



CITY OF IOWA COLONY

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BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 16th day of November, 2020, the City Council of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, held a Worksession at 6: 00 P.M. and a Public Hearing and Public 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 Arnetta Murray
Councilwoman Kacy Smajstrla
Councilman Chad Wilsey
Councilwoman-Elect Sydney Hargroder

And Councilwoman Robin Bradbery being absent, constituting a quorum at which time the following business was transacted.

WORKSESSION- 6:00 P.M.

1. Mayor Byrum-Bratsen called the work session to order at 6:03 P.M.
2. Discussion of public safety building. Scott Brady with Joiner Architects introduced himself and the firm. Mr. Brady gave a presentation regarding the construction process and phases of the project.
3. Work session was adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

1. Mayor Byrum-Bratsen called the meeting to order at 7: 06 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

- Hold second public hearing on the proposed amendment to the MUD 31 Strategic Partnership Agreement. Mayor Byrum Bratsen opened the public hearing at 7: 06 P.M. No comments regarding the public hearing. Mayor Byrum-Bratsen closed the public hearing at 7:57 P.M.

4. Citizens Comments and Presentations. There were no comments from the public.

5. Mayor's comments or reports.

- Thanked Susan Cottrell for her time on Council and appreciates all that she contributed.
- Welcomed Councilmember- elect Sydney Hargroder.
- Congratulated Councilwoman Arnetta Murray in her first full term on Council, following being appointed for an unexpired term when the Mayor was elected to his position.
- After the approval of the Charter, we will be moving to a Council-Manager form of government with a full time City Manager and the Mayor will not have administrative authority. We will be adding a councilmember, and a mixture of at -large and districts.
- The council packet is now on the website in full.

6. Council comments or reports.

- Councilwoman Cottrell stated that the school is coming along. Thanked everyone for the kind words.
- Councilwoman Murray thanked staff and everyone by name including her daughter and son and stated that she is grateful for the opportunity to serve on the council.
- Councilwoman Bradbery was absent.
- Councilwoman Smajstrla congratulated Susan for her service. She also congratulated Arnetta and Sydney on their wins in the election. Looking forward to working with everyone.
- Councilman Wilsey thanked Susan for her time on Council. Congratulated Arnetta and Sydney. He mentioned that he would like to propose a historical committee for the city.

7. Staff Reports.

- A. City Manager- Congratulated all those who participated in the election. Discussed the charter. A special thanks to Susan for always having the best interest of Iowa Colony at heart.
- B. City Engineer- The crystal lagoon is proceeding with design and proposing to break ground next month. Opening May 2022.
Meridiana Parkway on the west side of Highway 288 completion of construction before Christmas.
- C. Police Department – Chief presented an award to Officer Humbird for foiling an armed robbery.
- D. Building Official/Fire Marshal- Starting his third week at the city. The staff is great to work with.
- E. City Secretary- Thanked Jeremy for putting up the notice board in front of City Hall. Invited everyone to a reception for Susan Cottrell on Monday December 21st before the council meeting.
- F. Senior Accountant
- G. Public Works- Working with the Parks and Recreation Committee.

8. Consideration and possible action to adopt an ordinance to canvas and approve the election results of the General Election of Officers. Councilwoman Smajstrla made a motion to approve the ordinance canvassing the general election of officers. Seconded by Councilwoman Murray. Approved with four ayes. Councilwoman Bradbery was absent.

9. Consideration and possible action to administer the Oath of Office for newly elected members- Arnetta Murray and Sydney Hargroder. Councilwoman Murray made a motion to

administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected members. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Approved unanimously. The Oath of Office was administered to the newly elected Council members Sydney Hargroder and Arnetta Murry.

10. Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance to canvas and approve the results of the Charter Election. Councilwoman Murray made a motion to approve the ordinance canvassing the results of the Charter Election. Seconded by Councilman Wilsey. Approved with three ayes. Councilwoman Smajstrla voted against the motion and Councilwoman Bradbery was absent.

11. Consideration and possible action regarding the COVID-19 emergency. Councilwoman Murray made a motion to discuss the COVID-19 emergency. Seconded by Councilwoman Hargroder. Officer King gave a report on the number of cases in the area by address.

