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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Iola was held on November 9, 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, Myrick, Ballard, French, Ford, Slaugh, and Peterson were present. Also present was Interim City Administrator Schinstock and City Clerk Hutton. Absent was Council Member Kinder.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Ballard 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 under the jurisdiction of the City Council may do so 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

- **October 26, 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 Myrick. All in favor. Motion carried.

ROUNDTABLE

A. U.S. Highway Corridor Report - Burns and McDonnell - As part of the 2019 budget process Council approved funding for preliminary engineering for the U.S. Highway 54 improvement project. Jacob Dieter, P.E., and Katie Hynes of Burns and

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McDonnell were in attendance at the meeting and gave a brief overview of the U.S. 54 Highway corridor improvement study.

Jacob Dieter:

- It was stated that the road section is approximately 1 ½ mile long from State Street to Pete's Convenience Store east of town.
- Burns and McDonnell subcontracted with Terracon to perform some geo-tech samples on the roadway.
- Note that the project was approximately three years out to perform all of the needed testing, engineering, and possible General Obligation Bond Process.
- The study looked at the roadway's performance, the impacts on the public, and crash concerns.
- Having a three-lane makes crossing the road easier as well as safer for pedestrian and bicycle traffic.
- The project will include reconstructing as well as creating new sidewalks where it is needed.

Katie Hynes:

- Held an open meeting to inform the public about the proposed project and receive feedback. Made virtual for individuals that did not or could not attend in person.
- Postcard notices were sent out to businesses as well as residents along the corridor. Facebook posts were made to remind individuals of the upcoming public meeting.
- The road condition was shown to those present as well as the work that will be performed.
- Burns and McDonnell performed a survey during that evening as well as on the virtual meeting. Individuals noted what was essential to them for this project.
 - Safety for all road users: including walkers and cyclists, as well as traffic.
 - It is maintaining access to businesses during construction.
 - We are adding sidewalks where needed.

Council Member Myrick:

- I had concerns about decreasing the number of lanes with farm equipment using the roadway. Mr. Dieter assured him that the street would be wide enough for farm machinery to drive on.
- He asked about the time frame for the project. Mr. Dieter stated that the project would probably take two construction seasons to complete.
- Stated he had concerns with businesses losing traffic and potential income. Interim Administrator Shinstock noted that staff and the contractor would keep the companies involved in the process.

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Council Member Ballard:

- Wondered if the Pacer rating system is adequate information is based on just a visual inspection of the road. Mr. Dieter noted that the full analysis is in the complete report.
- He asked about a detour or rerouting traffic during construction. Mr. Dieter stated that construction would allow one lane available for traffic during the process.

Council Member French:

- It would be in the City's best interest to do a more comprehensive geological testing of the roadway.

Dan Leslie, Street Superintendent:

- Dan noted that during their years of working on the roads Jason Ellis, Assistant Street Superintendent, had seen many avenues that the base consists of bricks and construction debris.
- Note that a mill and overlay on the road would last maybe five years on the road's current base. With a cost of 1-2 million dollars, this is not financially feasible.
- I would recommend using concrete over the asphalt for this project. The cost difference is minimal; however, the longevity of the concrete would outweigh the difference.

Interim Administrator Schinstock

- Several stormwater replacements will be done as part of the project.
- Possible utility upgrades will be completed during the project.
- It was noted that with the City not sending sales tax dollars for the hospital, that would generate approximately \$350,000 is available to make bond payments on the project. In addition to the funds set back for this project, the City should have almost \$2 million.

Council Member Slaugh:

- Inquired about the required easements, Mr. Schinstock noted that the easement is right at the curb East of First Street.
- I would like to review the Capital Improvement Plan for the next five years.

Mayor Wells:

- It was noted that the sidewalks need replacement. With the elementary building construction, the sidewalks will be beneficial for the children walking to and from school.
- It was stated that it seems to be the Council's consensus to have staff move forward with obtaining some prices to do some core drillings and subgrade testing.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Cereal Malt Beverage License - Renewals- City Clerk Hutton presented the list of CMB applications received for the 2021 calendar year.

Council Member Myrick asked if the new law would affect these establishments. City Clerk Hutton replied that it would not affect these applicants since they do not sell alcoholic liquor.

To Be Sold in Original Unopened Containers:

Pete's #32
Pete's #25
Pete's #36
Wal-Mart Supercenter #1187
Casey's General Store

To Be Sold for Consumption on Premises:

China Palace
Denny's Sports Center
Pizza Hut of SE Kansas Inc.
El Jimador
Dudley's Done Right BBQ

Motion made by Council Member Ford and seconded by Council Member Myrick to approve the listed CMB applications as specified for the 2021 Calendar Year. All in favor. Motion carried.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

A. Council Member Peters -

- None

B. Council Member Ford–

- None

C. Council Member French –

- It was noted that he is still receiving complaints from residents on Kentucky Street about large trucks driving on the street and speeding.
- I wondered if the elementary school project will have some drainage problems with the higher elevation of the property. Interim Administrator Schinstock noted that the City required a drainage study before construction began.
- Suggested that with the hospital no longer delivering babies, it offers an opportunity for the leadership of the County, City, and Thrive to work together to recruit physicians in to bring back the service.

D. Council Member Peterson–

- None

E. Council Member Ballard

- None

F. Council Member Slaugh–

- None

G. Council Member Myrick–

- None

H. Council Member Kinder -

- Absent

I. Mayor Wells

- Reminded everyone to wash your hands, wear masks, and be safe. COVID is on the climb in the area.

J. Interim City Administrator Schinstock–

- Stated that he hasn't received any new information on the civil war statue project.
- He and Dan Leslie have prepared proposals for mill and overlay. Bids will be brought back to the Council at the second meeting in January for approval.
- Leaf pickup will be November 23-25. Curbside pickup only in bags.
- Reminded Council that the city offices would be closed on Wednesday in honor of Veterans Day.

DATE / TIME OF NEXT MEETING

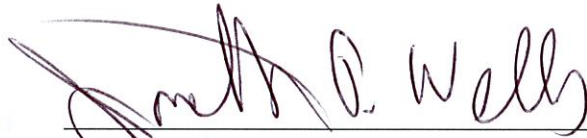
City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2020

City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2020

7:02 p.m. Motion made by Council Member Myrick and seconded by Council Member Peterson to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

The City Council approves it of the City of Iola, Kansas, this 23rd day of November 2020.





Mayor Wells



City Clerk, Roxanne Hutton