

CITY OF IOLA

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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on August 13, 2018, 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 Ford, Middleton, Martin, Peters, Mathew, Ballard, Franklin, and Myrick were present. Also present were Administrator Fleming, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton.

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.

Donna Houser informed the Council Members that she had been asked by some citizens why the pool had closed down so early.

Donna Houser stated that there are several deep ruts on the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail that are dangerous for riders and walkers.

Donna Houser noted that an open house will be held at the football stadium on August 25th at 9:30 a.m. Everything has been completed except the handicapped restrooms. They will be completed next year.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

- July 16, 2018

- July 23, 2018
- B. Appropriations Approval**
- C. Family Physicians Health Fair - Request**
 - Family Physicians is requesting to waive the rental fees for the Recreation Community Building for November 3, 2018 for their annual community health fair.
- D. League of Kansas Municipalities - Voting Delegates**
 - Appointment of Councilmen Eugene Myrick and Mark Peters as voting delegates for the League of Kansas Municipalities Conference. Appointment of City Administrator Sid Fleming as an alternate voting delegate.
- E. Board Appointments - Public Housing Authority**
 - Jocelyn Tupper -New Appointment
 - Steven Henderson - New Appointment
- F. Iola Fire Department Boot Block Request**
 - Requesting to hold the annual MDA boot block at the intersection of Madison Avenue and Washington Avenue from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday, September 1, 2018.

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Power Supply Discussions -

A-1 Solar Feasibility Study MOU Westar Energy - Administrator Fleming noted that City Attorney Bob Johnson had reviewed all contracts. Scott Shreve with EMG, the City's Energy Consultant discussed the Feasibility Study.

Mayor Wells asked about the timeline. Mr. Shreve noted that the study will take about three to four months.

Council Member Myrick asked what the final cost would be. Mr. Shreve noted that the study would determine the cost of installation of a solar farm. At that time the City would decide if they want to get involved or not.

Council Member Ford noted that the \$4,000 cost of the study seems like a lot of money right now for the City.

Mr. Shreve noted that Westar and the City will partner on the project. Years 1-6 Westar will own the Solar Farm and at that time the City will have the option to purchase at a reduced price.

Council Member Ford asked why the City had to pay for the study if we are not going to own it from day one. Mayor Wells noted because at some time it will belong to the City.

Mayor Wells noted that the citizens of Iola would be shortsighted if the council doesn't act on this today.

Motion made by Council Member Franklin to approve the Solar Feasibility Study MOU with Westar Energy and authorize the necessary signatures. Motion seconded by Council Member Myrick. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members: Myrick, Franklin, Martin, Ballard, Peters and Middleton. Voting against the motion were Council Members: Ford and Mathew. Motion passed by a majority vote.

A-3 Power Purchase Agreement - Westar Energy -SEG's current power purchase agreement with Westar expires December 31, 2018. EMG and SEG members have been working with Westar representative to develop a new power purchase agreement. The *Edison Electric Institute (EEI) Master Power Purchase and Sales Agreement* allows the City of Iola to purchase power from Westar. Motion made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve a Power Purchase Agreement with Westar Energy and authorize the necessary signatures. All in favor. Motion carried.

Energy Only Transaction with Westar Energy - The Energy Only Transaction Confirmation details the specific energy product that the City will purchase from Westar at a wholesale rate. Motion made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Myrick to approve the Energy Only Transaction Confirmation form for specific Westar energy product and authorize the necessary signatures. All in favor. Motion carried.

A-2 Energy Management Agreement - Westar Energy - SEG's current EMA with Westar Energy is set to expire at the end of 2018. This agreement was for a 4-year term. Westar has proposed a new 4-year EMA, which also includes Westar becoming SEG's Market Participant. Scott Shreve informed the group that the City of Chanute is currently SEG's Market Participant. Westar has agreed to take over this responsibility. This will take a burden away from the City of Chanute. Motion made by Council Member Middleton and seconded by Council Member Mathew to approve Energy Management Agreement with Westar Energy and authorize the necessary signatures. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Sales Tax Extension Resolution 2018-18 - Adoption - Administrator

Fleming noted that the current ½-cent sales tax for street projects and capital improvements is set to expire on December 31, 2019. Resolution 2018-18 will put the question on the ballot for the November 6, 2018 election.

Administrator Fleming reviewed some of the prior expenditures that have been made with the sales tax revenues over the last nine years. He also stressed that it is important that the electorate be aware that voting for this sales tax will not increase current taxes. It will keep the sales tax the same.

Motion made by Council Member Myrick to approve Resolution 2018-18 Sales Tax Extension and authorize the necessary signatures. Motion seconded by Council Member Peters. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Public Hearing - 2019 Budget - Administrator Fleming noted that after the Public Hearing was published it came to staff's attention that the CIP spending was not transferred from the budget worksheets over to the State Budget Forms. The Council had discussed the CIP spending and the Worksheets clearly show all of the spending. In order to be transparent to the public, the City will publish the State Budget form again and hold another hearing at the next City Council Meeting. The County Clerk has been notified that the City Budget will be delayed a few days.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing for the 2019 Budget. Hearing no comments from the public. Mayor Wells closed the Public Hearing for the 2019 Budget.

Council Member Ford asked if mosquito spraying was still out of the budget. Administrator Fleming noted that it had been removed. Mayor Wells asked each Council Member their opinion on cutting mosquito spraying from the Budget.

Council Members Franklin, Martin, Myrick, Mathew, Ballard, and Middleton were in favor of cutting the expense out of the Budget.

Council Members Ford and Peters were not in favor of cutting it from the budget.

Council Member Ford asked about cutting personnel with long term department merging, and looking at staffing models. Mayor Wells noted that the Council will look at the staffing levels at a future meeting.

Council Member Franklin noted that staffing cuts could not be made for the 2019 Budget.

Council Member Ballard stated a desire for deep cuts. Administrator Fleming noted over \$120,000 in cuts in the General Fund.

Council Member Ballard stated that he wanted more cuts on equipment. Administrator Fleming stated that he prepared the budget based on the consensus that a discussion on equipment purchases and formal schedules to follow for replacements will be discussed at a future Council meeting.

Council Member Franklin asked about the large increase from 2016-2018 and 2019. It was noted that transfers to Equipment Reserve were not able to be made because funding was not there in 2016.

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Franklin to set a Budget Hearing for the 2019 Budget at the Monday, August 27th meeting at 6:00 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Myrick made a motion to recess into Executive Session for 30 minutes pursuant to personnel matters of non-elected personnel, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The purpose of the executive session is to discuss an individual employee's performance and shall include the Mayor, Council, and the Human Resources Manager. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 7:40 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Ballard. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Franklin –

- None

B. Council Member Myrick–

- Noticed that three of the four of the house demolitions had been done. They look great.

C. Council Member Mathew –

- None

D. Mayor Wells–

- Read a thank you letter from the City of Garnett for the Electric Distribution Employees that came to their aide during the recent storm.

E. Council Member Ballard –

- None

F. Council Member Middleton –

- Asked about the mill and overlay project.

G. Council Member Ford–

- Reminded everyone that school is back in session. Watch out for students.

H. Council Member Peters –

- Was out for a walk recently and ran into Code Enforcement Officer Gregg Hutton, he stated that 14 houses had been torn down in 2017 and 11 houses this year, while three have only been built. Iola is losing housing.

I. Council Member Martin -

- None

J. Administrator Fleming–

- Midland GIS will be in the area doing the GIS collecting on the sewer system within the next few weeks.
- Chip and seal has been completed for this year.

Assistant Administrator Schinstock gave an update on several projects.

- Mill and Overlay Project. The project is complete except some necessary cleanup activities. He noted that at this time the City is only doing patch repairs to keep Madison and 54 up the best we can until a total restoration project can be done.
- Chip and Seal Project. Work for this year is complete. A dump truck and a hose on the oil feeder both broke down during the end of the project.
- Sewer Lining Project. The project has begun. Camera work finished up and the lining will take place in the next few weeks. They will hang door hangers on the customers that will be affected.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 27, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

7:53 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Ballard to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 27th day of August, 2018.



Mayor Wells

Jonathan Wells

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton

Roxanne Hutton