12. Consideration and possible action to elect a Mayor Pro Tem. Councilwoman Murray made a motion to appoint Chad Wilsey as Mayor Pro-Tem. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Approved unanimously with Councilwoman Bradbery absent.

13. Consideration and possible action to activate the District Boundaries Commission per the newly approved City Charter. Councilwoman Hargroder made a motion to activate the District Boundaries Commission per the newly approved Charter. Seconded by Councilman Wilsey. Councilwoman Hargroder noted that she had resigned from the Charter Commission since it would be a conflict for her to sit on Council and draw up the district boundaries. Approved with three ayes from Mayor Byrum-Bratsen, Councilwoman Hargroder, and Councilman Wilsey. Councilwoman Murray and Councilwoman Smajstrla voted against the motion. Councilwoman Bradbery was absent.

14. Consideration and possible action to approve the amendment to the MUD 31 Strategic Partnership Agreement. Councilwoman Smajstrla made a motion to approve the amendment to the MUD 31 Strategic Partnership Agreement. Seconded by Councilman Wilsey. Discussion between Councilmembers regarding the Amendment. Councilwoman Murray made an amended motion to amend the SPA "stating the amendment to the Strategic Partnership Agreement shall take effect on the closing of the re-sale of the public safety site to MUD 31." Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Approved unanimously. Councilwoman Bradbery absent.

15. Consideration and possible action to adopt the following ordinances on first reading.

- An ordinance creating the Office of the Fire marshal Office and Appointing Albert Cantu as the Fire Marshal. Councilman Wilsey made a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Hargroder. Approved unanimously. This ordinance will require a second and final reading on the Decmeber agenda.
- An ordinance appointing Albert Cantu as the Building Official. Councilwoman Hargroder moved to adopt the ordinance confirming the office of the Building Official. Seconded by Councilman Wilsey. First reading of the ordinance approved unanimously. A second and final reading will be on the December agenda.

16. Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution accepting a grant from TxDot for selective traffic enforcement "Click it or Ticket". Councilwoman Murray made a motion to approve the resolution. Seconded by Councilman Wilsey. Approved unanimously.

17. **Consent Agenda-** Consideration and possible action to approve the following consent agenda items. Councilwoman Murray moved to approve all consent agenda items as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Approved with four ayes. Councilwoman Hargroder abstained and Councilwoman Bradbery was absent.

A. Approval of Minutes of the following meetings.

- October 19, 2020 Regular Meeting

B. Approval of the following Plats as recommended by the Planning Commission.

- Sterling Lakes North Sterling Lakes Drive Street Dedication Final Plat.
- Dalton Investment Industrial Complex on 288 partial Replat
- Sterling lakes North Section One Preliminary Plat- Planning Commission Recommended to Disapprove.

C. Consider approval of a variance to the Unified Development Code regarding trees and shrub planting material for landscaping in the Sierra Vista West Development.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- 8:11 P.M.

Executive Session in accordance with 551.071, 551.072, and 551.074 Texas Gov't Code to deliberate on the following:

- Sale of property to MUD 31
- City Manager position
- Municipal Court

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION- 9:25 P.M.

- Councilwoman Murray made a motion to return to item No. 14 regarding the SPA amendment for reconsideration. Seconded by Councilwoman Hargroder. Approved unanimously.

19. Consideration and possible action regarding the sale of property to MUD 31. Councilwoman Murray made a motion to approve the contract documents in the packet as an offer and agreement for the sale of land back to MUD 31. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Approved unanimously.

20. Consideration and possible action to appoint an interim City Manager to comply with provisions of newly approved Charter. Councilwoman Murray made a motion to appoint Ron Cox as the interim City Manager. Seconded by Councilwoman Hargroder. Approved unanimously.

21. Consideration and possible action to authorize check signing authority of the general and retainer accounts. Councilwoman Smajstrla made a motion to authorize the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, and City Manager authority to sign checks for the accounts listed above. Seconded by Councilwoman Hargroder. Approved unanimously.

22. Consideration and possible action to approve the minutes of the action authorizing check signing authority. Councilwoman Hargroder made a motion to approve the minutes of the action authorizing check signing authority. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Approved unanimously.

23. Councilwoman Hargroder made a motion to adjourn at 9:29 P.M. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020



Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary



Michael Byrum-Bratsen, Mayor

