

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on June 24, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the Riverside 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, Peterson, Myrick, Ballard, Mathew, and Ford were present. Also present were Administrator Fleming, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and Deputy City Clerk Kern. Council Members Franklin and Martin were absent.

### **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Peters 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.

Larry Walden stated he wanted to make a clarification to his comments at the last meeting regarding the Council/Mayor form of Government. He wants to see the Council have the power to handle employee issues.

Larry Walden commented that he had received Administrator Fleming's financial reports. He wondered why they were done three times per year and not quarterly as is the Treasurer's Report that is put in the paper. He can not reconcile any of the numbers because of the difference in time frames.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes Approval**

- **June 10, 2019**

**B. Appropriations Approval**

Council Member Peterson asked what the towing bill was for on page 19 of the appropriations. Administrator Fleming noted that the ambulance broke down in Olathe and had to be towed back to Iola. The other charge is for an impound vehicle the Police Department had to have moved.

Council Member Peters asked about the payment to EMG. Wondered if it was billed by the hour and why it was split equal between gas and electric. Administrator Fleming stated that this is an invoice he doesn't see; therefore he will have to check into it and report back to the Council.

Council Member Peters asked about the LKM salary survey invoice he would like to look at before budget. Administrator Fleming stated he would have to look into it.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Recreation Building Project** - Administrator Fleming reviewed the previously approved project to refurbish the floors in the Recreation Community Building. He noted that moisture testing of the concrete flooring was performed for the approved epoxy installation, and it was determined that the relative humidity in the slab was nearing maximum limits for this system. Following the determination of the moisture content, staff has been working with Shafer, Johnson, Cox, Fry Architecture (SJCF) and Epoxy Coating Specialists (ECS) to determine the best application for our facility.

Assistant Administrator Schinstock and Darrin Augustine, Architect with SJCF showed the Council Members the Epoxy and the sport flooring that will be used. Assistant Administrator Schinstok noted that a proposed revision to the bid from the Epoxy Coating Specialists in the amount of \$17,665 to apply a ½ inch thick epoxy. They will warranty the product with a thicker application.

Council Member Ford asked how long it would be before the building could be used.

Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that the sport floor people stated they could start the first week of August.

Council Member Ballard asked how long the warranty is for.

Darrin Augustine, Architect with SJCF stated he thought it was 20 years on the epoxy flooring.

Larry Walden asked if the project was rebid with the addition of the \$17,000.

Administrator Schinstock stated that the Council had previously approved a contract with the Epoxy Company. This is basically a change order. Since the City was in a contract with the current company there is no need to solicit bids.

Council Member Peterson asked what would happen to the Insurance Funds that were not used for the floors.

Administrator Fleming stated that the money was directly deposited into the Recreation CIP Fund. If there is any funds left they will be used for larger projects for the Parks, Recreation, and Trails.

Assistant Administrator Schinstock noted that the Recreation Department still has to purchase some office furniture and other items that were damaged by the flood waters.

Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve the proposed revisions to the bid from Epoxy Coating Specialists in the amount of \$17,665 for a total project cost of \$120,000 for the epoxy flooring in the building and authorize staff to execute the necessary documents. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Ford, Peters, Mathew, and Myrick. Voting against the motion was Council Members Peterson and Ballard. Motion passed by majority vote.

**B. Mosquito Spraying Discussions** - As part of the 2019 Budget process, Council decided to cut the mosquito spraying program. With the extremely wet spring, concerns have been raised by Council and the public to re-evaluate the decision.

Administrator Fleming stated that staff verified the availability of the Mosquitomist 1.5 ULV, which is the main product used for spraying operations, and it is available at this time from Van Diest. The fogger was also calibrated earlier this spring at a Van Diest workshop. If the council directed staff to begin mosquito spraying from the week of June 24<sup>th</sup> through the week of September 30<sup>th</sup>, the minimum estimated costs for the program would be \$12,225.

Council Member Ford stated she wants the City to do mosquito spraying.

Council Member Peterson stated that she wants the City to do mosquito spraying.

Mayor Wells stated that this year we could bring the spraying back, however; we need to look into ways to prevent mosquitoes before they hatch. For example putting the (larvacide) bricks in standing water.

Council Member Ford stated that we could get with the boy scouts about putting bat houses up around town.

Council Member Mathew stated he is not in favor of spraying. He doesn't see that it is effective enough.

Council Member Myrick stated he hadn't noticed mosquitoes. He is not in favor of the spray because it has to land on them in order to kill them.

Betty Miller stated that some of the residents of Iola are grateful not to hear or smell the mosquito sprayer. It's nice to be able to be outside and not have to get the kids inside the house when the mosquito sprayer gets close.

