MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 9, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Mayor Jeff Pogatshnik Mayor Pro tem Lori Shierry Councilwomen Sherrie Williams and Stephanie Wooten Councilmen Randall Barker and Clint Downs
MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
PERSONNEL:	Jerry Flemming, City Manager Steve Davis, Chief of Police Mike McCarty, Public Works Director Jason Griffin, Parks and Recreation Director Andy Payne, Fire Chief Amie Schultz, Library Director Becky Ferguson, Director of Finance James Horn, Water & Sewer Maintenance Foreman Keyton Koch, Acting Street Foreman Jason Dozier, Water/Wastewater Supervisor Sara Rangel, Municipal Court Clerk Janice Newman, City Secretary

VISITORS:	Matt Anderson	Chet Hooper
	Kerry J Maroney, Jr.	Kerry D Maroney
	Lisa Dell 'Amore	Nash Gann
	Billy England	Jim Johnson

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 August 12, 2024.

B. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 26, 2024.

C. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Community Development Corporation's Board of Directors' Meeting of August 27, 2024.

Councilwoman Williams questioned the minutes from the August 26, 2024 meeting regarding the votes on the rezone of the future travel center that showed Councilman Downs as abstaining. It was explained that Councilman Downs contacted the City Secretary and stated he abstained by not voicing an aye or a nay and was explained to him that he must vocally state he is abstaining. Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilman Barker 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 Wichita County Judge Jim Johnson to Discuss North Bell Road Drainage.

Wichita County Judge Jim Johnson explained that the County had contracted with M Roetzel Consulting, LLC to perform a drainage design review of Bell Road Estates, Sections 1 and 2, and according to their findings, the drainage design is not correct. Judge Johnson stated the County does not plan on doing any further work/study in this area. The developer of Bell Road Estates, Sections 1 and 2, had Biggs & Mathews, Inc. prepare the drainage study for the new development. Mr. Kerry D Maroney, President of Biggs & Mathews, Inc., stated M Roetzel Consulting used the City of San Antonios storm water criteria, while Biggs & Mathews used the City of Wichita Falls storm water criteria. Mr. Maroney does not believe Biggs & Mathews post development exceeds the rate of flow of predevelopment. He did note that the County has applied for a $500,000.00 master drainage plan grant, and if awarded, could be used on the east side of Bell Road that is in the County.

(i) Action as Result of Public Appearance.

No action was taken.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Public Hearing.

A. A Public Hearing to Discuss and Consider the City of Iowa Park Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

The proposed budget includes a ten percent across the board raise for all existing employees and a new starting pay classification increase of eight percent. It was the consensus of the Council that the new starting pay classification should also be a ten percent increase. The proposed General Fund budget has revenues and expenditures of $5,179,450.00 and the Water and Sewer Fund proposed budget has $4,907,570.00 in revenue and expenditures. There were no other comments.

B. A Public Hearing to Discuss and Consider a Proposal to Increase Total Tax Revenue From Properties on the Certified Tax Rolls.

The proposed General Fund budget is based on a tax rate of $0.7091 per $100 valuation. Councilwoman Williams stated it is not an actual tax increase, but an increase of tax revenue.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Resolution.

A. A First Reading of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Authorizing an Expenditure of up to $33,500.00 by the Iowa Park Community Development Corporation for Children's Sports Within the City of Iowa Park.

This proposed Community Development Corporation expenditure is for new lights at the Bell Road ball fields. Clarence Hill Electric submitted the lowest proposal of $33,500.00. Councilwoman Williams was concerned that the 4B Board has been spending money on ball fields and not on parks or the swimming pool. She stated that not everyone plays baseball/softball. The City Manager suggested the Council have a joint meeting with the 4A and 4B and another joint meeting with the Board of Adjustment and Planning and Zoning Commission. The Council suggested having the joint meetings during the regular City Council meetings, sometime after the budget process.

B. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas, Approving and Adopting the Iowa Park Economic Development Corporation's Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

The 4A's proposed budget contains $345,000.00 in revenues and expenditures. Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilwoman Williams approving and adopting Resolution Number 24-15 approving and adopting the Iowa Park Economic Development Corporation's operating budget for fiscal year 2024/2025. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

C. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas, Approving and Adopting the Iowa Park Community Development Corporation's Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

The 4B's proposed budget contains $345,000.00 in revenues and expenditures. Motion was made by Councilman Barker and seconded by Councilwoman Wooten approving and adopting Resolution Number 24-16 approving and adopting the Iowa Park Community Development

Corporation's operating budget for fiscal year 2024/2025. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Ordinance.

A. An Ordinance of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Amending the Code of Ordinances at Section A-9.004 and Section A9.005 of Article A9.00 of Appendix A to Implement Rate Changes for Water Services for All Municipal Utility Customers.

B. An Ordinance of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Amending the Code of Ordinances at Section A9.006 (1) and (2) and Section A9.007 of Article A9.000 of Appendix A to Implement Rate Changes for Sewer Services for All Municipal Utility Customers.

C. An Ordinance of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Amending the Code of Ordinances at Section A9.010 of Article A9.000 of Appendix A to Implement Rate Changes for Bulk Water Sales.

D. An Ordinance of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Amending the Code of Ordinances at Section A3.001 of Article A3.000 in Appendix A to Modify the Method Used to Calculate Building Permits and Inspection Fees.

E. An Ordinance of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Amending the Code of Ordinances at Section A3.002 of Article A3.000 in Appendix A to Increase the Fees Charged for Electric Permits and Inspections.

F. An Ordinance of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Amending the Code of Ordinances at Section A3.003 of Article A3.000 in Appendix A to Increase the Fees Charged for Mechanical Permits and Inspections.

G. An Ordinance of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Amending the Code of Ordinances at Section A3.004 of Article A3.000 in Appendix A to Increase the Fees Charged for Certain Plumbing Permits and Inspection Fees.

H. An ordinance of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Amending the Code of Ordinances at Section A9.008 of Article A9.000 in Appendix A to Increase the Fees Charged for Contact Fees.

I. An Ordinance of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Amending the Code of Ordinances at Section A9.001 and A9.002 to Increase Fees Associated With Water and Sewer Taps.

Motion was made by Councilman Barker and seconded by Councilwoman Williams approving Ordinance Number 1426 amending water rates; Ordinance Number 1427 amending sewer rates; Ordinance Number 1428 amending bulk water rates; Ordinance Number 1429 amending building permits and inspection fees; Ordinance Number 1430 amending electric permits and inspection fees; Ordinance Number 1431 amending mechanical permits and inspection fees; Ordinance Number 1432 amending plumbing permits and inspection fees; Ordinance Number 1433 amending contact fee charges; and Ordinance Number 1434 amending fees associated with water and sewer taps. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: City Manager's Report.

A. Discuss and Consider Water Line Replacement in the 300 Block of East Emerald Avenue.

Proposals were received to replace the water line in the 300 block of East Emerald. The project will require a new 2" tap on a 10" line, 550' of 2" poly pipe and six ¾" services, two of those with road crossings. Two proposals were received: Garcia's Construction for $31,500.00 and Bowles Construction for $36,200.00. Motion was made by Councilman Barker and seconded by Councilman Downs approving the water line replacement in the 300 block of East Emerald Avenue from Garcia Construction in the amount of $31,500.00. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

B. Discuss and Consider Vacancies on the City's Boards and Commissions.

The City Manager stated that there is currently one vacancy on the Community Development Corporation since the Board President Dolores Hamilton resigned. On the Planning and Zoning Commission, Mr. David Padgett informed the Commission that he is retiring but will stay on until he is replaced. There is also another member that has not attended meetings in several years. The Board of Adjustment consists of five members and four alternate members. Mr. Padgett is also retiring from this Board, which will leave the minimum five members with no alternates.

C. Discuss and Consider Proxy Voting Delegates to Serve on the Nortex Regional Planning Commission.

The Mayor serves as the representative of the City and proxies must be designated to serve in the Mayor's absence. Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilwoman Williams appointing Jerry Flemming and Randall Barker as proxy voting delegates to serve on the Nortex Regional Planning Commission. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

D. Discuss and Consider Employee Health Insurance.

The City received the insurance renewal from TX Health Benefits which reflected a 2% increase. The new rates go into effect January 1, 2025 with open enrollment November 1st - 15th. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Downs to renew the employee health insurance benefit with TX Health Benefits. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of September, 2024.

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Mayor Jeff Pogatshnik

ATTEST:

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City Secretary Janice Newman