



CITY OF IOWA COLONY

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BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 19th day of August, 2019, the City Council of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, held a Council meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall, there being present and in attendance the following members to wit:

Mayor Michael Byrum-Bratsen
Councilwoman Susan Cottrell
Councilwoman Robin Bradbery
Councilwoman Kacy Smajstrla
Councilman Chad Wilsey
Councilwoman Arnetta Murray

And none being absent, constituting a quorum at which time the following business was transacted.

PUBLIC MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

1. The meeting was called to order.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited.
3. Citizens Comments and Presentations
 - Carol Nelson, New Superintendent for Alvin ISD introduced herself and stated that she is excited for the construction of High School No. 4 to be in Iowa Colony and that she looks forward to working with the City. She stated that there will be a naming committee who will determine the name of the new school.
 - Brenda Ledbetter said she appreciates the four way stop at Meridiana and Discovery. Her SUP is still lingering and she would like to know what the status is with it.
 - Douglas Chumley stated that street lights are needed and was told that the City disapproved them and he wanted to know if that was in fact correct. He also asked about discussion of a bus stop in Sterling lakes and wanted to know the status?
4. Mayor's comments or reports. The Mayor gave no reports.
5. Council comments or reports.
 - Councilwoman Cottrell- Reported a broken fence around the playscape at the City park and the fire ants are bad.
 - Councilwoman Murray- Concerned with dogs not being on leashes in the Sterling Lakes Community.

- Councilwoman Bradbery- Would like to see more information on the consent agenda from Planning Commission and their recommendations.
- Councilwoman Smajstrla- Would like to see more patrol on CR 57 west and east bound to 288.
- Councilman Wilsey- No comments.

6. Staff Reports.

A. City Manager

B. City Engineer

C. Police Department

- Chief Bell introduced Victor Torres as a new patrol officer who just graduated from the police academy. Chief Bell acknowledged the work of Officer Garrick Hicks for saving the life of an individual who was struck by lightning. He gave CPR and then gave direction to the EMS crews. Presented Officer Hicks with life saving accommodation.

D. Building Inspector

E. City Secretary

7. Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance establishing a false alarm monitoring and management system within the city, authorizing a contract with Alarm Program Administration and Collection Services to oversee the management and monitoring of the system. Councilwoman Bradbery made a motion to approve the false alarm management system ordinance authorizing PMAM to provide administration and collection services then set the fees as recommended. Councilwoman Cottrell seconded the motion. Councilwoman Smajstrla wants to review what other cities are doing and look at the outcome. Councilwoman Bradbery suggested an alternative. She would like the Police Department to keep a report for three months on how many false alarms they have. Both Councilwoman Bradbery and Councilwoman Cottrell agreed to withdrawal the motion and second that were previously made. No action taken.

8. Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance amending the Fee Schedule for the Alarm Management System, fees for Home Based Occupations permits, and use of park facilities. Councilwoman Bradbery made a motion to approve an ordinance amending the fee schedule with no alarm and false alarm fees. Motion seconded by Councilman Wilsey. Approved unanimously.

9. Consideration and possible action to approve an agreement for health insurance coverage for city employees, effective October 1, 2019. Mayor suggested a few small changes: instead of alternate 3 he suggested alternate 2 coverage. This lowers the deductible and adds co-pays and will bring tweaks for additional costs. This will be able to cover 75% of the premium for the employee only coverage. Councilman Wilsey made a motion to approve an agreement for health insurance coverage for city employees effective October 1, 2019 with Blue Cross Blue Shield with the Mayor's recommendation for Alternate 2. Motion Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Approved unanimously.

10. Consideration and possible action to authorize an all way stop at the intersection of Meridiana Parkway and Discovery Drive. Councilwoman Bradbery made a motion to approve an all way stop at the intersection of Meridiana Parkway and Discovery Drive. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Approved unanimously.

11. CONSENT AGENDA- Consideration and possible action approving the following Consent Agenda items.

Councilwoman Bradbery moved to approve the consent agenda items without Meridiana 81B and Karsten Boulevard. Seconded by Councilwoman Murray. Approved unanimously.

A. Consider approval of minutes of the following meetings.

- July 15, 2019 Council meeting.

B. Approval of Budget Amendment Ordinance to appropriate unrestricted reserves for building renovations and grant management expenditures.

C. Approval of Whitley Penn engagement letter to conduct the 2019 financial audit.

D. Approval of contract with Frontier Communications for telephone and communications services.

E. Approval of the following plats as recommended by the Planning Commission.

- Karsten Boulevard North Phase I and Reserve Preliminary Plat.

This item was pulled out for discussion from the consent agenda. Councilwoman Bradbery moved to approve the plat to include the 50 foot setback as recommended by the Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilman Wilsey. Approved unanimously.

- Sierra Vista Section 7 Final Plat.
- Meridiana Section 81 B Preliminary Plat.

This item was pulled out for discussion from the consent agenda. Discussion occurred between Council, Staff, and the Developer. The developer requested that the item be withdrawn from the agenda to discuss the condition further.

F. Approve early plat release and reimbursements as follows:

- Karsten Blvd. Phase 1
- Sierra Vista Section 5 and Karsten Blvd. Phase 2
- Sterling Lakes Section 13
- Meridiana Section 59.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- 8:43 pm.

Executive Session in accordance with 551.072 Texas Gov't Code to deliberate on land sale and/or acquisition –

- Property next to city hall.
- Emergency Services Site

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION- 8:57 pm.

12. Consideration and possible action regarding property adjacent to City Hall. No action taken.
13. Consideration and possible action regarding sale of Emergency site. No action taken.
14. Councilwoman Bradbery made a motion to adjourn at 8:57 pm. Seconded by Councilwoman Murray. Approved unanimously.

APPROVED THIS 16th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019.

ATTEST:



Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary



Michael Byrum-Bratsen, Mayor