Larry Walden stated that he hasn't noticed any stagnant water. Since we have received so much rainfall the water is moving. He noted that the cost of mosquito spraying is less than .01% of the budget. Makes no sense to him not to spray.

Becky Nilges stated she had sent an email to the Council. She noted that some individuals attract mosquitoes more than others due to their smell, or product they are wearing. She stated that Bob Walden's pond by her house is holding stagnant water.

Mayor Wells stated that it would be nice to get with the residents that do have bodies of water in their yards and see if it would be possible to put an aerator in those bodies of water.

Council Member Ford stated that she doesn't see a huge cut in the budget by not doing mosquito spraying.

Council Member Myrick asked where the money is coming from.

Administrator Fleming stated it would come from the General Fund. A budget amendment may have to be done to accommodate the expense.

Council Member Peters stated that the EPA recommends using spray late at night so that other insects are down for the night and shouldn't be harmed.

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Peterson to begin mosquito spraying immediately per the previous schedule. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Ford, Peterson, Peters and Myrick. Voting against the motion were Council Members Ballard and Mathew. Motion carried by majority vote.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

**A. Downtown Parking Discussions** - Administrator Fleming noted that community members had some concerns about the limited parking around the square overnight and asked that the City Council have a discussion on the matter.

Council Member Myrick stated that he had been monitoring traffic from 5:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. around the square. He noted approximately 13 cars per day on the side streets during these hours. The streets he noticed the traffic on were East Street, South Street and Jefferson Street.

Mayor Wells suggested on the West and East sides south to 54 open up to 24 hour traffic on Jefferson and Washington streets. On the courthouse side of the street.

He stated that after speaking with Gates employees some of their executives want to stay in places where they can see their cars.

Council Member Ford stated we can try it and see if it works out.

Council Member Ballard asked why we don't do it for all four sides of the square.

Administrator Fleming noted that with the traffic on Madison it would be best to stay off of that side of the square.

Larry Walden stated that there is plenty of room in the middle of the street for parking if the turn lanes were removed.

It was the consensus of the Council to bring back an Ordinance to the next meeting to have the inside of the square on the West and East sides south of Madison on Jefferson and Washington Streets to have 24 hour parking.

**B. Speed Limit Discussions** - Historically, the speed limits on Miller Road from Kentucky Street to State Street and on Cottonwood Street from Miller Road to White

Boulevard were both 35 mph. In recent years, the speed limits for both these stretches of road were modified to 30 mph, aligning them with state statutes and the accommodation of golf cart traffic to Cedarbrook Golf Course. With the closing of the golf course, staff plans to revert the speed limits for Miller and Cottonwood in these areas back to 35 mph.

Council Member Ford and Ballard stated that it shouldn't be any higher than 35 mph.

Mayor Wells wants to return it back to the 35 mph. He hears comments weekly about changing it back to the 35 mph.

Josiah D'Albini stated that it would be beneficial for the City to install a cross walk across Cottonwood where the duplexes are. Staff will look into this.

## **COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

### **A. Council Member Franklin –**

- Absent

### **B. Council Member Myrick–**

- Wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July.
- Reminded Council he would not be at the next Council Meeting due to being out of town.

### **C. Council Member Mathew –**

- None

### **D. Mayor Wells–**

- Reminded everyone to be careful with fireworks.
- Informed everyone of an event on July 5th. 35 members of the Funston family are coming to town. If you happen to see them welcome them to town.
- Clean up the streets after shooting fireworks.

### **E. Council Member Ballard –**

- Asked Administrator Fleming if he had spoken to Kent Thompson about the lot next to Denny's Sports Center. He is wanting to donate it to either the City or the County. It would be nice to utilize for bathroom trailers for Farm City Days.
- Administrator Fleming stated that staff has been determining how the city can use the lot.

- Asked Administrator Fleming what team building exercises they did in the office today. He stated that he had been contacted by three people about the office being closed until 8:30 a.m. and at 4:30 p.m.
- Administrator Fleming noted that the office has been using those hours for the last year. It not only gives time for team building but also time to review what occurred in the prior day and talk about office events without customer interruptions.

**F. Council Member Peterson–**

- Asked if next year the fireworks shooting days could be decreased.

**G. Council Member Ford–**

- Stated she had been contacted by a resident concerning the Water Plant sign at the Water Plant entrance. It is falling apart and looks bad. She stated it should either be fixed or taken down.
- Administrator Fleming noted that staff have been looking to repair that sign.

**H. Council Member Peters –**

- None

**I. Council Member Martin -**

- Absent

**J. Administrator Fleming–**

- None

**DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2019

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 22, 2019

**6:58 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 8th day of July, 2019.



Mayor Wells

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jonathan P. Wells".

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton

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