

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 25, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ray Schultz
Mayor Pro tem Lori Shierry
Councilwomen Sherrie Williams and Stephanie Wooten
Councilmen Randall Barker and Jeff Pogatshnik

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PERSONNEL: Jerry Flemming, City Manager
Steve Davis, Chief of Police
Jason Griffin, Parks and Recreation Director
David Owen, Economic Development Director
Andy Payne, Fire Chief
David Mauldwin, Police Lieutenant
Becky Ferguson, Director of Finance
Amie Schultz, Library Director
Greg Polly, Code Enforcement Officer
Jason Dozier, Water/Wastewater Supervisor
Keyton Koch, Acting Street Foreman
Sara Rangel, Municipal Court Clerk
Clint Downs, Fireman
Al Fox, Fireman

VISITORS: Sven Herrmann Bonnie Nolen
Chris Waldrop Billy Humphrey
Carolyn Lalk

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Invocation.

The City Manager gave the invocation.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Recognition of Special Guest(s)/Action(s).

There were no recognitions at this time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Citizens' Input.

No individuals registered to participate in the citizens' input.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: General Consent.

- A. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 11, 2024.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Pogatshnik accepting and approving the general consent agenda as presented. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Public Appearance.

- A. A Public Appearance by Ms. Carolyn Lalk, Church Board Chair, First United Methodist Church of Iowa Park, to Discuss the Removal of One of Their signs Which was Located on the Corner of North Bell Road and Access Road 287.

Ms. Carolyn Lalk appeared before Council stating the Methodist Church had an advertising sign located at the corner of North Bell Road and Access Road 287 for over thirty years. The sign was removed and destroyed by the City without notifying the church. It was estimated the sign would cost \$500.00 to replace.

- (i) Action as Result of Public Appearance.

It was the consensus of the Council to compensate the Church for the cost of the sign.

- B. A Public Appearance by Mr. Chris Waldrop, 418 East Diamond, to Discuss Parking Along the Rights-of-Way by Bradford Elementary School.

Chris and Bonnie Waldrop reside at 418 East Diamond. They complained about the after-school parking at Bradford Elementary. Vehicles are parking along North Texowa in his yard, that is actually the right-of-way, but he is required to maintain. With the recent rains, the vehicles parking there have created ruts that are making it impossible to mow.

- (i) Action as Result of Public Appearance.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Pogatshnik to have this block of South Texowa as no parking. Staff will bring no parking ordinance to next meeting for consideration. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Resolution.

- A. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas to Authorize the Expenditures of up to \$30,000.00 by the Iowa Park Community Development Corporation for Projects to

Enhance a Public Park and Open Space Improvements With the City of Iowa Park.

This resolution is for Murphree Park Improvements, Part 3. The improvements include installation of picnic tables, barbeque grills, benches, baseball field and bleachers. Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilwoman Wooten approving and adopting Resolution Number 24-04 authorizing the expenditures of up to \$30,000.00 by the Iowa Park Community Development Corporation for projects to enhance a public park and open space improvements with the City of Iowa Park. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

- B. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Authorizing Matching Funds for “Operation Bullet-Resistant Shield” Grant for Ten Titan Shields for the Iowa Park Police Department.

It was noted there is a grant available for Texas law enforcement agencies to equip peace officers with bullet-resistant shields. The Police Department is applying for ten Titan III 20” x 34” shields, valued at \$4,897.69 each. There are no matching funds required with this grant. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wooten and seconded by Councilman Barker approving and adopting Resolution Number 24-05 authorizing matching funds for “Operation Bullet-Resistant Shield” grant for ten Titan Shields for the Iowa Park Police Department. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: City Manager’s Report.

- A. Discuss and Consider Entering a Joint Election Contract for Election Services Between the City of Iowa Park and Wichita County, Texas.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Wooten authorizing entering a joint elections contract for election services between the City of Iowa Park and Wichita County, Texas. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

- B. Discuss and Consider an Amendment to the Lease Agreement With Skybeam, LLC dba Rise Broadband.

Skybeam, LLC dba Rise Broadband is in the process of changing out equipment on the Northwest Access Road water tower and they will be repairing damage caused by previous work. This amendment will increase their monthly rental from \$1,400.00 to \$1,500.00. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Shierry approving the amendment to the lease agreement with Skybeam, LLC dba Rise Broadband. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

- C. Discuss and Consider a Proposed Project Change Order (PCO-F05) in the Amount of \$1,520.00 for ONCOR Service Fee for Office Addition.

This change order is for the 460 square foot addition to the new fire station. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Pogatshnik approving the Project Change Order (PCO-F05) in the amount of \$1,520.00 for ONCOR Service Fee for office addition. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

- D. Discuss and Consider a Proposed Project Change Order (PCO-P07) in the Amount of \$2,359.00 to Add Furdawns in Patrol Office 113, Booking 126 and 142.

This proposed change order is to add drywall transitions between ceilings of different heights in three of the rooms of the new police station. Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilwoman Wooten approving the Project Changer Order (PCO-P07) in the amount of \$2,359.00 to add Furdawns in Patrol Office 113, Booking 126 and 142. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

- E. Discuss and Consider a Proposed Project Change Order (PCO-P08) in the Amount of \$1,684.00 to Add Soffit Framing at Loggia.

This proposed change order is to add soffit framing at the loggia, which is the “grand front porch” of the new police station. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wooten and seconded by Councilman Barker approving the Project Change Order (PCO-P08) in the amount of \$1,684.00 to add soffit framing at the loggia. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

- F. Discuss and Consider Accepting the Water Tower Communication Electrical Generator and Propane Project in the Amount of \$19,362.99.

The current budget includes \$34,000.00 to relocate the radio repeater from the antenna in City Hall Park to the Emerald Street water tower. The City acquired a communication building at the water tower when AT&T’s lease expired. This building will house the radio repeater. This project is for electrical work with a backup generator and a propane tank to fuel the generator, switch box and concrete slab. Motion was made by Councilman Pogatshnik and seconded by Councilwoman Shierry accepting the Water Tower Communication Electrical Generator and Propane Project in the amount of \$19,362.99. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

- G. Discuss and Consider Classification and Compensation of City Employees.

The current budget includes \$20,000.00 that was put back for the department head’s pay increases. Councilwomen Wooten and Williams both felt the police department needed more funding for wages. There was discussion on providing other alternatives in lieu of salary. After a lengthy discussion, it was announced this item will be brought back for further consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of April, 2024.

Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

City Secretary Janice Newman