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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on April 13, 2020, 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 and Council Members Peters, Kinder, Ford, Peterson, Slaugh, Myrick, and French were present. Also present Interim City Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. and Council Member Ballard via phone. Customer Assistant, Chelsey Beasley was present to film the meeting for Facebook live.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes Approval**
 - **March 23, 2020, Council Meeting**
- B. Appropriations Approval**

Council Member Kinder asked about the payment to Cox Communications and if staff had attempted to seek bids from other companies. Interim Administrator Schinstock stated staff had not had time with all that was going on.

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

PROCLAMATION

A Child Abuse Awareness Month - CASA & Hope Unlimited - Mayor Wells read the proclamation and declared April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Council Member Myrick noted that he was a CASA volunteer and he finds it very rewarding.

NEW BUSINESS

A. SPA Power Allocation - Contract - Interim City Administrator Schinstock noted the contract had been approved by City Attorney Johnson. He noted that the 10-year

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agreement is a Loaner Program for capacity. Which could be revoked with proper notice. Resolution 2020-11 would need to be approved by the Council.

Council Member Slaugh asked if the City had done business with Donovan Electric prior to this agreement. Mike Phillips, City of Iola, Generation Superintendent, stated that Iola had never done business with them.

Mr. Phillips noted that all this agreement is for capacity the city retains the product itself.

Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Myrick to approve the Amendatory Agreement with Southwestern Power Administration for hydropower under the Temporary Power Sales Program and Resolution 2020-11. Authorizing the necessary signatures. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Temporary Waiving of Fees - Resolution 2020-10 - Council Member Ford stated that she doesn't want this to be a free -for -all. The individuals that have actually had a job loss or income reduction due to the COVID 19 mandatory shut down need some help.

Council Member French noted that everyone should pay their bill. Make Payments, use the stimulus money to help keep you ahead. No late fees on bills should not be an incentive to not pay your bill.

Council Member Kinder stated that he would be in favor of tabling the item. We don't know the extent of it yet. What kind of economic impact will this have on the community?

There are people out there that just choose not to pay their bill because the City can't shut them off. Then there are people who just can't pay their bills because they have lost a job due to the COVID 19 and haven't received unemployment yet.

Council Member Kinder noted that waiting to see what impact it has may allow the Council to help in a humanitarian way that is best for the situation.

Council Member Myrick stated that the Resolution should be passed tonight. It will give the citizens relief.

Council Member Ballard said he liked what Council Member Kinder said. We are stewards of the public's money and we need to be careful giving it away. He has spoken to some businesses in town that stated they won't pay their bill because there will be no penalties.

Council Member French stated that the Governor did not waive the payment of their bill. Some customers just chose not to pay their bills.

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Council Member Ballard stated that individuals need to understand that if they are choosing not to pay their bills when the Governor lifts the Order the City will be turning off those that haven't paid.

Council Member Myrick explained to citizens that he has spoken with, that the City still has to pay our bills.

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve Resolution 2020-10 temporarily waiving penalties and reinstatement fees for delinquent utility bills for the duration of Governor Kelly's Executive Order suspending shut-offs for utilities. Voting in favor of the motion was Council Members Peterson, Ford, Peters, Kinder, French, and Myrick. Voting against the motion were Council Members Ballard and Slaugh. Motion passed by a majority vote.

C. Cedarbrook Property Sale - Bid Acceptance - Interim Administrator Schinstock noted that he had posted a Request for Bids for the property located in the Cedarbrook area that currently houses a golf clubhouse. The city obtained the property when Cedarbrook Golf Club closed for business in March of 2019, due to the previous contract with Mr. Macha.

One bid was submitted by the April 7, 2020 deadline. The bid from Tom Carlson of Pointe Royale Development was in the amount of \$10,501.

Council Member Slaugh wondered why staff didn't enlist a realtor to sell the property.

Interim Administrator Schinstock noted that the City hadn't typically sold a property through a Realtor.

It was noted that a Realtor had the advantage of using multiple listing services to get the word out there.

Council Member French stated he would like to see a developer buy the property and possibly build something on the property.

Motion made by Council Member Slaugh and seconded by Council Member Kinder to have staff hire a Realtor and place the property on the market for sale for four-months reporting back to council the results. Voting in favor of the motion was Council Members French, Slaugh, Kinder, Peters, Ballard, Ford and Peterson. Voting against the motion was Council Member Myrick. Motion passed with a majority vote.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Peters -

- Encouraged everyone to stay safe.

B. Council Member Ford—

- Encouraged everyone to stay home.
- Reminded everyone that the children are home and outside stay alert.

C. Council Member French –

- None

D. Council Member Peterson—

- None

E. Council Member Ballard

- Heard that the new street sweeper is broken.
- What is happening with the old one? Interim Administrator Schinstock noted that he had just not found the time to get it posted on the Gavel Roads Auction Sight.

F. Council Member Slaugh—

- None.

G. Council Member Myrick—

- Encouraged everyone to stay safe.

H. Council Member Kinder -

- Encouraged everyone to pay their utility bills.

I. Mayor Wells

- Thanked city staff for all of their work and dedication to the job.
- Noted that the college, county, hospital and the city have been working together on the COVID 19 situation. It has been a great collaboration.
- Gave an update on the SGR group that Council hired to locate a new City Administrator. The applications are not coming in as expected. Note that once the deadline arrives Council can decide to narrow down the applicants and do phone interviews or take a break and reopen in June or July.
- Council Member Ballard asked if it would cost the city more money if we reopened at a later date. Mayor Wells stated that the only expense would be advertising.

J. Interim City Administrator Schinstock–

- Noted that the new school project is taking off.
- Staff has received a traffic impact study for the area of the new elementary school.
- Staff has received the Storm Water runoff study for both the STEM building and the new Elementary School..
- Chief Warner is preparing to purchase two new patrol cars this year. We will be bringing bids to the Council at a later meeting.
- Will bring the Grass Clippings in roadway Ordinance to the next meeting, along with an agreement with Priority Power and Evergy.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2020

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2020

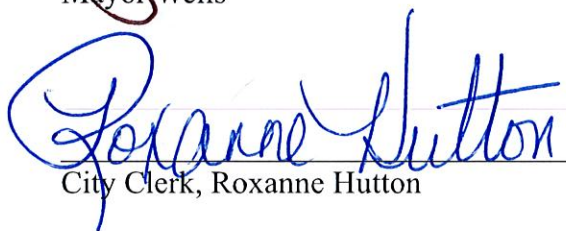
6:45 pm. Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Peterson to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 27th day of April 2020.





Mayor Wells



City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton