

A regular meeting of the City Council of Iola was held on April 11, 2022, 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, Council Members Peterson, Peters, D'Albini, Slaugh, Kinder, Shallah, Wicoff, and Lohman were present. Also present were City Administrator Rehder, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who wish to address the City Council regarding items on the agenda may do so as that agenda item is called. Persons who want to address the City Council regarding items not on the agenda and under the jurisdiction of the City Council may do so when called upon by the Mayor. Comments on personnel matters and matters pending in court or with other outside tribunals are not permitted. Speakers are limited to three minutes. Any presentation is for information purposes only. No action will be taken.

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Approval**
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- B. Appropriations Approval**

Council Member Lohman inquired about the dispute line on the KMEA payment. Staff noted that it was most likely just a typo it should be a payment for dues only.

Council Member Wicoff noted that he was listed as absent under Council Member Comments, yet he was at the meeting.

Mayor French stated that it would be beneficial to look into staff members signing a contract to continue work with the City following formal training as a lineman during the upcoming budget discussions.

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

RESOLUTION

A. Warranty Deed Redemption - Kneisley Manufacturing Company - Industrial Revenue Bonds - City Clerk Hutton informed the Council that Kneisley Manufacturing had met all of its tax obligations for the IRBs. The company is planning to pay off the bonds and refinance the loan.

Council Member Slaugh made a motion. Peters seconded the motion to approve Resolution 2022-11 redeeming the Series 2006 A&B Industrial Revenue Bonds for Kneisley Manufacturing. All Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Tree Trimming - Bid Award - Jim Baker, Electric Distribution Superintendent, informed the Council that two bids were received for the tree trimming service this coming season.

Council Member Lohman asked why this service wasn't done in-house. Mr. Baker noted that staff trims trees throughout the year on the street side and city properties cutting in the alleys, especially around power lines, would not be possible with the current team.

Motion made by Council Member D'Albini and seconded by Council Member Peterson to award the tree trimming contract to Poor Boy Tree Service for \$105.49 per hour for the 2022 season. All in favor. Motion carried

B. Police and Administration Vehicles - Bid Award- Police Chief Jared Warner informed the Council that staff solicited bids from fifteen potential vendors. Three vendors responded. Steve Faulkner Ford from Chanute Kansas returned their bid proposal, stating that they would not be able to provide the vehicles requested and therefore did not present a bid.

With the two remaining vendors, Twin Motors Ford of Iola and Olate Ford of Olathe, Twin Motors was 4.8% higher than Olathe Ford. The Local Procurement section of the

Purchasing Policy states if a bid is below a 7% difference, the local provider will be considered.

Council Member Peterson asked why the Council should go with the Twin Motors Ford bid and not the Olathe Ford bid, which is lower.

Council Member Slaugh stated that, in his opinion, the lowest bid should be considered no matter what.

Council Member Wicoff noted that preparing the current purchasing policy was quite an ordeal, and changing it could be problematic.

Motion made by Council Member Slaugh and seconded by Council Member Peterson to approve the purchase of two 2022 Ford Utility Police Interceptors and one 2022 Ford Explorer from the lowest bidder Olathe Ford for the total price of \$97,980. Voting in favor of the motion was Council Member Peterson and Slaugh. Voting against the motion were Council Members D'Albini, Kinder, Wicoff, Lohman, Shallah, and Peters. Motion failed.

Motion made by Council Member Kinder and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve the purchase of two 2022 Ford Utility Police Interceptors and one 2022 Ford Explorer from Twin Motors Ford for \$102,800. Voting in favor of the motion was Council Members Peters, D'Albini, Kinder, Wicoff, Lohman, and Shallah. Voting against the motion were Council Members Peterson and Slaugh. Motion carried with a majority vote.

C. Temporary CMB License - Big Square Media - Squarefest - City Clerk Hutton noted that the event held on the square will have live music, food booths, and the CMB area. Big Square Media is requesting to hold the CMB Special event permit. They will have an area roped off and check IDs as individuals come into the area.

Motion made by Council Member Lohman and seconded by Council Member Peterson to approve Big Square Media to sell and serve CMB products for consumption on-premises for the April 23rd Squarefest event. Council Members Peters, Kinder, Wicoff, Lohman, and Peterson voted in favor of the motion. Voting against the motion were Council Members Slaugh and D'Albini. Motion carried by a majority vote.

D. Humanity House Community Garden - Water Donation - Humanity House did not have a representative in attendance.

Council Member Peterson mentioned that the request stated the city had given free water for over ten years. This is not an accurate statement. It has been approximately five years.

Council Member Shallah asked if any resident could garden in the community garden. If an individual qualifies for SNAP benefits, they receive a free plot to park and use the water; if

they are not eligible for SNAP benefits, they have to pay a \$25.00 fee for their garden plot and use of the water.

Motion made by Council Member Peterson and seconded by Council Member Shallah to approve \$500.00 worth of free water at the Humanity House Community Garden for 2022. All in favor. Motion carried.

E. Water and Wastewater Treatment Overview - Toby Ross - Toby Ross, Superintendent of Water Production and Wastewater Treatment, gave a brief overview of his department, including himself and three staff.

The Water Plant currently produces an average of 1 million gallons of potable water per day.

The department is responsible for water and wastewater sampling for KDHE and the EPA.

The upcoming CIP projects include painting the Gates Tower and the College Tower at an estimated \$225,000 each, cleaning out the sludge lagoon at \$300,000, and upgrading the SCADA panels due to the outdated parts of the current system.

Council Member Kinder asked if the water plant's capacity is four million gallons per day and, if so, why we are not trying to sell water to neighboring towns.

Mr. Ross noted that within the last two years, a study was done to determine the possibility of Iola selling water to Humboldt for its residents. When the plant was first built, staff looked into providing water to areas West of the river. It was determined that it was not cost-benefit to those surrounding towns to run the lines the distance from the water plant.

Council Member Slaugh asked about a resolution with the City of Gas. Administrator Rehder noted that he knew about the problem. However, he will be having a conversation with staff and the City Attorney to check into the status of the situation.

Council Member Slaugh asked Mr. Ross about the status of the dredging of John Redmond. Mr. Ross noted that the Assurance District the city belongs to did not want to participate in the cost of the dredging. The project has been completed.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Peters -

- Council Member Peters had received a complaint from the resident of 524 E Jackson about parking in front of his driveway. With heavy school traffic, this is a daily occurrence. The staff assured Mr. Peters that they would review the problem for a solution.

B. Council Member Lohman—

- Council Member Lohman had nothing to report.

C. Council Member D’Albini—

- Council Member D’Albini congratulated Kenneth Sampson on his 25 years of service to the City of Iola.
- Council Member D’Albini noted that tomorrow is English night at the college cafeteria for anyone who would like to participate.

D. Council Member Peterson—

- Council Member Peterson had nothing to report.

E. Council Member Wicoff-

- Council Member Wicoff stated that he was glad to be here.

F. Council Member Slaugh—

- Council Member Slaugh had nothing to report.

G. Council Member Shallah –

- Council Member Shallah had nothing to report.

H. Council Member Kinder -

- Council Member KInder had nothing to report.

I. Mayor French

- Mayor French thanked the staff for the City-Wide Cleanup project. This is a service offered by the City free to its citizens and is beneficial in keeping the City Clean.
- Mayor French noted his concern with staff obtaining supplies in the current conditions. It may be time to look at different brands and stock up on supplies to ensure things are available as needed.
- Mayor French encouraged council members to review the solar information that was distributed earlier discussion will continue at a future meeting. He asked staff to look at a possible other location, for instance, the old city landfill south of the current site being considered.

J. Administrator Rehder

- Administrator Rehder had nothing to report.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2022

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2022

6:53 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Peters and seconded by Council Member D'Albini to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried

It was approved by the City Council of Iola, Kansas, on the 25th day of April 2022.





Mayor Steven French



City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton