

CITY OF IOLA

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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on April 09, 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, and Myrick were present. Also present were, Administrator Fleming, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, City Attorney Johnson and City Clerk Hutton. Absent were Council Members Martin and Shaughnessy.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donna Houser thanked the City Crews for fixing the Rail Trail north of the City. It is very comfortable to walk on and the bridge repairs look nice.

Joe Hesse complimented the Rail Trails around the City. He encouraged the City to obtain some aerial photos and some closeup photos that could be printed on a brochure that could be distributed throughout the community and possibly out of town to bring visitors into town.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

- **March 26, 2018**

B. Appropriations Approval – 2018-06

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

PROCLAMATION

A. CASA - Child Abuse, Awareness & Prevention Month - Mayor Wells read the Proclamation and declared April as Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. He presented the Proclamation to the individuals present representing CASA.

B. Rotary - Iola, Kansas Rotary Club Day- Rotary Club Member Jim Gilpin invited Mayor Wells to their Celebration Dinner on April 22nd. Mayor Wells read the Proclamation and Proclaimed April 22, 2018 Iola, Kansas Rotary Club Day.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Hope Unlimited - Request – Lori Holman, representing Hope Unlimited, was present to request the Council waive the rental fees for the North Community Building on April 14, 2018 and June 2, 2018. Hope Unlimited is holding a Safety and Self Defense course on the requested dates. Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Myrick to authorize staff to waive the rental fees on April 14 and June 2 for Hope Unlimited to hold a Safety and Self Defense course. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Elk's Fireworks Display - Request – Lynda Beth was present to request that the City of Iola approve the sponsorship of the annual Elks fireworks. The necessary insurance documents have been forwarded to the City. Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Ford to approve the sponsorship of the annual Elks fireworks celebration and approve staff to sign the necessary documents for the event.

C. Electric Distribution Bucket Truck - Bid Award - On February 12, 2018, staff posted the bid solicitation to the city of Iola's website and sent the bid specifications to three potential vendors. Two bids were submitted by the specified deadline of March 16, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. Altec bid \$197,720 and Terex \$184,020. After staff's review of the bids, it was determined that the bid from Terex did not meet all of the specifications including the one particular specification of concern was the height of the vehicle. The request was that the vehicle stay below 12 foot and the Terex vehicle would be 12.3'. Staff is requesting that Council approve the purchase of the Altec vehicle because of the specification differences in the Terex vehicle. The 2018 budget includes \$200,000 for this vehicle purchase.

Council Member Myrick asked Electric Distribution Superintendent Baker what staff will do with the 1999 model truck. Mr. Baker stated that the vehicle will be put up for bid. It will be a good vehicle for tree trimmers, who will not have to pass the stringent inspections electric companies have to pass.

Council Member Ballard questioned if the new vehicle was a necessary purchase. Mr. Baker explained that the current vehicle is over 20 years old and is barely meeting the inspection criteria now.

Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Myrick to approve the purchase of a new Altec TA 60 Bucket Truck on a 2019 Freightliner M2-106 for \$197,720. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Ford,

Peters, Middleton, Myrick and Franklin. Voting against the motion was Council Member Ballard. Motion passed by a majority vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Ballard to recess into Executive Session for thirty minutes pursuant to Attorney-Client Privilege, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The purpose of the executive session is to discuss contractual agreements and shall include the Mayor, Council, City Administrator, and City Attorney. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the City Council Chamber at 6:57 p.m.

ROUND TABLE

A. Water Utility Rate Discussions

- Administrator Fleming reviewed with the Council that the revenue and expenditures of the Water Department falls short approximately \$288,000.
- Council Member Myrick asked what the 1.8% in the other category of Figure 1 consisted of. Administrator Fleming stated that this category is for telephone and miscellaneous contractual items that would not fall into the other categories.
- Mayor Wells stated the shortfall could about be taken care of by cutting the transfers. This would mean that we would then have to figure out how to raise funds for the General Fund. There would be no funds for Capital Improvements.
- Council Member Franklin stated there has to be some way to compromise. We can't just raise rates and not come up with some cuts.
- Administrator Fleming stated that the 2018 loan payment could be paid from the Capital Project Fund if it was paid back over time.
- Mayor Wells asked if the rate increase included the meter charge as well as the price per unit. Administrator Fleming stated that as proposed both would be increased in order to raise the funds needed.
- Council Member Ballard stated that Equipment Reserve Funds could be used to pay for the loan payment and if a vehicle's motor fails we put a new motor in it. The City doesn't always need a new vehicle.
- Mayor Wells summed up what Council's direction for staff is: Pay 2018 loan payment from Capital Funds. Increase the first year of 7.5% and 10% for the second year with a look at budget cuts in the 2019 Budget.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Franklin –

- None

B. Council Member Myrick–

- None

C. Council Member Shaughnessy –

- Absent

D. Mayor Wells–

- Reminded the Council we are here for the citizens. Thanked the Council for their service.

E. Council Member Ballard –

- Appreciated the Easter Egg Hunt that was put on by the Recreation Department.

F. Council Member Middleton –

- None

G. Council Member Ford–

- Thanked staff for the clean up week.

H. Council Member Peters –

- None

I. Council Member Martin -

- Absent

J. Administrator Fleming–

- Started cleanup this week.
- Reminded everyone of the Historical Meeting on Tuesday from 3-5 p.m. at the Bowlus.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

7:50 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 23rd day of April, 2018.



Mayor Wells

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Wells".

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roxanne Hutton".