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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on October 13, 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, Ballard, French, Kinder, were present. Also present was Interim City Administrator Schinstock and City Clerk, Hutton. Absent were Council Members Ford and Myrick.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Kinder 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 28, 2020, Council Meeting**

B. Appropriations Approval

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. CDBG Grant Public Hearing & Approval- Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing. No public comments were heard. Mayor Wells closed the public hearing.

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1. **Maintenance Funds Assurance Resolution 2020-14** - Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Kinder to approve Resolution 2020-14 assuring funds will be provided annually for the operation and maintenance of the proposed fire truck. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. **Legal Authority Resolution 2020-15** - Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Peters to approve Resolution 2020-15 certifying that Mayor Wells has the authority to sign the necessary documents for the CDBG grant submission. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. **CDBG Grant Application Documents Approval** - Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Kinder to approve the CDBG grant application and associated documents and authorize the Mayor to execute the necessary documents. All in favor. Motion carried.

B. 2021 Holidays & Council Meeting Dates - Interim Administrator Schinstock informed the Council that the holiday schedule presented mirrors the holiday schedule that Allen County Commissioners approved for County staff. He noted that two City Council Meetings are affected by the calendar and have noted them on the enclosed schedule.

Motion made by Council Member Slaugh and seconded by Council Member Peterson to approve the proposed holiday schedule for the calendar year 2021 and approve revisions to the City Council Meeting on October 11th to the following Tuesday and cancel the December 27th meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Peters -

- None.

B. Council Member Ford—

- Absent.

C. Council Member French –

- Inquired about the locked gate on the skateboard park. It does not allow for special needs children to go inside the park and participate. Interim Administrator, Schinstock stated that he will check with the City's Insurance Agent about having the gate open all of the way.

D. Council Member Peterson—

- Asked about individuals who have the Community Buildings booked for the holidays. Interim Administrator, Schinstock stated that the City would not be able to enforce the number of individuals within the buildings. It was decided that Mr. Schinstock will get

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with Attorney Johnson to draw up an addition to the contract that the individual would have to sign removing the liability from the City if more than the allowed number of 45 individuals were attending an event.

E. Council Member Ballard

- Asked if the restrooms in the park are open for sporting events. Interim Administrator Schinstock noted that the restrooms should be opened during an event. He will check with staff members to assure this occurs.

F. Council Member Slauch–

- None

G. Council Member Myrick–

- Absent

H. Council Member Kinder -

- None

I. Mayor Wells

- Informed the Council Members that he had received the videos of the eight candidates that have applied for the City Administrator position. He will get them out to Council and request a simple numbering system as to the priority of each candidate for an interview. He wants this information to be given to Human Resources Manager, Carla Brown no later than October 30, 2020.
- Noted that the Allen County Historical Society will be holding their annual meeting at Allen Community College this Thursday. Steve Dodson will be giving a presentation on the Civil War. Should be very interesting. Masks and social distancing are required.
- Reminded everyone that the Farm City Days Festival is this weekend. The weather should be pleasant and allow for individuals to wear facemasks and social distance while enjoying the fun.
- Reminded everyone that individuals living within the City must follow the current ordinance regarding political signs. They can not be larger than six square feet, they can not be illuminated and must not be erected within the right-of-way in order to not impede traffic. Interim Administrator Schinstock noted that when there is a sign in violation a hand-delivered note is given to the homeowner by the Code Enforcement staff. The owner is given seven days to remove or correct the sign violation from the property.

J. Interim City Administrator Schinstock–

- Noted at the next Council Meeting will bring the COLA that has been released to the public for Council's review. The rate came in at 1.3% with a 1% COLA in the 2021 Budget.

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- Street and Alley Superintendent, Dan Leslie and Interim Administrator Schinstock have been preparing the bid specifications for the 2021 mill and overlay project. They will have them ready to go through the bidding process with a bid date in January.
- Noted that City Hall is open this week in order to accommodate the closing of the drive-through to customers because of the Carnival set up in front of City Hall. Masks are required as well as allowing only two individuals to enter at a time.
- Human Resources has received approximately five applications for the Fire Chief position with the application process closing this Friday
- Park and Cemetery Superintendent, Berkeley Kerr and Interim Administrator Schinstock attended a Zoom meeting with the individuals in Illinois that are willing to fix the Civil War Statue in return for a mold of it. They are reviewing their Procurement Policies and will get back to us in 30-90 days.
- He noted that a local Veteran has offered to haul the statue to Illinois within his enclosed trailer and will take his motor home to reduce the cost of a motel room.
- He is still having problems with Veterans Worldwide handling the EPA cleanup. They are dumping dirt in the street and running over curbs with the skid steer causing damage.
- Noted that the police department is fully staffed. Officer Elijah Farran graduated from Academy last weekend is back on shift with the department.


DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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


City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020

6:22 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Ballard and seconded by Council Member Peters to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Iola, Kansas this 26th day of October 2020.



Mayor Wells



City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton

