



# CITY OF IOWA COLONY

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STATE OF TEXAS  
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BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 15th day of February, 2016, the City Council of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, held a Regular Council meeting at the regular meeting place thereof in the city hall there being present and in attendance the following members to wit:

Mayor Michael Holton  
Councilwoman Susan Cottrell  
Councilwoman Kacy Smajstrla  
Councilwoman Robin Bradbery  
Councilman Les Hosey  
Councilman Michael Byrum-Bratsen

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

## WORK SESSION – 5:30 p.m.

1. Consider changing regular annual election of officers to November election date. Council had discussion on points to consider for the future. Cost of November versus May. Voting straight ticket can cause issue of not seeing the ballot for the city at the end. Council agreed not to move to November and look at it further in the future.
2. Consider discussion of Fireworks Ordinance 2003-3. Council concern is for transporting through the city. City Attorney is to offer amendment language to make it legal to transport within the City is not against the law. Also allow possession in the city, except where fireworks are being fired illegally. Councilwoman Bradbery, Councilwoman Smajstrla and Councilman Hosey agree. Councilwoman Cottrell and Councilman Byrum-Bratsen are against and favor allowing large acreages by using shotgun acreage – 10 acres to allow to use fireworks, 150 ft. from occupied house or other building and protecting neighborhood properties and not off public roads.
3. Consider discussion of Fire Arms Ordinance 2008-7. There was some discussion for clarification of the ordinance. There were no directives.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

- 1 Mayor Holton called meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2016. Councilman Hosey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Citizens Input: Presentation by Suzanne Hanneman, Candidate for Brazoria County Justice of Peace, Precinct 2.
5. Mayor's comments CR 57 is still taking a beating from SH 288 to CR 48. Needs repairs. City Secretary is to send request to county to grind CR 57 like CR 64. Also to regrade CR 64. Special meeting on February 29, 2016 if possible for Section 7 acceptance.
6. Council comments or reports. Councilwoman Cottrell suggested forming a committee to come up with suggestions to update city hall. Councilman Byrum-Bratsen reported on building code violations at city hall and to think about moving election from May to November. Reported he will be meeting with the Vince Patterson and citizens at Magnolia Bend Subdivision on February 3, 2016 and would like to see a committee established to seek out businesses to come to the city Councilwoman Bradbery reported contractors in Sterling Lakes, Section 20 using heavy equipment and parking on FCR 57 on west side of SH 288. Complained about cows getting out. Councilman Hosey addressed SB 273 to see if city is in compliance.
7. Staff Reports:  
Fire Department – None  
Police Department – Reported on citations going up, vehicle repairs and fuel, T-Mobile is hot spot for vehicles, Municipal Court held twice a month, payments on line is available, Duke cemetery appraisal underway and Meridiana allowing easement on the north side. Introduced new reserve – Marta Feliz-Daige, Animal Humane Society has changed policies. They will only take \$50.00 to put feral cats down. Will not take stray dogs any more. Closest place is Lake Jackson at \$150 per animal.  
Building Inspector reported on January permits and inspections.  
Manvel EMS – Health fair on April 9, 2016 and Manvel EMS with blood drive.  
Beautification Committee – Carol Wall resigned. Mayor will be making an appointment.  
City Secretary – Last day for filing application for place on ballot is February 19, 2016 at 5:00 pm for Positions 1 and 2.  
City Manager reported on Magnolia Bend, Land Tejas Development Agreement, Utility Agreement with form of Strategic Partnership Agreement; Meridiana – TIRZ 2 activity-First Southwest on board and meeting; Municipal Court and MyGov uses credit cards.

- 8.. First item to discuss Engineering Report on the acceptance of Meridiana Sections 5 and 6. Section 5 is approved and Section 6 is not ready.
9. Next item to consider and approve acceptance of the resignation of Johnston, LLC and engaging Addico LLC Consulting Engineers as the City Engineer, Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve resignation of Johnston and appointment of Addico as City Engineer. Seconded by Councilman Hosey. Motion was approved unanimously.
10. Next item to take action of acceptance of Meridiana Section 3 and 7 for one-year maintenance period. Johnston, LLC did not recommend Section 7. Councilwoman Cottrell moved to accept Meridiana Section 3 only. Seconded by Councilman Byrum-Bratsen. Approved Section 3 unanimously.
11. Next item to approve the Final Plat-Old Airline Market, Councilman Hosey reported that the Planning Commission recommended the Final Plat for approval at its February 2, 2016 meeting. Councilman Hosey moved to approve the Final Plat. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Motion was approved unanimously.
12. Next item to discuss and possible action to amend Sign Ordinance 2009-1, Kent Marsh, City Planner, addressed the first sign ordinance is out of date and suggested that staff work with the City Attorney to bring a revised sign ordinance to Council for consideration. Secondly, the Meridiana signage program needs more immediate action. An amendment to the existing ordinance providing additional flexibility to the Planning Commission is needed which will provide the City with a temporary fix until a major rewrite of the ordinance.
13. Next item to consider action to amend the Sign Ordinance 2001-9 providing additional flexibility to the Planning Commission for allowing variances, Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approved amendments as presented and staff work with the City Attorney to prepare and propose a fully reworked ordinance. Seconded by Councilman Michael Byrum-Bratsen. Motion was approved unanimously.
14. Next item to discuss and possible action to issue a permit for signage in the ROW for Meridiana Development for the following signs:
  - A portion of a sign located at the entrance to Meridiana Section 6, Delta Drive, the developer agreed to not put the wall into the City's ROW, so no action is necessary. They will do landscaping instead, which does not require a permit and is approved as a part of the landscaping agreement
  - Entryway sign on Meridiana Parkway.
  - A portion of a sign located on Iowa Colony Parkway just north of Meridiana Parkway.

Councilwoman Bradbery moved to approve recommendations to deny permit for request Permit 1A, Section 6 ROW encroachment and to approve ROW for Permit 1E Meridiana Parkway entryway and the Permit 3, Iowa Colony Parkway sign with conditions as recommended by staff. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hosey. Motion was approved unanimously.

15. Next item to discuss and possible action regarding the approval of two agreements for Land Tejas Sierra Vista development for the following:

- Development Agreement; and
- Utility Agreement with form of Strategic Partnership Agreement.

Councilman Byrum-Bratsen moved to approve the Land Development Agreement and the Utility Agreement for Sierra Vista Development. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Motion was approved unanimously.

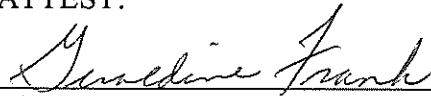
16. Next item to approve ordinance calling election of officers, and joint election agreement, Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve the ordinance and agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilman Byrum-Bratsen. Motion was approved unanimously.
17. Next item to authorize Lions Club to temporarily place a storage container on city property. Lions Club withdrew their request. No action needs to be taken.
18. Council adjourned at 8:58 pm in executive session under Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to consult with City Attorney concerning conveyance of title or easement for electric service at Meridiana.
19. Council returned to open session at 9:10 pm.

Councilman Bynum-Bratsen moved the Mayor and City Secretary deed city property to GR-M1, LTD for them to provide an electrical easement to CenterPoint. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hosey. Motion was approved unanimously.

20. Being no further business Councilman Hosey moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVED THIS 21 DAY OF March 2016

ATTEST:

  
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City Secretary

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Mayor