



# CITY OF IOWA COLONY

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STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA  
CITY OF IOWA COLONY

BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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:**

Representative Thompson made a presentation on various issues at the Legislative level that may affect the city. These include annexation and eminent domain. He also discussed Highway 288, Highway 36 as improvement areas. The Council discussed the need for overpasses in Iowa Colony on SH 288.

Sean Stockard, President and CEO, Brazoria Economic Development Alliance made a presentation on overall economic development.

Discussion of draft amendments to the Sign Ordinance, Kent Marsh made a short presentation. Council gave him confirmation to allow but regulate pole signs under certain circumstances, regulate LED type signs and regulate small yard signs.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

- 1 Mayor Holton called meeting to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Judge Atkinson administered the oath of office to Councilwoman Susan Cottrell and Councilman Michael Byrum-Bratsen.

3. Councilman Byrum-Bratsen moved to approve April 18, 2016 minutes. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Approved unanimously.
4. Citizens Input: Carolyn Bowen spoke regarding her letter sent to Mayor and Council.
5. Mayor's Comments or reports. Mayor Holton reported on meeting with Commissioner Ryan Cade and on road projects.
6. Council comments or reports. Councilman Hosey commented on citizen's concerns on increasing appraisals. Councilwoman Bradbery reported contacting Comcast to get internet in the area. Comcast will not be interested until there is enough population. Google is working with several communities and Iowa Colony is on the list to look at. Councilman Byrum-Bratsen reported he met with the Mayor and staff on the city park. Updated the plans. Going to look at a grant using the \$35,000 assigned to park construction and try to get a TP&W matching grant. He announced that Steven and he are planning an outdoor movie type event. Meridiana has agreed to loan their mobile screen and audio system for movies in the park in September, October and November showings which would be by sponsorships. Suggested city contact CenterPoint to provide gas to residents since there is a main line in the area to tap from. Suggested city look into a municipal trash contract and that he had contacted Waste Management who would be interested in bidding. Councilwoman Cottrell responded to Mrs. Bowen's letter that the growth is coming and city must pay for the services that are provided.
8. Staff Reports:
9. First item to consider approval of AISD Stadium Preliminary Plat as recommended by the Planning Commission. Councilman Hosey moved to approve. Seconded by Councilman Byrum-Bratsen. Motion was approved with 3 AYE'S and 2 NA'S. Councilwoman Bradbery and Councilwoman Smajstrla voted NA.
10. Next item to consider approval of infrastructure for the one-year maintenance period for Sterling Lakes West – Sterling Lakes West Drive and Sterling Lakes West Section One, Councilwoman Bradbery moved to approve subject to all close out documents and issuance of final letter from City Engineer. Seconded by Councilman Byrum-Bratsen. Motion was approved unanimously.
11. Next item to adopt ordinance prohibiting outdoor burning in the City limits when a Brazoria County burn ban is in effect, Councilwoman Cottrell moved to adopt the ordinance authorizing a burn ban inside the city limits when the County Fire Marshal calls for a burn ban in the County. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Motion failed with 2 AYE'S and 3 NAY'S. Councilwoman Bradbery, Councilwoman Smajstrla and Councilman Hosey voting NA.

12. Next item to adopt ordinance adopting the State of Texas Records Retention Schedule as the Records Retention Policy for the City, Councilwoman Cottrell moved to adopt the ordinance adopting the Texas State Library Records Retention Schedule as the official records retention schedule for the City of Iowa Colony. Seconded by Councilman Byrum-Bratsen. Motion was approved unanimously.
13. Next item to consider authorizing street repairs on certain designated city streets, approving the use of unobligated reserves to supplement funds budgeted and authorize an amendment to the budget to reflect the changes, Councilman Hosey moved to approve the plan for street repair; approve the use of an additional \$100,000 in unobligated reserves; approve an amendment to the FY 16 City Budget to reflect the additional amount budgeted (\$100,000). Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Motion was approved unanimously.
14. Next item to authorize the annual Windstorm Insurance renewal, Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve the renewal of the Windstorm Policy for Option as presented by the Windstorm Agent. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Motion was approved unanimously.
15. Next item to approve a resolution participating in the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities, intervening in a rate case submitted to the PUD by CenterPoint Energy Docket Number 44572, and retaining counsel through the Gulf Coast Coalition of Cities for certain utility matters, Councilwoman Cottrell moved to participate in the GCCC and participate in the Docket and pay the GCCC membership fee of \$189.90. Seconded by Councilman Byrum-Bratsen. Motion was approved unanimously.
16. Council adjourned to Executive session at 8:37 p.m. for legal advice from City Attorney.

Texas Government Code Section 551074 to deliberate regarding hiring an Official Translator and extending consulting contract for Municipal Court.

Texas Government Code section 551.071 to consult with City Attorney concerning release of Phillips 66 Pipeline.

Returned to Open Session at 8:57 p.m.

17. Consider authorizing an agreement with Juan Vazquez as the official translator for the Municipal Court and authorize an amendment to the budget to reflect the cost, Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve Mr. Juan Vazquez as the official translator for the City Municipal Court and authorize an amendment to the budget to reflect the additional cost. Seconded by Councilman Byrum-Bratsen. Motion was approved unanimously.

18. Consider authoring the extension of an agreement with Karen Renfrow as a consultant to the Municipal Court and authorize an amendment to the budget to include the additional amount, Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve an agreement with Karen Renfrow dated May 1, 2016 to extend her consulting contract to an amount not to exceed a total of \$15,000 (\$5,000 additional) and authorize an amendment to the budget to reflect the additional amount. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Motion was approved unanimously.
19. Consider action to authorize the Mayor to sign a release of cash deposit from Phillips 66 Pipeline, Councilwoman Smajstrla moved to authorize Mayor to sign release from further liability for road repairs subject to City Attorney, and upon receipt of the additional funds needed (\$137,988.71). Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Motion was approved unanimously.
19. Being no further business, Councilwoman Cottrell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVED THIS 20 DAY OF June 2016.

ATTEST:

Geraldine Frank  
City Secretary, Geraldine Frank

Michael Holton  
Mayor Michael Holton