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BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 21st day of March, 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.

REGULAR MEETING

1. Mayor Holton called meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Councilwoman Bradbery moved to approve the minutes of February 15, 2016 and February 29, 2016. Seconded by Councilman Byrum-Bratsen Motion was approved unanimously.
4. Citizens Input: Robert Wall congratulated Councilwoman Cottrell and Councilman Byrum-Bratsen on their re-election unopposed. Addressed his concerns amending Fireworks Ordinance and the Dirt Ordinance. Feels that Council should be meeting with TxDOT concerning overpasses instead of focusing on these ordinances and address zoning violations.
5. Mayor's Comments or reports. Mayor Holton reported that he attended the Meridiana Easter Egg event and that Meridiana has sold two homes and had started 30 homes. He agreed that the city needs to get with TxDOT for future planning and that Council represents everyone and not our special interests.
6. Council comments or reports. Councilman Byrum-Bratsen requested a workshop with Sean Stockard, President and CEO, Brazoria Economic Development Alliance on ways to attract business. He addressed that Magnolia Bend started

cleaning ditches but were piling up the dirt and wanted to know when they will be completed.

Councilwoman Cottrell reported the Manvel EMS will have an Open House on April 9.

7. Staff Reports:

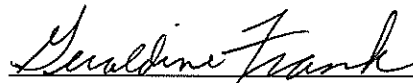
- 8.. First item declaring the Month of April as Fair Housing Month, Councilman Hosey made a motion to approve Fair Housing Proclamation. Seconded by Councilman Byrum-Bratsen. Motion was approved unanimously.
9. Next item regarding acceptance of 2014-15 Annual Financial Audit Report, Chris Breaux, Audit Partner, Whitley Penn made a presentation to the Mayor and Council regarding the annual financial audit prepared by the firm. Councilwoman Cottrell moved to accept the audit. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Motion was approved unanimously.
10. Next item authorizing amendments to Ordinance 2012-09, Dirt Fill Ordinance and Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance 2009-14 Staff made a report on their recommendations to Council. Both ordinances should be amended to remove inconsistencies between the two. Definitions have been amended for consistency in language between the two ordinances. A new definition "Incidental Fill for nonagricultural use inside the floodplain" has been added. This will allow one load per year for gardening, landscaping, and leveling. This is for residential uses only – not commercial or agricultural. Incidental Fill will require a permit, but not the extensive permit normally required. This is to ensure the use and location of the fill since it is in the floodplain. A nominal \$100 permit fee will be required. Fill for agricultural purposes in agricultural areas is exempt and shall not require a permit. This is intended to accommodate larger scale farming operations that have not been regulated before now. The only amendment in the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance is to Article 5. Section B. (7) Fill Material. This amendment states a permit is required for any quantity of fill material placed in the floodplain. The only amendment to the fee schedule is to add a \$100 fee for Incidental Fill of up to one load (14 cubic yards) per year, residential only. Staff wants to be certain the integrity of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance is honored. No action. Consensus to Authorize City Attorney to prepare amendatory ordinances as staff recommended.
11. Next item to amend Fireworks Ordinance 2014-13, to allow transportation of fireworks through the City of Iowa Colony, the City Attorney has prepared ordinance for Council consideration. The item is intended to allow people who purchase fireworks to be able to transport them through the city without them being confiscated, unless they are actually using the fireworks inside the city. Allow possession of fireworks, unless they are being illegally shot inside the city limits – at which times they are unlawful and can be confiscated. Allow

fireworks to be shot only in ten acre tracts, but must be done so as to keep the fireworks on that ten acre tract. When there is a burn ban – can't shoot them at all. Councilman Hosey moved to approve the amended Fireworks Ordinance. Councilwoman Bradbery seconded the motion. Motion was approved with 4 Ayes and 1 Nays. Councilwoman Cottrell voted against the motion.

12. Next item regarding approval of partial re-plats of Meridiana Section 5 and Section 7 to accommodate changes in requirements by CenterPoint for electrical line easements, previously Council had approved changes in the plats to accommodate CenterPoint. CenterPoint has changed its mind. In order to accommodate CenterPoint easement requirements a re-plat of Section 5 and Section 7 is required. Planning Commission has recommended approval. Councilman Hosey made a motion to approve both Meridiana Section 5 and 7. Councilwoman Smajstrla seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.
13. Next items 13 and 14, regarding approval of Sterling Lakes West Drive Final Plat and Sterling Lakes West Section 1 Final Plat. Sterling Lakes West is the section of Sterling Lakes west of CR 48 being developed by LGI, the primary home builder in the current part of Sterling Lakes. This is the boulevard section of the road. Unlike Sterling Lakes Blvd. in the existing Sterling Lakes this is a public ROW and will be a public road. The sections off Sterling Lakes West Blvd will be gated. This final plat has been recommended by the Planning Commission. Councilman Hosey moved to approve the Final Plats for Sterling Lakes West Drive Final Plat and Sterling Lakes West Section 1. Motion was seconded by Councilman Byrum-Bratsen. Motion was approved unanimously.
15. Next item declaring the results of the City Election for uncontested positions, Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve the ordinance to declare the results of the City Election and cancel the election order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Byrum-Bratsen. The motion was approved unanimously.
16. Council adjourned into executive session for legal advice from City Attorney. Council returned to Open Session.
17. Being no further business Councilman Hosey moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVED THIS 18 DAY OF April 2016

ATTEST:



City Secretary

Mayor