

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 11, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ray Schultz  
Mayor Pro tem Lori Shierry  
Councilmen Randall Barker and Jeff Pogatshnik  
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  
Andy Payne, Fire Chief  
Amie Schultz, Library Director  
Becky Ferguson, Director of Finance  
Sven Herrmann, Acting Streets and Drainage Foreman  
Justin Penn, Police Sergeant  
Jeff Lisec, Police Officer  
Jeremy Hicks, Police Officer  
Dustin Arledge, Police Officer  
Jerry Tidwell, Police Officer  
Greg Polly, Code Enforcement Officer  
Ron Soejoto, Animal Control Officer  
James Horn, Water & Sewer Maintenance Foreman  
Keyton Koch, Laborer  
Janice Newman, City Secretary

VISITORS: Dolores Hamilton David Sherrill  
Clint Downs Shealeigh Arledge  
Coby Arledge Mike Thompson  
Kaylee Sanderson Misty McCarty

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).

There were no recognitions at this time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Citizens' Input.

Mrs. Shealeigh Arledge spoke to the Council requesting a pay increase for the Police Officers. She stated the department recently conducted a survey of other rural cities with a population similar in size. The survey revealed Iowa Park is one of the lowest paid in the area as well as the State. She stated she would like to have this item to be on the next agenda for discussion. The City Manager stated the Council will begin discussion of salaries during the first budget workshop on Monday, August 8, 2022.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: General Consent.

- A. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 27, 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: Public Appearance.

- A. A Public Appearance by Ms. Mary Bidy Requesting Permission to Close the South Side of the 100 block of West Park for a Meal and Street Dance Fund Raiser to Benefit Addie Myers on Saturday, August 6, 2022 From 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Ms. Bidy was unable to attend this meeting. Staff was able to brief the Council on her behalf.

- (i) Action as Result of Public Appearance.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Wooten and seconded by Councilwoman Williams approving the request from Ms. Mary Bidy for permission to close the south side of the 100 block of West Park for a meal and street dance fund raiser to benefit Addie Myers on Saturday, August 6, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Ordinance.

- A. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Amending the Code of Ordinances at Article 13.03 Regarding Water and Sewer Service.

City staff contacted other municipalities including Burkburnett, Electra, Jacksboro and Olney on how they charge water service on RV parks. While some cities charged the same base rate as a single-family residential customer, others charge a water surcharge per connection. The fees schedule will be brought back at a later meeting. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wooten and

seconded by Councilman Barker approving and adopting Ordinance Number 1358 amending the Code of Ordinances at Article 13.03 regarding water and sewer services. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

- B. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Amending the Code of Ordinances at Section 1.01.009 to General Penalty for Violations of Code; Continuing Violations.

This ordinance will increase the penalty for illegal dumping from \$2,000.00 to \$4,000.00 as allowed by State law. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Shierry approving and adopting Ordinance Number 1359 amending the Code of Ordinances at Section 1.01.009 to general Penalty for violations of code; continuing violations. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Budget Items.

- A. Receive Public Works/Public Utilities Budget Report.

The Public Works Director presented his proposed budget requests. In the Water and Sewer Maintenance Department, he is asking for \$15,000.00 to replace and upgrade the water line in the 1600 block of Karen Lane. He is also asking for \$80,000.00 for a Ford F-350 to replace Unit 210 and \$85,000.00 for a mini excavator. He is also requesting line-item increases due to rising fuel prices, inflation, and maintenance on aging equipment.

The Streets and Drainage Department requests include \$2,000.00 for a FY10MA Elite Crackfill Melter Applicator; \$2,300.00 for 2250 lbs. of Deery super stretch crack filler; \$1,400.00 for a jumping Jack Vibratory Plate Compactor; \$3,000.00 for a Husqvarna concrete saw; \$15,000.00 for a bucket for backhoe to replace the gradall; \$200,000.00 for a 16-yard used tandem-axle dump truck, as well as several line item increases due to rising fuel prices, inflation and maintenance on aging equipment.

The Water Plant capital outlay requests include \$7,000.00 to replace existing aging meter at ground storage and \$2,000.00 to purchase a Surface Pro to help with going paperless for readings and log sheets as well as line item increases to overtime and fuel.

Wastewater is asking for an inhouse fully functional lab for testing of the influent and effluent as required by TCEQ. Total lab equipment cost is \$9,245.00. He also asked for \$6,500.00 for a twenty-foot shipping container for the lab with electrical and plumbing installed and \$2,500.00 to install an emergency shower. Various line item increases due to rising fuel prices, inflation, and maintenance on equipment.

- B. Receive Parks & Recreation Budget Report.

The Parks and Recreation Director presented his proposed budget requests. They include \$6,000.00 to replace JLG cage bolts and \$3,500.00 for a flat bed conversion for one truck.

The municipal pool and spray park requests include \$13,000.00 for a new pool umbrella cover and replacement of umbrella upper collar arms; \$65,000.00 to expand the concrete deck around pool and \$12,000.00 to increase width of depth marker line from two inches to four inches.

Ballfield improvements include \$50,000.00 to repair lighting at the Bell Road ballfield. The senior league field, located behind Sonic, \$37,000.00 to repair lighting, \$4,000.00 to get water back to the restrooms; \$16,000.00 to pour a concrete pad for a batting cage; \$2,000.00 for a new batting cage net and \$1,500.000 to repair homerun decks in the outfield.

C. Receive Library Budget Report.

The Library Director stated that the Library received a grant of ten galaxy phones that are used for hotspots. The grant ends in February, 2023 and she would like to continue with this needed program. She also requested \$6,500.00 for shelving/furniture as well as line item increases to special events, electronic maters and an increase in printed materials.

D. Receive Economic Development Budget Report.

The Economic Development Director was unable to attend this meeting. This item was passed.

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

A. Discuss and Consider a Proposed Lease Agreement With Albert R. Bata for a 0.14-Acre Tract of Land Out of Rose Park of the Original Townsite, Also Known as 400 West Daisy.

This property was recently sold to Mr. Albert R. Bata. This is a ninety-nine-year lease at \$1.00 per month. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Pogatshnik approving the lease agreement with Albert R. Bata for a 0.14-acre tract of land out of Rose Park of the Original Townsite, also known as 400 West Daisy. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

B. Discuss and Consider a Proposed Lease Agreement With the Iowa Park Recreational Activities Club, Incorporated for the Building and Property Located at 806 N 3rd Street,

After a brief discussion, this item will be brought back at the next meeting.

C. Discuss and Consider Disposing of Surplus Pianos and Organs From the Former First Christian Church.

It was noted there are two organs and two pianos at the former church. It was the consensus of the Council to first try to donate to any area churches before trying to sell.

D. Discuss and Consider Demolition of House and Garage Located at 210 North Bond.

Both structures are part of the City's purchase of the First Christian Church and both are in a state of disrepair. There are no plans or resources available to demolish; however, staff is asking Council for permission to demo so that the Iowa Park Volunteer Fire Department can utilize the structure

for training prior to demolition. Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilwoman Williams authorizing the demolition of house and garage located at 210 North Bond. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

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

There are currently 24 active cases in the 76367-zip code.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

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Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

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City Secretary Janice Newman