

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 25, 2022

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PERSONNEL: Jerry Flemming, City Manager
Mike McCarty, Public Works Director
Jason Griffin, Parks and Recreation Director
Steve Davis, Police Chief
David Owen, Economic Development Director
Becky Ferguson, Director of Finance
Amie Schultz, Library Director
Greg Polly, Code Enforcement Officer
Janice Newman, City Secretary

VISITORS: Dolores Hamilton Jeff Pogatshnik
Steve Carter David Sherrill
Mike Price Patrick Moulton
Randy Catlin Dusty Goehring

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Invocation.

The Mayor gave the invocation.

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

The City Manager noted former Mayor Randy Catlin, former City Manager Mike Price and former Public Works Director David Sherrill were in attendance.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Citizens' Input.

Patrick Moulton appeared before Council stating he recently received a summons for burning of his yard, which he stated at no time was uncontained. He noticed there was an item on the agenda regarding a burn ban and asked the Council to take into consideration people using firepits and cooking outdoors.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: General Consent.

- A. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 11, 2022.
- B. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of April 18, 2022.
- C. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Economic Development Corporation Board of Director's Meeting of April 12, 2022.
- D. Approve an Annual Request From the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce to Close a Portion of North Jackson Street and to Allow the Use of City-Owned Property and Equipment for the ParkFest Event to be Held on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at Oscar Park.
- E. Approve an Annual Request From City Staff to Use Public Rights-of-Way and City-Owned Property and Equipment for a Taillights and Tailgates Cruise; to Conduct a Burn-Out Event in the 800 Block of North Fourth and the 300 Block of West Texas Streets; and to Allow the Iowa Park Municipal Pool and Spray Park to Open Between the Hours of 4:00 P.M. Until 8:00 P.M. With No Admission Fee, on Saturday, May 14, 2022.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Oath of Office.

- A. Administer Oath of Office to Police Officer Craig James Hodgkins.

Officer Hodgkins was unable to attend the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Appointment.

- A. Discuss and Consider Board and Commission Vacancies.

The City Manager stated the Community Development Corporation is short a member and the Board of Adjustment is short three members. Recently retired Public Works Director has indicated he is willing to serve on both boards. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Barker approving the appointment of David Sherrill to both the Community

Development Corporation and the Board of Adjustment. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Ordinance.

- A. An Ordinance of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Accepting the Replat of Lot 1, Block 1, Highland Park Addition, Section 1, to the City of Iowa Park, Wichita County, Texas.

This item was postponed due to the Planning and Zoning's meeting cancellation.

- B. An Ordinance of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Amending the Code of Ordinances at Section 6.03.004 to Further Define Objectionable Matter on Private Property.

This ordinance adds "weeds to be no more than twelve inches in height" to objectionable matter on private property. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Shierry approving and adopting Ordinance Number 1353 amending the Code of Ordinances at Section 6.03.004 to further define objectionable matter on private property. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

- C. An Ordinance of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Declaring a State of Disaster for the City of Iowa Park Resulting From the Potential Threat of Fire Due to Drought Conditions and Adverse Weather Conditions and Implementing Temporary Restrictions for the Use of Combustible Materials in an Outdoor Environment and Establishing Penalties for Violators.

Wichita County adopted a declaration of disaster and order prohibiting outdoor burning on December 14, 2021, for the unincorporated areas of Wichita County. The Mayor, who is the City's Emergency Management Director, has asked the Council to consider additional restrictions for outdoor cooking and welding, cutting or grinding metal for residents within the City limits. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Wooten approving and adopting Ordinance Number 1354 declaring a State of Disaster for the City of Iowa Park resulting from the potential threat of fire due to drought conditions and adverse weather conditions and implementing temporary restrictions for the use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment and establishing penalties for violators. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: City Manager's Report.

- A. Discuss and Consider a Proposal From Net Essentials in the Amount of \$26,280.86 to Upgrade the Police Department's Server.

The Chief of Police stated that his department's current budget contains \$4,000.00 for flooring and \$22,000.00 for a dispatch accessible workstation. However, since the Police Department will be

getting a new building, there is no need to do these upgrades to the existing building. Net Essentials has given a quote of \$26,280.86 to upgrade their server, which is seven years old. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Wooten accepting a proposal from Net Essentials in the amount of \$26,280.86 to upgrade the Police Department's server. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

- B. Discuss and Consider Releasing Twenty-Four Liens in the Cumulative Amount of \$13,758.57 (Plus Interest) at 1526 Elizabeth (Lot 13, Block 2, Highland Park Addition, Section 1).

There are twenty-four mowing liens on this property that date back to 2007. This property was recently purchased by the Iowa Park Industrial Corporation, a non-profit organization. Mr. Randy Catlin and Mr. Mike Price were present to answer any questions the Council might have. Mr. Catlin stated the IDC has been trying to purchase this property for ten years. They were finally able to negotiate a price based on the liens as well as the back taxes due to the City, County and School District. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Wooten authorizing the release of twenty-four liens in the cumulative amount of \$13,758.57 (plus interest) at 1526 Elizabeth (Lot 13, Block 2, Highland Park Addition, Section 1). Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

- C. Receive a Report on the City's Current Financial Condition and Future Needs as Dictated by the Home Rule Charter.

The City Manager stated the City ended the second quarter in good financial condition. As of March 30, 2022, the General Fund had \$6,796,721.00 which includes the \$4,003,714.70 from the issuance of Certificates of Deposits for the building of the new Police Department, while the Utility Fund had \$2,295,701.00. Total of all funds balances, including 4A and 4B Corporations were \$10,938,234.00. Total investments were \$1,489,434.08 in General Fund and \$667,469.93 in the Utility Fund.

- D. Discuss and Consider the Local State of Disaster for Public Health Emergency Adopted by City Council on March 23, 2020.

The City Manager stated that as of Friday, April 22nd, there was one active case in the 76367 zip code and sixteen in Wichita County, which is up seven from the previous week.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of May, 2022.

Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

City Secretary Janice Newman