

CITY OF IOLA

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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on May 24, 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, Myrick, Slaugh, Peterson, Kinder, and Ballard were present. Also present were Administrator Matt Rehder, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Absent was Council Member Ford.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Kinder 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**
 - **May 10, 2021, Council Meeting**

- B. Appropriations Approval**

- C. Board Appointments**

- D. Elks Fireworks Display**

Council Member French asked about the payment for flood insurance for 600 Park Avenue. Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that the general area of the park flooded in 2007.

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. CDBG-CV3 - Grant Public Hearing and Resolution - Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing. No public comments were made regarding the grant application. Mayor Wells closed the hearing.

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Kinder to approve Resolution #2021-10 and other necessary documents and authorize the required signatures. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. 519 S. Ohio Street - Ordinance #3499 - Administrator Rehder informed the Council that the April 26th Council meeting staff presented a request from property owner J.D. Harris of 519 S. Ohio to connect to the city sanitary sewer main.

Following the discussion, the Council directed staff to advise the owner that connection would be allowed, but consent for annexation would be required. Along with the requirement of annexation, the owner would be required to ensure the private sewer line is installed on personal property and not be located within an existing public road right-of-way.

Motion made by Council Member Slauch and seconded by Council Member Ballard to approve annexation ordinance #3499 for 519 S. Ohio and authorize the necessary signatures. With this approval, the landowner will be allowed to connect to the City sanitary sewer system once the proper easements are installed to install the private sewer line across the adjacent personal property.

Voting in favor of the motion was Council Members Kinder, Slauch, Ballard, Peterson, French, and Peters. Voting against the motion was Council Member Myrick. Motion carried by a majority vote.

C. Iola Public Library Room Dedication - Katrina Springer, President of the Iola Library Board, told the Council that she was present to request permission from the council to dedicate the study room at the Iola Public Library in recognition of Librarian, Roger Carswell who is retiring.

Motion made by Council Member Slauch and seconded by Council Member Myrick to approve the request from the Iola Library Board to dedicate the study room at the Iola Public Library in recognition of Roger Carswell. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. 80 Acre Industrial Land - Lease Agreement - Administrator Rehder noted that since 2017 the city had owned the 80 acres of land on the west side of Marshmallow Lane between Miller Road and Patterson Avenue.

The land has been used for agricultural purposes for numerous years and was leased from Iola Industries by Doug Strickler.

Council Member Ballard wondered about requesting bids from farmers that may want to farm the land in the future.

Council Member French suggested that the City Attorney initial contracts. Assistant City Administrator Schinstock noted that Attorney Johnson had drafted the contract in question.

Motion made by Council Member Slauch and seconded by Council Member Myrick to approve the farm lease agreement with Doug Strickler for the 80 Acre Industrial tract and authorize the necessary signatures.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Trade Secrets

Council Member Ballard made a motion, and Council Member Myrick seconded the motion to recess into executive session for thirty minutes pursuant to Trade Secrets, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(4). The purpose of the executive session is to discuss confidential data relating to financial and operational affairs and shall include the Mayor, Council, City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, and Fire Chief. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 6:41 p.m.

Council Member Ballard made a motion, and Council Member Myrick seconded the motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes pursuant to Trade Secrets, K.S.A. 75-4319 (b)(4). The purpose of the executive session is to discuss confidential data relating to financial and operational affairs and shall include the Mayor, Council, City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, and Fire Chief. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 6:56 p.m.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Peters -

- He wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day Weekend.

B. Council Member Ford—

- Absent

C. Council Member French –

- None.

D. Council Member Peterson—

- None

E. Council Member Ballard

- He noted flooding in his neighborhood, mostly the intersection of Cardinal Lane and Canary Lane. Staff will look into the matter.

F. Council Member Slaugh—

- He wondered how the Council felt about sending a letter to the editor that would spell out the advantages of the City continuing to run the county-wide ambulance service versus a private company.
- Mayor Wells noted that it was a good idea and willing to cosign it with Council Member Slaugh.

G. Council Member Myrick—

- He noted how hard it is to keep up with mowing notices during this extremely wet period.

H. Council Member Kinder -

- He stated he favors the letter to the editor making the citizens aware of the process. It would be a good idea also to put it on the City's Facebook Page.

I. Mayor Wells

- Mayor Wells stated that school is out, and kids are riding their bikes. Everyone should be aware of them and be cautious.

K. Administrator Rehder

- Administrator Rehder reported to the Council that the City was awarded a Kansas Wildlife and Parks grant for \$142,000 to extend the MOPAC Trail.
- Reminded everyone that the swimming pool opens Monday at 1:00 p.m.
- Budget preparations are being made.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 28, 2021

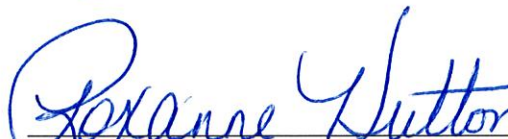
7:05 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Peters to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

It is approved by the City Council of Iola, Kansas, this 14th day of June 2021.





Mayor Wells



City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton