



# CITY OF IOWA COLONY

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STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA  
CITY OF IOWA COLONY

BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 23rd day of March, 2020, the City Council of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, held a Public Meeting via Teleconference at 7:00 P.M. there being present and in attendance the following members to wit:

Mayor Byrum-Bratsen  
Councilwoman Susan Cottrell  
Councilwoman Arnetta Murray  
Councilwoman Robin Bradbery  
Councilwoman Kacy Smajstrla  
Councilman Chad Wilsey

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

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## **REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.**

1. Mayor Byrum-Bratsen called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.
  2. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited.
  3. Citizens Comments and Presentations. There were no comments from the public.
- "An opportunity for the public to address City Council on agenda items or concerns not on the agenda. To comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act, this period is not for question and answer. Those wishing to speak must fill out

the sign-up sheet at the entrance to the council chambers prior to the start of the meeting, and observe a three-minute time limit."

4. Mayor's comments or reports.

- Mayor Byrum-Bratsen presented the Fair Housing Month Proclamation.

5. Council comments or reports.

- Councilwoman Cottrell reported that the Iowa Colony High School is really coming along.
- Councilwoman Murray thanked the Mayor and the First Responders.
- Councilwoman Bradbery told all to stay safe.
- Councilwoman Smajstrla thanked everyone.
- Councilman Wilsey gave no report.

6. Staff Reports.

A. City Manager

- Ron Cox reported that the funding for County Road 63 has been switched to County Road 64 to accommodate the AISD Iowa Colony High School traffic and other growth.
- The walk through that was scheduled for the ball fields has been postponed due to COVID-19 and will be rescheduled for a later date.

B. City Engineer

C. Police Department

D. Building Inspector

E. City Secretary

F. Public Works

7. Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance extending the Mayor's Declaration of Disaster. Councilwoman Bradbery made a motion to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. City Attorney, Larry Boyd pointed out the process. The Mayor signs the Declaration for seven days, the Council extends, then the Mayor has the authority to issue various executive orders. Motion approved unanimously.

8. Consideration and possible action to adopt an ordinance postponing the general election of city officers and the special election on a home rule charter from May 2, 2020 to November 3, 2020 in accordance with the proclamation of Governor Abbott, and in response to the COVID-19 virus outbreak. Councilwoman Murray made motion to postpone the election until November 3, 2020. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Approved with three ayes. Councilwoman Cottrell and Councilwoman Smajstrla voted against the motion.

9. Consideration and possible action to order the City Secretary to mail a copy of the proposed home rule charter to each registered voter in the City of Iowa Colony. No action taken.

10. Consideration and possible action to accept the annual audit reports for

- City General
- Iowa Colony Development Authority

Ron Cox went over the auditor's power point. Councilwoman Smajstrla moved to accept the 2019 annual audits for the City and for the Iowa Colony Development Authority. Seconded by Councilman Wilsey. Approved unanimously.

**11. Consent Agenda-** Consideration and possible action to approve the following consent agenda items. Councilman Wilsey moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Murray. Approved unanimously.

A. Approval of Minutes of the following meetings.

- February 17, 2020

B. Approve a resolution suspending the May 4, 2020 effective date of the CenterPoint Energy gas rate increase.

C. Approve a resolution and authorize signatures on Exhibit A and Exhibit B for continued participation in the Texas Coalition of Affordable Power retail electricity purchase program.

D. Approval to add Mr. Roy Sosa as an alternate plumbing inspector.

E. Approval for the Brazoria County Mosquito Control District to perform aerial spraying over the City of Iowa Colony.

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

- Camelot Estates Abbreviated Plat.
- Meridiana Section 60 Final Plat.
- Meridiana Commercial Reserve No. 1 Final Plat: Conditional Approval contingent on recording of a 40' Access Easement and Future Access Easement outside the plat boundary as noted within the letter of recommendation.

G. Approve Early Plat Releases and Reimbursements as follows:

- Sierra Vista Section 6 and Tyndall Mist Drive
- Sierra Vista West Section 1, 2 and Crystal View Drive Phase II
- Sierra Vista West Section 3

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION- 7:48 P.M.**

Executive Session in accordance with 551.071 Texas Gov't Code to consult with City Attorney and 551.072 Texas Gov't Code to deliberate on land sale and/or acquisition-

- Property next to city hall
- Sale of land to ESD No. 3
- Sale of land to MUD 31

Executive Session in accordance with 551.071 and 551.074 Texas Gov't Code to consult with attorney and to discuss employment, compensation, discipline, dismissal of-

- Municipal Court Clerk
- Accountant Position

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION- 9:09 P.M.**

12. Consideration and possible action regarding the Development Agreement and closing documents on sale of property to ESD No. 3. Councilwoman Bradbery made a motion to approve the second amendment to the contract and to extend the closing date. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Approved unanimously.

13. Consideration and possible action regarding the employment compensation, discipline, dismissal of the Municipal Court Clerk. Councilwoman Murray made a motion to dismiss the Municipal Court Clerk for lack of confidence. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Approved unanimously.

14. Consideration and possible action regarding the property adjacent to City Hall. No action taken.

15. Consideration and possible action regarding the sale of a 2-acre tract to Brazoria MUD 31. No action taken.

16. Councilwoman Bradbery made a motion to adjourn at 9:12 P.M. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2020



Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary



Michael Byrum-Bratsen, Mayor

