



CITY OF IOWA COLONY

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STATE OF TEXAS
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BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 19th day of October, 2020, the City Council of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, held a 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 Robin Bradbery
Councilwoman Kacy Smajstrla

And Councilman Chad Wilsey being absent, constituting a quorum at which time the following business was transacted.

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

1. Mayor Byrum -Bratsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

- Hold a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the MUD 31 Strategic partnership Agreement. Mayor Byrum-Bratsen opened the public hearing at 7:01 P.M. Timothy Varlack stated that Iowa Colony is a beautiful city and we need to take steps to be certain longtime residents are not burdened with expenses and extra costs. He asked if we could strike a deal that allows the city to move forward.

Mayor Byrum-Bratsen closed the public hearing at 7:40 P.M.

4. Citizens Comments and Presentations.

Chris Hymel-CR 81. Heavy load trucks travel along this road. Dirt repairs are not sufficient. Paved not maintained or trucks need to not go down that road. Ron Cox, we have spoke to county and sandpit under agreement with us they are required to pave the road. Last week told them we could not wait any longer. Aware of the problem and trying to get it resolved. 48 was repaired at Cherry sandpit at their expense.

Timothy Varlack stated that a year ago asked that the city council to do something with the website. He is pleased with the new website. However, the residents do not have access to items

on the agenda. The citizens want to be able to see the items that council is acting on. This way citizens can review material prior to the meeting.

5. Mayor's comments or reports

- Glad to be back in city hall
- Appreciates everyone going through the protocol screening on the way into City Hall.
- Will be appointing the parks and recreation committee members at tonight's meeting.

6. Council comments or reports.

Councilwoman Cottrell stated that the school inspection is continuing, detention has doubled.

There are ball games being played at the stadium. This is her last official meeting with city. She thinks the past Mayors and Council members laid out some ground rules for new members and if they follow it things will go well. Confident this city will go on and surpass neighboring cities. Been a pleasure being part of the City Council.

Councilwoman Murray- Thanked Susan for her time on City Council. Wants to ensure everyone has a voice in the community. Thanked everyone for the opportunity, we will do it and do it right.

Councilwoman Smajstrla- Thanked Susan for her time on City Council. She has been a service to the community. Excited to be part of the growth of the community, we are aware of the things that need to be done around the city and are working very diligently to get them done.

Councilwoman Bradbery- Thanked Susan for her time on City Council. Reminder - Don't forget to vote.

7. Staff Reports.

- A. City Manager- Introduced the Building Official and Fire Marshall- Albert Cantu, came from the City of Richmond. He is a resident of the city.
Since the Council approved the agreement with joiner, we will kick process off at staff level with meetings and coincide with council meetings regarding the new PD building.
- B. City Engineer- Meridiana Parkway West finishing in the next thirty to forty-five days. TXDOT has released the 30% plans for the overpasses and underpasses along SH288.
- C. Police Department- Introduced new officer Jeremy Lyons. He came from Sweeny Police Department and Brazoria County Sheriff's Department. Was honorably being discharged from the Navy after six years.
- D. Building Inspector
- E. City Secretary
- F. Senior Accountant
- G. Public Works – Mayor Byrum-Bratsen complimented on Jeremy's response to service. The Mayor also reminded everyone about the form on the city website to report issues for service.
- H. Fire Department- ESD matched to give them a new pumper tanker granted from Texas Forestry. They have a brand-new truck backed into station. Should be in service in a couple weeks. The report was presented by Steven Byrum-Bratsen.

8. Consideration and possible action regarding the COVID-19 emergency. Councilwoman Cottrell moved for discussion of the COVID 19 emergency. Seconded by Councilwoman Murray. Chief Bell presented the total cases since March has been 185 total houses affected in city limits. Only 16 cases added since last meeting. We have had 18 days with no new cases. Still working with the state and Sandra regarding the CRF \$122,0000 allotted. Spent a little over \$60,000 to date. We have until December to determine what else we need. No action was taken.

9. Consideration and possible action to approve an amendment to Ordinance No. 2020-24 calling for the general election of officers and an amendment to Ordinance No. 2020-25 calling the election for a home rule charter. Councilwoman Bradbery moved to approve the amendments to Ordinance No. 2020-24 and Ordinance No. 2020-25. Councilwoman Smajstrla seconded the motion. Motion approved with four ayes. Councilman Wilsey absent.

10. Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance establishing benefits under the Texas Municipal Retirement System. Councilwoman Smajstrla moved to approve the ordinance establishing benefits under the Texas Municipal Retirement System. Councilwoman Bradbery seconded the motion. Approved with four ayes. Councilman Wilsey absent.

11. Consideration and possible action to approve a memorandum of understanding with Land Tejas. Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve the memorandum. Councilwoman Bradbery seconded the motion. Approve with four ayes.

12. **Consent Agenda-** Consideration and possible action to approve the following consent agenda items. Councilwoman Cottrell moved to accept items as listed with item F removed for separate consideration. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Approved with four ayes. Councilman Wilsey absent.

A. Approval of Minutes of the following meetings.

- September 21, 2020 Regular Meeting

B. Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with Brazoria County for Road Improvements for October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

C. Designate a Representative and Alternate for the 2021 HGAC General Assembly.

D. Approval of the Quarterly Investment Report.

E. Authorize the investment of city funds.

F. Approval of the following resolutions related to the Community Development Block Grant- Flood Mitigation Block Grant.

- Resolution authorizing the application
- Adico Engineering Agreement
- Grantworks Administration Contract- Councilwoman Bradbery made a motion to approve grant documents, and to approve the Grantworks Administration Contract with the wording modified to include that “no fees are due from the city unless the grant is awarded to the city.” Seconded by Councilwoman Cottrell. Approved with four ayes.
- Procurement Policy

G. Approval of the following resolutions related to the Texas Water Development Board- Flood Planning Grant.

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

- Karsten Blvd. North Phase I and Reserve Final Plat.

I. Approve the following Infrastructure Approvals/Acceptances

- Sierra Vista Detention Phase III-Approval of Facilities into One-Year Maintenance Period.
- Meridiana Section 60 Water and Sanitary-Approval of Facilities into One-Year Maintenance Period.
- Meridiana Section 60 Storm and Paving-Acceptance of Facilities into One-Year Maintenance Period.

J. Approve the following Early Plat Releases and return of escrow funds.

- Sierra Vista Section 6 and Tyndall Mist Dr.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- 7:43 P.M.

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

- Sale of property to MUD 31
- Purchase of ROW on Davenport
- Municipal Court
- Parks and Recreation Committee

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION-8:51 P.M.

13. Consideration and possible action regarding authorization to sell property to MUD 31. Councilwoman Murray made a motion to authorize staff to proceed with a contract for sale to MUD 31 subject to final approval of Council before closing. Seconded by Councilwoman Cottrell. Approved with four ayes.

14. Consideration and possible action to authorize acquisition of needed right of way for the expansion of Davenport. Councilwoman Cottrell moved to authorize to offer the owners appraisal amount for the ROW and negotiate for needed ROW for the expansion of Davenport Parkway. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Approved with four ayes.

15. Consideration and possible action to appoint members for the Parks and Recreation Committee. Councilwoman Cottrell made a motion to appoint half of the members for a one-year term and the other half for a two-year term, with the first meeting to draw straws to determine their term. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Approved unanimously with four ayes.

The members appointed to the Parks and Recreation Committee:

Lindsay Koskiniemi

Carmela Cancino

Gudrun Linscombe
Roshanna Washington
Salicia Grosse
Karen Batiste

16. The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020



Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary



Michael Byrum-Bratsen, Mayor

