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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on April 26, 2021, 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 Peters, French, Ford, Myrick, and Ballard, were present. Also present were Administrator Matt Rehder, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Council Member Slaugh attended the meeting via phone. Absent were Council Members Peterson and Kinder.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve the agenda as posted. 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 wish 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 Council President. 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

- **April 12, 2021, Council Meeting**

B. Appropriations Approval

C. Minutes Approval

- **January 25, 2021, Council Meeting (Amended)**

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. 519 S Ohio Sanitary Sewer Request - Assistant City Administrator Schinstock informed the Council that staff had been approached by the property owner at 519 S. Ohio Street to connect to the City Sanitary Sewer System.

The property is outside the incorporated city limits and has a failing septic system. The property does not meet the minimum acreage requirements to install a new septic system. The property is within the maximum footage of 400 feet of a sanitary sewer system; therefore, the property owner is requesting to connect to City Sewer.

The current City Code requires that owners of property outside the city limits who desire to connect to the city's sanitary sewer system will be necessary to voluntarily annex before being allowed to connect to the sanitary sewer system.

The owner requested to be approved to connect to the sewer system without being annexed into the City limits.

The Planning Commission met and voted to recommend the request to connect the City's sanitary sewer system without being annexed. The stipulation that the private sewer line is to be installed within private property by private easement and not be on public road right-of-way.

Council Member Myrick asked what the cost to the city would be to connect this property to the City's sewer system. Assistant Administrator Schinstock noted that the cost would be totally on the homeowner.

Council Member Myrick noted that if we can help the public, we should do what we can.

Council Member Slaugh noted that it was not a good idea to depart from the City Ordinance. The code states they must voluntarily annex if they request to connect to the sewer.

Council Member French noted that he felt annexation was best because the property owner would contribute to the City's property tax base.

Mayor Wells voiced concerns about annexing this property as it would create an island annexation.

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Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that staff was not in favor of the annexation due to the numerous code violations on the property and that the boundaries would be messy.

Council Member Ballard asked what would transpire if the Council did not approve this request. Administrator Roehder stated that the owner could connect to the sewer if they voluntarily annex.

Council Member Ballard asked if the City had allowed connections to the sewer without annexation. Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that yes, it had been done in the past.

Council Member Peters noted that he didn't want to open a can of worms by allowing the individual to connect to the city sewer without annexing.

Motion made by Council Member Slaugh to deny the request from 519 S Ohio to connect to the City's sanitary sewer system without annexation into the incorporated city limits of Iola with the stipulation that the private sewer line will not be installed in any public road right-of-ways. Therefore, the landowner can access the sewer by voluntarily annexing. Motion seconded by Council Member French. Voting in favor of the action were Council Members: Slaugh, French, Ford, Peters, and Ballard. Voting against the motion was Council Member Myrick. Motion carried by a majority vote.

B. Roof Replacement Bid Acceptance - Assistant Administrator Schinstock noted that during the 2021 Budget development and approval process, Council allocated \$30,000 to replace the roof on the Wartsila generation building within the Electric Production budget.

Staff posted a Request for Proposal on the City of Iola Website and sent the proposal to several roofing contractors. One bid was received from Borens Roofing Inc for \$27,790.

Motion made by Council Member Slaugh and seconded by Council Member Myrick to accept Borens Roofing, Inc. for the Wartsila roof replacement project for \$27,790.00 and authorize staff to execute the necessary documents for the project. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Peters -

- None

B. Council Member Ford-

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- Council Member Ford wished Mayor Wells a happy birthday.

C. Council Member French –

- None.

D. Council Member Peterson–

- Absent

E. Council Member Ballard

- Council Member Ballard asked about the restrooms being open at the park for ball games. Staff will check into this and report back to the Council via email.

F. Council Member Slauch–

- None

G. Council Member Myrick–

- Council Member Myrick reminded citizens that with mowing season starts, do not blow grass into the street. Doing so clogs up the city's stormwater system and is a violation of the city ordinance.

H. Council Member Kinder -

- Absent

I. Mayor Wells

- None.

K. Administrator Rehder

- Administrator Rehder reported to the Council about the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation public forum this coming Wednesday at the John Silas Bass Community Building at 6:00 p.m.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2021

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 24, 2021

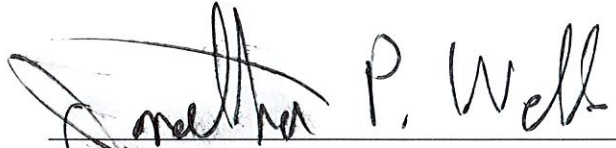
6:27 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Myrick to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

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It is approved by the City Council of Iola, Kansas, this 10th day of May 2021.



Mayor Wells





City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton