so when called upon. Comments on personnel matters and matters pending in court or outside tribunals are not permitted. Speakers are limited to three minutes. No action will be taken.*

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes Approval**
  - **March 13, 2023, Council Meeting**
- B. Appropriations Approval**
- C. Relay for Life - Boot Block**
- D. Farmers Market - Street Closure**

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

## **PROCLAMATION**

**A. Child Abuse Prevention Month - Proclamation** - Members from CASA of the 31st Judicial District were at the meeting to discuss child abuse and domestic violence in the area. They inform the Council what their organization does to help prevent child abuse.

Mayor French read the proclamation and declared April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

**A. Warming Station Discussions-** Mayor French requested this item be put on the agenda. Mayor French asked Council Member D'Albini to head up a committee working with some community partners to develop a plan.

Working with businesses on the main walking routes through town to obtain spots where individuals can go in and warm up. Council Member Kinder said he would be willing to help with the project.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Sub-Station Relay Project 2023 - Bid Acceptance** - Mike Phillips, Electric Generation Superintendent, informed the Council that the project had solicited bids. Four bids were received.

Mr. Phillips noted that the project had been split into two projects. N& M Power Company was the lowest bidder. Mr. Phillips said the company had visited Iola twice and met with staff several times. Mr. Phillips called the City of Sebetha and has had this company do work on their equipment, and they have had no problems with them and completed the job that was asked of them.

Council Member Peters asked if there were any problems obtaining some of the necessary equipment. Mr. Phillips said the project is not scheduled to begin in September to shut down part of the substation to complete the work. It will be the time of the year when the city's usage is down.

Motion made by Council Member Slauch and seconded by Council Member Kinder to accept the bid from N&M Power Co. for \$55,925.00 for the Sub-Station Relay Project and authorize staff to execute the necessary documents. All in favor. Motion carried.

**B. CITF/Pride Disc Golf Meadowbrook Park-** Members of the CITF/Pride Committee were present to ask permission to add a small disc golf course at Meadowbrook Park.

The group wants to allow younger and novice players to learn to play on a smaller course. Once obtained, the group plans to seek a grant to purchase the necessary equipment for the course and installation.

Donna Houser gave a brief overview of the current disc golf course and how it was started by CITF and a grant received from Kansas Pride.

John Higginbotham, a member of the Disc Golf League, stated that having a junior course would be great for teaching younger and less experienced players. He noted that up to 30 individuals have played in their league.

Assistant Administrator Schinstock said that he contacted Wildlife and Parks this afternoon about the property. The area is designated as a Forestry Area. Wildlife and Parks stated that it should be fine if the land is not changing in use and no permanent structures are being built. Mr. Schinstock said flood regulations would have to be followed.

Motion made by Council Member D'Albini and seconded by Council Member Kinder to approve CITF/Pride to seek funding to install a six-hole disc golf course in Meadowbrook Park and work with the Park Department on the development of the course. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

### **A. Council Member Peters -**

- Council Member Peters stated that a pothole needs to be filled at the end of Jackson Street.

### **B. Council Member Lohman--**

- Council Member Lohman had nothing to report.

### **C. Council Member D'Albini--**

- Council Member D'Albini noted that he had received a letter from the Recreation Department about sponsoring a day at the pool this summer. He challenged the Council to join him in sponsoring a day at the pool.
- Council Member D'Albini encouraged the Council to be aware of legislative action in Topeka and to communicate with legislatures if something affects the cities.

### **D. Council Member Peterson--**

- Council Member Peterson had nothing to report.

### **E. Council Member Wicoff-**

- Council Member Wicoff was absent.

**F. Council Member Slauch–**

- Council Member Slauch inquired about the storm shelters. Chelsey Beasley stated that she had put a post on the City’s Facebook Post today after visiting with Chief Warner. The current buildings are designated as storm shelters The Bowlus Fine Arts Center, Mckinley School,, and Lincoln School.

**G. Council Member Shallah –**

- Council Member Shallah had nothing to report.

**H. Council Member Kinder -**

- Council Member Kinder reminded everyone not to blow grass clippings into the street.

**I. Mayor French**

- Mayor French had nothing to report.

**J. Administrator Rehder**

- Administrator Rehder reminded everyone that Spring Cleanup is next week. The deadline for calling City Hall and getting on the list is this Friday at noon.

**K. Assistant Administrator Schinstock -**

- Assistant Administrator Schinstock had nothing to report.

**DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 10, 2023

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 24, 2023

6:38 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Peterson and seconded by Council Member Slaugh to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried

It was approved by the City Council of Iola, Kansas, on the 10th day of April 2023.

*Steven C French*

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Mayor Steven French



*Roxanne Hutton*

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City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton