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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on September 24, 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 and Council Members Ford, Middleton, Peters, Mathew, Martin, Franklin, and Myrick were present. Also present were Administrator Fleming, Assistant Administrator Schinstock, and City Clerk Hutton. Absent was Council Member Ballard.

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. No one present had any comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

- September 10, 2018

B. Appropriations Approval

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. CURB Roundup Policy- Jocelyn Tupper on behalf of the Ministerial Alliance is requesting a Round Up for CURB (Community Utility Relief Board) on individuals that sign up put on their utility bill. Each month the difference between the utility customer's actual bill and the next full dollar will be added onto the bill and designated for CURB. Pastor Tupper stated that the group is working with other organizations in the area that provide this service also. Council Member Myrick asked if the customer could opt out if they wanted to in the future. Administrator Fleming stated that the customer is required to sign up for the project and would have to sign that they no longer wanted to participate. Ms. Tupper stated that the organization follows guidelines set in place by the Federal Government for the EFSP (Emergency Food and Shelter Program). Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Martin to authorize the Utility Office to begin the Round Up for CURB program. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. Police & Administration Vehicle Replacement - Bid Acceptance - City Administration is scheduled to replace Unit #48 a 1999 Ford Taurus. The Police Department is scheduled to replace the Detective Vehicle #7, which was totaled by insurance due to water damage in 2016 and Unit 56 a patrol vehicle which is a 2013-2014 Ford Utility Police Interceptor with approximately 126,000 miles and 10,881 hours on it.

The City received two bids following a solicit for bids. The bid from Twin Motors Ford for all three vehicles totaled \$82,193.00 and the bid from Pittsburg Ford for all three vehicles totaled \$76,184.04. A difference of 7.89%.

Per the Purchasing Policy special consideration for local bidders may be made for local vendors who submit bids that are within seven percent (7%) of the lowest comparable bid. Based upon the Purchasing Policy, staff recommends purchasing the vehicles from Pittsburg Ford.

Administrator Fleming made a note that all bids are subject to a September 30, 2018 deadline. The vehicles were all budgeted in the 2018 Budget previously approved by the Council.

Council Member Myrick asked why there was such a difference in the bids? Darrin (Barney) Barnett, Twin Motors Ford Salesman stated that he is not sure other than the fact that possibly Pittsburg Ford bid low in order to obtain the bid. He reminded the Council that Twin Motors Ford employes 20 people and they are local taxpayers.

Council Member Franklin asked Administrator Fleming to explain the trade in for Administration. Administrator Fleming responded by saying the 1999 Taurus was used for many years as the meter reader vehicle and is currently being used to run office errands for the Clerk's Office. This vehicle is not a reliable vehicle and has several problems. The

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current van which all departments use for out of town trips will be moved to the Clerk's Office and used as a backup to the new vehicle that is part of this bid.

Council Member Matthew wondered if there was documentation for work done on the Taurus. (Note: most of the repair work is done in house by the Power Plant employees in order to keep the cost down.)

Council Member Ford wondered what the difference was in price over the 7% that is spelled out in the purchasing policy as a limit for going with a local business. It seems to her that it is such a small amount that it is not worth going out of town to the lower of two bids.

Administrator Fleming noted that the recommendation is based on the Purchasing Policy.

Council Member Ford wondered if a certified, pre-owned vehicle could be purchased for the out-of-town vehicle in Administration.

Barney stated that the government price on vehicles only pertains to new vehicles and that price would be hard to beat on a used vehicle.

Mayor Wells stated that it would be hard to bid a used vehicle and compare the two.

Chief Warner stated that the Detective is currently using a drug seized automobile. It is a 2007 Hyundai with 265,000 miles.

Council Member Franklin noted that we keep spending money and have made no effort to reduce expenses.

Administrator Fleming noted that the vehicles are in the 2018 Budget and it was noted in the Administrative Report for the September 10th meeting that the vehicles were going to be bid. There was no communication from Council, therefore; staff continued with the process and brought the bids to Council tonight.

Council Member Martin noted that we are having a discussion next month about purchasing vehicles. Why can't we hold off on these vehicles until then. Administrator Fleming stated that the current offers were contingent upon roughly \$4,000 worth of incentives on each vehicle.

Chief Warner stated that all maintenance on the police vehicles is well documented. When the city was on the schedule of trading two vehicles one year and one vehicle the next year the vehicles were requiring less maintenance.

Mayor Wells stated that he brings up the worst case scenario when talking about the police department because when it comes to the police department that worst case scenario could be today.

Motion made by Council Member Franklin and seconded by Council Member Middleton to approve the purchase of vehicle #2, the Detective Vehicle from Twin Motors Ford at a price of \$28,850. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members: Peters, Ford, Middleton, Myrick, and Franklin. Voting against the motion was Council Member Matthew. Abstaining from the vote due to his employment with Twin Motors Ford was Council Member Martin. Motion carried by majority vote.

Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve the purchase of vehicle #3, the Patrol Vehicle from Twin Motors Ford at a price of \$24,993. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members: Peters, Ford, Middleton, and Myrick. Voting against the motion were Council Members: Matthew and Franklin. Abstaining from the vote due to his employment with Twin Motors Ford was Council Member Martin. Motion carried by majority vote.

Administrator Fleming stated that all for the discussion on vehicle replacement he will have available all vehicles in the fleet and the staff's estimated replacement date.

Motion was made at this time by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Myrick to suspend the rules and move agenda item E under new business before item C under new business in order to accomodate Ms. Bolling. All in favor. Motion carried.

E. Bollings Meat Market - Request - Bollings Meat Market at 201 S State Street is preparing for its Annual Customer Appreciation Event. They are requesting the east-west alleyway south of Bolling's be closed from Thursday, October 18th at 8:00 a.m. until Sunday October 21 at 5:00 p.m.

Owner Cara Thomas informed the Council with her limited parking availability at her store it would be helpful for the business to have a semi-trailer parked in the alley with added product for the event.

Staff have visited with the neighboring business owners and they have no concerns about the alley closure.

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Martin to approve the alley closure from Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. through Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Dudley's Done Right BBQ Request- Marshall Barnhart, Owner of Dudley's Done Right Barbeque has submitted a request for Rockfest 2018. The event is planned for October 6, 2018 and will begin at 12:00 noon and conclude at 11:30 p.m. that evening.

Mr. Barnhart is requesting that the noise ordinance be extended the day of the event from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. He is also requesting that Miller Road be closed from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. for the event.

Staff have spoken with the surrounding businesses and they have no concerns with the street closure.

Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve extending the noise ordinance from 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 and the closure of Miller Road from the eastern drive entrance of Walmart to State Street from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. on October 6 for Rocktober Fest 2018. All in favor. Motion carried.

D. Farm City Days - Request - Assistant Administrator Schinstock reviewed the request with the Council. He noted that the request to close Jackson Avenue from Tuesday evening through the weekend seems like more time than will actually be needed.

Council Member Franklin informed the Council as a member of the Farm City Days Committee, that the request for the street closure early is due to the fact that Ottaway Carnival will be having an event in Iola and Fredonia that weekend. They want to be able to drop off their rides on Tuesday and then go to Fredonia to set up that location.

Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Middleton to approve the listed requests 1 through 4 for assistance with the annual Farm City Days Celebration. All in favor. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Water Rates Adjustment - Ordinance #3481 - City Administrator Fleming stated that enclosed in Council's material is background information on the past discussions Council has had concerning water rates. Administrator Fleming did note that in 2010 \$300,000 was transferred from the Wastewater Fund into Water Fund in order to pay expenditures. In 2011 there were additional transfers made from the Electric Utility and the Gas Utility into the Water Fund. A rate adjustment was also done in 2011.

Council Member Middleton stated that this is the best route to go. Once the true expenditures are documented with the Master Plan next year Council will be able to determine what rate will be needed to support it.

Council Member Ford stated that with it being 2 ½ years since the last increase this increase isn't so hard to do. She stated no one wants rate increases, however this needs to be done to support the Water Fund.

Council Member Martin stated that this is the first step in rectifying the error made in not approving the prior Ordinance. He is asking that everyone vote on this Ordinance so we can get started on getting the Water Fund where it needs to be.

Council Member Myrick stated that a lot of people that he has talked with agree that this is a good step for the Council to move forward with this increase.

Motion made by Council Member Martin and seconded by Council Member Middleton to approve Ordinance #3481- Water Rate Adjustment and authorize the necessary signatures. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members: Peters, Ford, Middleton, Myrick and Franklin. Voting against the motion was Council Member Matthew. Motion passed by a Majority of members elect.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Ford made a motion to recess into Executive Session for 15 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, Administrator, Human Resources Director and the Assistant Administrator. The regular meeting shall reconvene in the city council chamber at 7:20 p.m. Motion seconded by Council Member Middleton. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Franklin –

- None

B. Council Member Myrick–

- None

C. Council Member Mathew –

- None

D. Mayor Wells–

- Asked everyone to support Farm City Days and the other activities going on within the City in the near future. The Council approved three of them this evening. There should be plenty of options for everyone.

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–

- Reminded everyone he sent out an invite for the ABC Planning Meeting. If anyone is interested in attending let him know.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

7:23 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 9th day of September, 2018.



Mayor Wells

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton

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Roxanne Hutton