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BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 18th day of September, 2017, the City Council of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, held a regular 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 Holton
Councilwoman Susan Cottrell
Councilwoman Robin Bradbery
Councilwoman Kacy Smajstrla
Councilman Michael Byrum-Bratsen
Councilman Chad Wilsey

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

REGULAR MEETING

- 1 Mayor Holton called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Citizens Comments:
 1. Larry Rose, 2125 CR 64 addressed Council representing a group of concerned citizens about flooding in their area caused by Tropical Storm Harvey and drainage issues they felt was caused by Sierra Vista by raising their property 4 ft. higher than they are by putting their water on them causing his shop to get flooded and almost in his home with less than 6 inches of rain they were already flooding. There is a pipe on the other end of the property going into Hayes Creek. The water went the opposite direction from where it was supposed to go. A month before Harvey, they were dewatering and flooded their yard then, The group feels if this continues they will end up being the retention for Sierra Vista. The group met with DD 5. Mayor Holton responded that Sierra Vista is in the ETJ and the city monitor everything the developer does but ultimately it does go to the DD5 over mandates and cleaning.
 2. Tracy addressed her concern about North Hayes Creek dumping water from Sierra Vista and what needs to be done to get Hayes Creek fixed which caused her to get muddy water in her home from the Sierra Vista construction.

3. R. Lopes asked on how can the citizens help to get DD5 to do something. Mayor suggested that each person contact their legislature representatives.
4. Albert Salazar (corner of 64/65) addressed drainage is a shared responsibility between DD5 and the City to make sure we don't flood our neighbors. He stated he had problems with water coming from the stadium property to his property. City has an opportunity to see the new benchmark and an opportunity to learn from this new water mark.
4. Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve August 21, September 2 and September 11, 2017 minutes. Seconded by Councilman Byrum-Bratsen. Approved unanimously
5. Mayor's Reports: Mayor Holton reported on FEMA work and keeping up with cost and damages to get additional funding for city and appreciated everyone coming out to express their concerns.
6. Council Reports: Councilwoman Smajstrla apologized for everyone's flooding, which was an unusual catastrophe. Thanked everyone for coming to meeting. Councilwoman Bradbery also thanked everyone for coming out to meeting. She suggested if anyone has pictures of the flooding to get them to the City Engineer. The pictures would be a great help to look at the flooding and drainage issues. Councilman Byrum-Bratsen appreciated everyone coming to meeting. Suggested not to have city versus them- don't divide. Drainage issue was systemic and all were affected in some way or another. * Meridiana – construction workers are parking on both sides of road Need something to correct this issue. * Meridiana Parkway – Consider reducing speed limit to 35. Twenty is too low. Councilwoman Cottrell thanked all city folks for the support given to them during and after the flood. Her home was destroyed and will be a long process of getting back to normal.
7. Staff Reports: Councilman Byrum-Bratsen gave Fire Department Report. Before hurricane the department had 95 calls. During tropical storm Harvey had 102 calls in four days. Nine volunteers were in the station for 4 days and 24 hours per day. They are always looking for volunteers.
Police Department - Councilwoman Cottrell commented the trainee (Officer Catherine Smith) who went above the call of duty. She has been with the Police Department for 2.5 days. Indicated she really appreciated the citizens helping during the storm, everyone trying to help each other in time of stress.
Manvel EMS – Councilwoman Cottrell had staff and made calls until the water was too high for them to make calls.
Beautification Committee -- Councilwoman Bradbery is looking at plans for the three acres behind city hall, and TPW to turn the park behind the city hall into a natural area as a "pollinator park." She is always looking for volunteers.
8. Consider ordinance adopting budget for fiscal year 2017/2018 by record vote. Councilwoman Cottrell moved to adopt the budget. Seconded by Councilman Byrum-Bratsen Motion was approved unanimously – record vote was taken.

Councilwoman Susan Cottrell, Councilwoman Robin Bradbery, Councilwoman Kacy Smajstrla, Councilman Michael Byrum-Bratsen and Councilman Chad Wilsey voted for Ordinance adopting the budget and none were against.

9. Consider action to take a separate vote to ratify the tax revenue (not tax rate) increase reflected in the budget cover page, Councilman Byrum-Bratsen moved to ratify additional tax revenue. Seconded by Councilwoman Cottrell. Councilwoman Cottrell, Councilwoman Bradbery, Councilwoman Smajstrla, Councilman Byrum-Bratsen and Councilman Wilsey voted in favor by record vote. Approved unanimously.
10. Consider action regarding an ordinance setting the tax rate for tax year FY 18, Councilwoman Bradbery made a motion to set the tax rate as provided by the City Attorney. Seconded by Councilman Byrum-Bratsen. Approved unanimously by record vote.
11. Consider allowing the temporary placement of travel trailers reconstruction or repairs of dwellings due to tropical storm Harvey, Councilman Byrum Bratsen moved to approve ordinance. Seconded by Councilman Wilsey. Approved with One abstention. Councilwoman Cottrell abstained in the interest of caution since she and her husband will be living in a travel trailer due to the flooding.
12. Consider amendment to the Sign Ordinance to increase the size of signs for the sale of acreage properties, Councilman Wilsey moved to approve the ordinance to add an exclusion of realtor signs on large tracts, per the recommended for at least an acre. Allow one sign on each road frontage if over 10 acres for both residential and commercial tracts and 32 square feet. If under 10 acres is limited to 9 square feet. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Motion failed 2-3. Councilwoman Smajstrla and Councilman Wilsey voting for. Councilwoman Cottrell, Councilwoman Bradbery and Councilman Byrum-Bratsen voting against the motion.
13. Consider approval of the following plats, as recommended by the Planning Commission:
 - * Sterling Lakes West Section 4 Preliminary Plat.
 - * Meridiana Parkway East Phase 11, Street Dedication Final Plat.
 - * Sterling Lakes Section 21 Final Plat.
 - * Meridiana Parkway Phase IV, Street Dedication Final Plat

Councilman Byrum-Bratsen moved to approve all plats as recommended by the Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilwoman Cottrell. Approved unanimously.

14. Consider ordinance amending fee schedule, Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve ordinance amending the fee schedule for Fire Marshal fees. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradberry. Approved unanimously.

15. Being no further business, Councilwoman Smajstrla moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Approved unanimously.

APPROVED THIS 16 DAY OF October 2017.

ATTEST:

Geraldine Frank
Geraldine Frank, City Secretary

Michael Holton
Michael Holton, Mayor

