

**City of Iowa Colony  
Charter Commission  
Minutes of Meeting  
April 15, 2020**

**1. Call to order.**

Chair Hargroder called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

The meeting was held by videoconferencing in accordance with authority provided by the Governor and Attorney General because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In accordance with those rules, the videoconference was recorded, and the public could participate in the meeting by a toll free telephone number that was stated on the notice of the meeting.

Chair Hargroder asked Ron Cox to call the roll. Those present by audio and video were Chair Hargroder, Douglas Chumley, Robert Wall, Carol Wall, Rebecca Hester (audio only), Brenda Dillon (audio only), Rebecca Barnett, Brenda Ledbetter, Diana Tahtinen, Perry Roberts, Steven Byrum-Bratsen and Michael Holton.

Absent included: Marge Madariaga, Rosie Flores, Timothy Varlack.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance.**

Chair Hargroder led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and the Texas Flag.

**3. Comments from the public.**

There were no comments from the public.

**4. Discussion and possible action on all actions concerning the adoption of a home rule charter for the City of Iowa Colony.**

It was noted by the Chair, that because of the COVID-19 virus across the world, the country, Brazoria County, and the City, the City Council postponed the election scheduled for May 2. The Charter was on that ballot. The elections will now be held at the election date in November 2019. Because of that, the schedule for the implementation of the election of officers may need to change. The implementation schedule is contained in Article 3, Section 3.01d Staggered Terms.

The Commission members discussed whether to press forward to determine district boundaries prior to the November ballot, not knowing whether the Charter will be adopted, or wait until after November, but reconfigure the implementation schedule.

Upon a motion by Steven Byrum-Bratsen , seconded by Michael Holton, the Commission decided to adopt Transition Option One in subsection 3.01(d), providing for the first

Council election by Council Districts to be in the year 2023. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Upon a motion by Douglas Chumley to accept the change as worded on Section 7.13. Michael Holton seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously .

**5. Discussion and possible action to adopt a resolution approving a home rule charter for the City of Iowa Colony and providing for further proceedings on that charter.**

It was noted that the resolution adopted at the March 18, 2019 meeting now needs to be approved in an amended form. Larry Boyd, City Attorney, submitted a resolution for their consideration.

Michael Holton made a motion, and Douglas Chumley seconded, to adopt the resolution approving a home rule charter for the City of Iowa Colony, including the Charter presented at this meeting, with the changes approved at this meeting, with the City Attorney to correct the spacing and add page numbers, and the resolution provides for further proceedings on the Charter. The motion carried unanimously

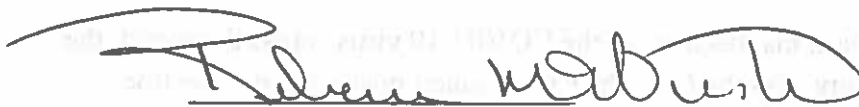
**6. Discussion and possible action on approval of minutes of meeting.**

Rebecca Hester made a motion, and Steven Byrum-Bratsen seconded, to approve the April 15, 2020, minutes of the Charter Commission. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**7. Adjourn.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 7:15 p.m.

Passed and approved this 15 day of April, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Hester', written over a horizontal line.

Rebecca Hester, Commission Secretary