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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on September 28, 2020, 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 Peters, Peterson, Slaugh, Myrick, French, Kinder, and Ford, were present. Also present was Interim City Administrator Schinstock and City Clerk, Hutton. Absent was Council Member Ballard.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Kinder and seconded by Council Member Ford 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 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.

None were heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Approval

- **September 14, 2020, Council Meeting**

B. Appropriations Approval

C. GAAP Waiver - Resolution 2020-13

D. City Officials - Re-Appointments

- **City Clerk - Roxanne Hutton**
- **Police Chief - Jared Warner**
- **Municipal Judge - Patricia Miklos Boyd**
- **City Attorney - Robert Johnson II**

A motion was made by Council Member Ford to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Council Member Peters. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2019 Financial Audit Presentation and Adoption- Sean Gordon of Gordon P.A. was present at the meeting to review the 2019 Audit with the Council.

Mr. Gordon noted that there were no deficiencies in the 2019 audit and credited City Financial Staff for a job well done.

Council Member French asked about page 5 paragraph 4 Reimbursed Expense. Asking if this was a violation by the City or required more time to find receipts.

Mr. Gordon noted that this is a mandatory comment that must be in the Notes to the Financial Statements. If there had been any problems found it would be noted,

Council Member French asked about page 7 paragraph one regarding custodial credit risk and if the City was at risk.

Mr. Gordon explained that the document states the city is collateralized and safe.

Council Member Slaugh asked how many cities in Kansas don't use GAAP.

Mr. Gordon stated he would average it about 75% of the cities in Kansas do not use GAAP.

Motion made by Council Member French and seconded by Council Member Slaugh to accept the audit report for the 2019 fiscal year. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. CDBG Grant - Setting of Public Hearing - At the prior City Council Meeting the Council asked Thrive Allen County to pursue a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the purchase of a fire truck. The next step in the process is to hold a public hearing.

Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Peterson to set a public hearing for October 13, 2020, at 6:15 p.m. to consider an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for CDBG funds under the community improvement category. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. Zinc Civil War Statue Repair - At the August 24, 2020, Council Meeting staff presented information regarding a request from Eric Pry and Harry Spell. They offered to perform repairs needed to the City of Iola, Zinc Civil War Soldier Statue also known as Ol

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Zachary, at no cost to the City. In turn, they are seeking approval to make a mold of the statue. The City would be required to transport the statue to and from Oregon, Illinois.

At the end of the discussion, Council directed staff to investigate costs and alternatives for repairing the statue and report back to a future Council Meeting.

In reviewing options the approximate cost to transport the statue to Oregon, Illinois is \$5,500. During this process staff also obtained a quote for \$7,500 from the company in Topeka that originally repaired the statue in 1998. With this repair, they would also have it appraised by Save Outdoor Sculpture SOS of the Smithsonian American Art Museum which would provide the city with a fair market value of Ol Zachary.

Council Member Slauch noted that he would like to see the statue go to Illinois.

Council Member French agreed, wondering if the museum could also give us an appraisal on the statue as well as the possibility of making us a mold. The mold could then be used to possibly make a concrete statue to replace the statue at the cemetery.

Mayor Wells stated that he would even be agreeable to allow the museum in Illinois to keep the statue a few months on loan.

Interim Administrator Schinstock noted that while the gentleman from Topeka was here to give an appraisal on repairs needed to the statue he told them that when the repairs were done in 1998 it was also filled with foam. This makes it more steady and less likely to break.

Staff will continue to look into the costs and logistics of sending the statue to Illinois for the repairs and present back to the council.

D. Uniform Public Offense Code - Ordinance - Police Chief Warner informed the Council that each year the Standard Traffic Ordinance (STO) and Unified Public Offense Code (UPOC) are Published by the League of Kansas Municipalities. While many of the provisions parallel state law, the UPOC also contains offenses that are frequently enforced only within cities.

Normally each year the STO and the UPOC are updated and distributed on request to each municipality. This year there were no updates to the STO; so we will continue to use the 2019 47th Edition of the STO that was adopted by Ordinance 3487 on 09/11/2019.

Motion made by Council Member French and seconded by Council Member Kinder to adopt Ordinance 3495 Uniform Public Offense Code. All in favor. Motion carried.

E. Allen County Fair Association - CMB Resolution - City Clerk Hutton told the Council that the Allen County Fair is holding a Bull Bash at the Rodeo Arena on October 3, 2020. The Fair Board is requesting the ability to serve Cereal Malt Beverages at this event.

They are also anticipating the clean up after the event will last past midnight. therefore, they will require an extension of the park curfew.

Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Myrick in accordance with KSA 41-2645 (E), approve Resolution 2020-12 allowing Allen County Fair Association to sell alcohol for the special event on October 3, 2020, from 6:00 p.m. -12:00 a.m. within the designated area at Riverside Park. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Peterson to approve the Allen County Fair Association to be in Riverside Park until 12:30 a.m. on the above date to accommodate the evening. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Peters -

- None.

B. Council Member Ford-

- Reminded everyone of Fall Cleanup next week. Call City Hall no later than noon on Friday, October 2nd to get on the list.

C. Council Member French –

- Read a thank you note from the Cedarbrook Estates owners thanking the Street and Alley Crew for fixing the erosion area. It looks great and it fixed the problem.

D. Council Member Peterson-

- None

E. Council Member Ballard

- Absent

F. Council Member Slauch–

- Wondered if anyone had thought about Trick or Treating on Halloween. He noted that in his opinion it should go on as usual.
- Interim Administrator Schinstock stated that the Chamber of Commerce is holding a Trunk or Treat with the downtown Iola businesses. They are taking several steps to keep it a no-contact environment due to COVID.

G. Council Member Myrick–

- None

H. Council Member Kinder -

- Everyone be safe.

I. Mayor Wells

- He informed everyone to wash their hands and not share masks.

J. Interim City Administrator Schinstock–

- Informed the Council that the State Street patching will begin soon. They have tried to let the fill settle before filling the area in with approximately 6-8 inches of concrete.
- Street and Alley Superintendent Dan Leslie have sat down and discussed the mill and overlay project for 2021. Preparing the specifications before advertising the bid.
- The next meeting is pretty open. Hopefully will be able to bring the COLA and the 2021 calendar to the next meeting.
- Spoke to Veteran's Worldwide they will be starting on Diamonds 5&6 at the park.
- Council Member Myrick asked about the status of the Administrator Search. Mr. Schinstock stated that the top 10 candidates have been sent questionnaires. Once those are returned and distributed to the Council Interviews will be determined and set.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2020

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2020

6:36 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Ford to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 13th day of October 2020.



Jonathan P. Wells

Mayor Wells

Roxanne Hutton

City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton