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STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA  
CITY OF IOWA COLONY

BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 14th day of November 2022, the City Council of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, held a Work session at 6:00 P.M. and a Public Meeting at 7:00 P.M. at Iowa Colony City Hall, there being present and in attendance the following members to wit:

Mayor Michael Byrum-Bratsen  
Councilman McLean Barnett  
Councilwoman Arnetta Murray  
Councilwoman Marquette Greene-Young  
Councilman Wil Kennedy  
Mayor Pro Tem Chad Wilsey

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

**WORKSESSION- 6:00 P.M.**

1. Discussion on presentation of public safety building color palette. Scott Brady and Ana Prestz with Joiner Architects presented the public safety building color palette to the City Council.
2. Discussion on annual planning session. City Manager, Robert Hemminger provided the City Council with the dates and information about the upcoming Planning Sessions in January.
3. Discussion on grant funded mitigation project options. City Engineer, Dinh Ho presented two options for the mitigation grant application. One of the projects is for the future Municipal Government Center Site and the other is a roundabout at the intersection of Davenport and Iowa Colony Blvd which would include installation of a culvert drain.
4. Discussion on Parks Master Plan RFQ responses. Robert Hemminger stated that the city advertised for Request for Qualifications (RFQ's) for the Parks Master Plan and received four responses. The Staff will review and provide recommendations to the City Council.

**REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.**

1. Mayor Byrum-Bratsen called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited.
3. Citizens Comments and Presentations. Mr. William Crapps, a seven-year resident, stated his concerns about the traffic coming out of the Sterling Lakes Subdivision. He mentioned that when coming out of Sterling Lakes and leaving the neighborhood there are three lanes. The left lane is

a turn only lane. The middle lane is straight, and the right is turn only. He would like to recommend that we make the middle lane have the option to turn left as well as go straight. He also asked if we could build a u-turn across 288 at Davenport like it used to be to avoid the traffic build up when things occur, as there was recently an incident that caused traffic backup across Meridiana Parkway. The City Engineer will contact Mr. Crapps to follow up.

4. Consideration and possible action to appoint Associate Municipal Court Judges. Councilman Wilsey made a motion to appoint three Associate Judges: Robert Barfield, James Connelly, and Thomas Roberts for the Iowa Colony Municipal Court. Seconded by Councilman Kennedy. Approved unanimously.

5. Administer the Oath of Office to newly appointed Associate Judges. Judge Greg Hill administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Associate Judges: Robert Barfield, James Connelly, and Thomas Roberts.

Mayor Byrum-Bratsen presented Judge Greg Hill with a plaque for his dedication to the City and Municipal Court and thanked him for his time with Iowa Colony.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION-**

Executive Session in accordance with 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Gov't Code to deliberate and consult with attorney on the following:

- Executive search firm for City Attorney
- Right of Way on Louisiana
- HGAC Designations

#### **POST EXECUTIVE SESSION-7:42 P.M.**

6. Council comments or reports.

- Councilman Barnett stated that the season is changing and reminded everyone to check their fire alarms and to please make sure if you have a real tree to please water it.
- Councilwoman Murray thanked everyone for their support during her campaign. She stated that she is looking forward to the Christmas Tree Lighting on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at City Hall.
- Councilwoman Greene-Young stated that it is flu and RSV season, and she wants everyone to stay safe. She is looking forward to the holidays. She thanked Councilman Kennedy for putting something together for Veteran's Day. She felt as though she needed to share with everyone something that had been on her heart. She talked about a post she made on social media and she received a response to it. She stated there are differences in communities and some may experience things others do not. We need to respect and embrace all the differences in the communities.
- Councilman Kennedy prayed aloud. He hopes that in Iowa Colony we create a culture of community and that we celebrate our differences.
- Councilman Wilsey stated that the holidays are coming up and he is looking forward to them.

7. Mayor's comments or reports.

Mayor Byrum-Bratsen agreed with Councilwoman Greene-Young. He is thankful that the city is so diverse. He believes we are not all the same, that we are different, and we need to respect each other and embrace our differences. He wishes everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. He is thankful he gets to celebrate Thanksgiving with his children. He is thankful to everyone for

keeping the city moving forward. He reminded everyone that the tree lighting is going to be December 2<sup>nd</sup> and he hopes to see everyone there.

8. Staff Reports. City Manager, Robert Hemminger notified the City Council that they will now be receiving a report from the municipal court and provided a brief overview of the breakdown of the report.

9. Consideration and possible action to designate a Representative and Alternate for the 2023 HGAC General Assembly. Councilman Wilsey made a motion to designate Wil Kennedy as the Representative and Arnetta Murray as the Alternate for the 2023 HGAC General Assembly. Seconded by Councilwoman Greene-Young. Approved unanimously.

10. Consideration and possible action on use of CPS HR Consulting for services related to the search for a City Attorney. Councilman Kennedy made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the service agreement with CPS HR for services related to the search for a City Attorney Phase 1. Seconded by Councilman Barnett. Approved unanimously.

11. Consideration and possible action authorizing a grant application for a mitigation grant through the Texas General Land Office. Councilman Kennedy made a motion to authorize staff to submit a grant application for a mitigation grant through the Texas General Land Office. Seconded by Councilwoman Greene-Young. Approved unanimously.

12. Consideration and possible action to renew the contract with BBG Consulting, Inc. Councilman Kennedy made a motion to authorize the extension of the contract with BBG Consulting, Inc. Seconded by Councilwoman Murray. Approved unanimously.

13. Consideration and possible action on the Caldwell Crossing Section 1 Preliminary Plat. Councilman Kennedy made a motion to approve the Caldwell Crossing Section 1 Preliminary Plat as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Seconded by Councilwoman Greene- Young. Approved unanimously.

**Consent Agenda-** Consideration and possible action to approve the following consent agenda items. Councilwoman Murray made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Seconded by Councilman Barnett. Approved unanimously.

A. Approval of minutes of the following meetings

- October 17, 2022- Special Meeting
- October 17, 2022- Regular Meeting

B. Approval of the following plats as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

- Castillo Subdivision Final Plat
- Bullard Parkway Section 1 Street Dedication Preliminary Plat

14. The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 8:19 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2022.

ATTEST:

Kay M Rosser

Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary

Michael Byrum-Bratsen

Michael Byrum-Bratsen, Mayor

