

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on April 22, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Park Community Building, located at 600 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, Ford, Peterson, Mathew, Myrick, and Martin were present. Also present were Administrator Fleming, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Absent were Council Members Franklin and Ballard.

**REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Wells read the following statement:

*Persons who wish to address the City Council regarding items on the agenda may do so as that agenda item is called. Persons who wish to address the City Council regarding items not on the agenda and that are under the jurisdiction of the City Council may do so at this time 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.*

Following Mayor Wells reading of the aforementioned statement, he asked members of the audience if they wished to address the Council.

No public comments were heard.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes Approval**

- April 22, 2019

**B. Appropriations Approval**

**C. Bostf Appointments**

- Mary Lou Chard - Reappointment to Library Board
- Marilyn Logan - New Appointment to Library Board

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Community Orchard Project - Thrive** - Through grants from KDHE's Chronic Disease Risk Reduction (CDRR) program and the Health Forward Foundation, Thrive Allen County has an initiative to create and maintain a community orchard.

Thrive is requesting the use of City greenspace lots to plant a community orchard. Thrive is also requesting that the City supply the labor to connect to the water system and install three frost-free hydrants.

Becky Vorhees and Summer Boren from Thrive addressed the Council for questions.

Mayor Wells asked if anyone from the community could pick the fruit? The Thrive representatives stated that yes, the fruit would be available to everyone in the community.

Council Member Myrick asked if the existing trees could be removed? Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that the FEMA rules allow for trees to be removed on the greenspace flood property. The city cannot build a permanent structure on the property.

Council Member Myrick asked Administrator Fleming what the labor cost will be?

Administrator Fleming stated that normally the city charges \$200 for a water tap. Exact numbers haven't been figured. Approximately ½ a day will be required to do the tap, set the meters, and install the hydrants.

Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Martin to enter into an agreement with Thrive to use as a Community Orchard Project and provide the labor to connect the water system and provide three frost-free hydrants. All in favor. Motion carried.

**B. Recreation Building Project - Bid Acceptance** - Assistant Administrator Schinstock informed the Council that staff posted a Request for Proposal solicitation to the City of Iola website. SJCF Architects also sent the solicitation to numerous potential contractors. Two contractors submitted proposals for the Epoxy Flooring portion and two contractors submitted proposals for the gymnasium floor.

Darin Augustine, a representative of SJCF Architecture, showed the materials that staff is recommending to the Council Members. He explained that the sport court material that was chosen is water resistant. The padding underneath would be all that needed to be replaced.

Mayor Wells inquired about the next time the building floods will the material need to be replaced. Administrator Schinstock noted that only the pad under the gymnasium flooring. The rest of the building would be epoxy. Therefore, it would only require cleaning.

Paul Zirjacks asked if there was some way to make the park less susceptible to flooding.

Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that it has been looked at. With the river right behind the park, the groundwater being so close to the surface it is difficult to prevent water from entering the building.

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Ford to accept the bid from Sport Court Kansas City in the amount of \$52,937 for the gymnasium flooring and authorize staff to execute the necessary documents. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Ford to accept the bid from Epoxy Coating Specialists in an amount up to \$102,335 for the epoxy flooring in the building and authorize staff to execute the necessary documents. All in favor. Motion carried.

**C. Tractor and Boom Mower- Bid Approval** - Staff sent the bid solicitation to three vendors. Two bids were received.

Street & Alley Supervisor Dan Leslie stated the gearbox went out on the old tractor. They were able to obtain a used one for \$5,000. It worked for two years and has broken again. The cost of a new gearbox will be \$10,000.

Mr. Leslie stated that Murphy Tractor plans to put a dealership in Humboldt which would be closer than the New Holland dealer that is in Ottawa.

Council Member Ford stated that it seemed like the John Deere is a better piece of machinery for what the department would use it for.

Council Member Mathews asked why the local Implement Dealers were not used to purchase this equipment from.

Dan Leslie stated that the local dealers do not sell the commercial grade, "yellow iron" equipment. They more to an individual for smaller jobs. The rear twelve-foot triple deck, pull-type mower will be purchased locally.

Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve the purchase of a John Deere 6120E with Diamond 22 foot rear cradle boom mower from Murphy Tractor and Equipment Company for the total price of \$114,300 which also includes the trade-in allowance for the existing unit. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

**A Downtown Parking - Discussions-** Administrator Fleming informed the Council that Council had asked previously to have this on the agenda as a discussion item.

Mayor Wells noted that the Council could possibly lift the ban of the overnight parking for the stalls on the inside of the square around the courthouse. Leaving the outside parking as is.

Dan Leslie stated that the parking rules were made to accommodate the street sweeper and the ice/snow treatment required on the main thoroughfare through town.

Council Member Ford stated that a solution could be to state that no parking could take place on the south side of the courthouse on days it is scheduled to be swept.

Council Member Martin stated that it either needs to be simple or leave it as is.

Council questioned how many rentals are around the square and where those individuals park.

Mayor Wells asked Administrator Fleming to get some numbers and report back to the Council.

## **COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

### **A. Council Member Franklin –**

- Absent

### **B. Council Member Myrick–**

- Wished everyone a belated Happy Easter.
- Noted that as he drives around town he is pleased with how good the town is looking.

### **C. Council Member Mathew –**

- He also noted how nice the town is looking.

### **D. Mayor Wells--**

- Reminded everyone to mow your grass towards your yard and not towards the street. This clogs the stormwater drains and causes problems.

### **E. Council Member Ballard –**

- Absent

**F. Council Member Peterson–**

- Had received some complaints that the Poor Boys Tree Trimming Service that the city contracted to trim trees in the area have been leaving large limbs in the alleyways. Administrator Fleming stated that he will get with the company and address the matter.

**G. Council Member Ford–**

- None

**H. Council Member Peters –**

- None

**I. Council Member Martin -**

- Stated if the business and apartment owners around the square have some ideas for parking to let the Council know.

**J. Administrator Fleming–**

- Noted that the second wave of EPA soil cleanup will begin soon.
- He asked if Council Members were still interested in holding a public forum to discuss the Council Size?
  - Council Member Ford stated that we have discussed this in the past and since the current structure was developed by a committee of community members she didn't feel like it should be changed.
  - Council Member Myrick stated that having eight different opinions is good.
  - Council concluded that there is no need to discuss the issue anymore.

**DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2019

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2019

**6:54 pm.** 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 11th day of May, 2019.



Mayor Wells

*Jocatha P. Wells*

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton

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