

CITY OF IOLA

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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on July 23, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., at the Dr. John Silas Bass North Community Building, 505 North Buckeye Street, Iola, Kansas.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Wells called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Council Members Ford, Middleton, Martin, Peters, and Myrick were present. Also present were Administrator Fleming, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Absent was Council Members Mathew, Ballard, and Franklin

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

None were heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

- July 9, 2018

B. Appropriations Approval

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Dangerous/Unsafe Structures Removal - Bid Award - Gregg Hutton, Code Enforcement Officer, informed the Council that property owners at 3 W Neosho, 322 South Street, and 426 N Third were given their allotted time to remove the unsafe and dangerous structures. The structures were not removed. The City has also acquired the property at 124 W. Bruner which is adjacent to the soccer fields. The City wishes to remove the structure at the same time.

Bids were solicited for the four properties. The bids were opened on Wednesday, July 18th at 10:00 a.m. Two bids were received. One from Infinity Land Management for a total bid of \$44,550 and one from Ray's Metal Depot for a total bid of \$11,850.

Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Martin to approve the bids submitted by Ray's Metal Depot for a total project cost of \$11,850 and proceed to demolish the structures and clear the properties based on Sec. 8-501 of the Unified Development Code. All in favor. Motion carried. Council Member Middleton asked what the yearly budget for house demolition was. Code Enforcement Officer Hutton stated that the annual budget is \$15,000.

B. Standard Traffic Ordinance & Public Offense Code Ordinance -

Adoption - Administrator Fleming noted that these are the typical Ordinances passed every year. These are updated after the legislation session and published every year by the League of Kansas Municipalities.

- **Standard Traffic Ordinance #3483** - Council Member Myrick asked for clarification of a Micro Utility Truck. Police Chief Warner explained that they are the small utility trucks. They have certain requirements as do golf carts and ATV's in order to be tagged within the City Limits of Iola. Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Middleton to adopt *Ordinance 3483 Standard Traffic Ordinance*. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Uniform Public Offense Code Ordinance #3484** - Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Middleton to adopt *Ordinance 3484 Uniform Public Offense Code*. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Set Public Hearing - 2019 Budget - Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Peters to set a public Budget Hearing for the proposed 2019 Budget at the next regular City Council Meeting on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Park Community Building. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Employee Picnic Vacation Days - Approval- The employee picnic is slated for September 12 at the Recreation Community Building in Riverside Park. The Picnic Committee is requesting approval of 5 vacation days for prizes at the picnic. All full-time employees who attend the picnic will be eligible for the drawing. Motion made by Council Member Martin and seconded by Council Member Peters to authorize five (5) vacation days for prizes at the annual employee picnic. All in favor. Motion carried.

E. GIS Data Collection Project - Administrator Fleming noted that staff researched options for GIS services. Midland GIS offers the best price, product, and service.

Council Member Peters asked if the Police Department will be able to use the GIS system. Administrator Fleming noted that the system will probably not be as beneficial for the Police Department. However, the Code Enforcement Department could eventually use it to reference abandoned houses and employ lots. Initially, it will be used primarily for utilities and become expandable over time.

Council Member Myrick asked if this would affect traffic flow. Administrator Fleming stated that it should be a quick process.

Motion made by Council Member Martin and seconded by Council Member Middleton to approve the Midland GIS Solutions, LLC. Professional Services Agreement for Iola, Kansas and authorize the necessary signatures. All in favor. Motion carried.

ROUNDTABLE

A.2019 Budget Work Session-

Council Member Ford and Peters were both in favor of funding mosquito spraying.

Council Member Myrick, Martin, and Middleton were in favor of cutting the expense.

Council Members were in favor of cutting the employee assistance program.

Council Member Martin stated that as the Council we have to make tough decisions and make cuts. Mosquito spraying is just one of them.

Mayor Wells stated that \$280,000 in cuts need to be made to the General Fund or Fund the Water Fund to make the transfer to General.

Council Member Myrick asked about the Thrive Economic Development Funding and the Chamber Funding. Administrator Fleming explained that this funding does not come out of the General Fund.

Council Member Ford stated that of the employees she spoke with they would rather have money in their health savings account than the employee assistance plan.

Council Member Myrick agreed.

Administrator Fleming noted the plan would assist all employees and their families with counseling, debt assistance, supervisor training, and wellness resources.

Council Member Peters did not think it would be used, Council Member Martin did not have an opinion on the matter and Council Member Middleton did not think it would be beneficial.

Council Members wondered if the sidewalk funding was necessary. Code Enforcement Officer Hutton stated currently individuals that take advantage of the sidewalk program are reimbursed \$1.75 per square foot for sidewalks and \$6.00 for linear foot for curbs, which basically pays for the concrete.

Council Member Ford stated that the City should seek grants for sidewalk work.

Assistant Administrator Schinstock stated that grants tie our hands. Often, we can do twice the product without the grant. A suggestion was made to separate out the residential side and the city side. \$10,000 for sidewalk assistance program and \$30,000 for city use.

Administrator Fleming noted without the transfer from Water to General a 15% increase could be done in the water fund in January of 2019. Cutting the transfer to General is equivalent to a 3-mill decrease to the General Fund.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Franklin –

- Absent

B. Council Member Myrick–

- Reminded everyone to attend the fair.

C. Council Member Mathew –

- Absent

D. Mayor Wells–

- Reminded everyone that your pets need to be out of the heat.

E. Council Member Ballard –

- Absent

F. Council Member Middleton –

- None

G. Council Member Ford–

- None

H. Council Member Peters –

- None

I. Council Member Martin -

- None

J. Administrator Fleming–

- LKM Conference will be held October 6-8. If anyone wants to attend let me know.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

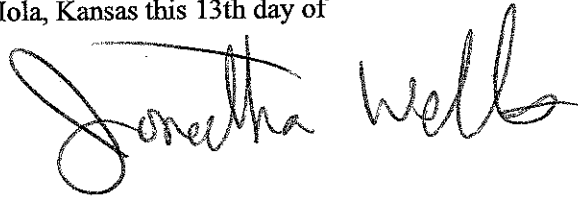
City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 13, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

7:15 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Martin to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 13th day of August, 2018.

Mayor Wells



City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton

