

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 27, 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  
Jerry Tidwell, Police Officer  
Craig Hodgkins, Police Officer  
Sven Herrmann, Acting Streets and Drainage Foreman  
Janice Newman, City Secretary

VISITORS: Dolores Hamilton Brad Norris

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 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.

Mr. Brad Norris stated he was in an incident with two police officers two years ago that left him injured and unable to work. He has filed complaints with the Chief of Police as well as the City Manager but nothing has been done. He also filed with the City's insurance, but it was denied. He said he wanted the Council to be aware of this before it goes public.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: General Consent.

A. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 13, 2022.

B. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting of June 13, 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: 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 Services.

The City Manager explained this proposed ordinance adds utilities for mobile home parks and recreational vehicle parks. Multi-family complexes pay an extra fee for each individual connection and staff believes multi-family parks should also pay an increased fee per connection; however, parks likely have a higher vacancy rate than apartment complexes. Council asked staff to research this more. This ordinance also will require new utility customers to present a photo identification and proof of ownership or rent/lease agreement to open a water utility account. Another change to the ordinance will eliminate after hours reconnections when water services have been disconnected for non-payment. Water services will be restored once past due bill and fees are paid, on the same day, if paid by 4:45 p.m. Water services will be restored by the close of the next business day if paid after 4:45 p.m. Another proposed change will be fines for unauthorized access to public water or wastewater system. Staff suggested a \$500.00 fine. Several members of the Council felt that was too low and suggested a fine not to exceed \$2,000.00. Staff will bring this proposed ordinance back for the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Budget Items.

A. Receive Police, Dispatch and Animal Control Budget Report.

The Chief of Police proposed budget request for the Police Department included \$58,000.00 for a new patrol vehicle, \$4,000.00 for two new computers and \$7,000 for an upgrade to their Watchguard Video system. Another budget request is the salaries for the police officers. Currently the starting salary is \$16.42 and \$16.93 once the officer completes their six-month probation. His staff conducted extensive research of what rural cities pay that have a population of six to eight thousand, and found \$18.00 to \$22.00 to be the average range of pay.

Dispatch department is requesting \$2,000.00 for two document scanners. \$4,000.00 for a Veeam backup and recovery system. The current system that is used is free and provided by Microsoft. NetEssentials has recommended the Veeam backup and recovery system. With Microsoft, if data was ever lost, it could take weeks and possibly up to a year to recover lost data. With the Veeam system, data would be recovered within two hours.

The Animal Control department is requesting \$450.00 for a Halo back-up camera and \$3,000.00 for a lift gate for their vehicle. They are also requesting a slight increase in the binding/printing/publication line item from \$200.00 to \$300.00.

B. Receive Fire and Emergency Services Budget Report.

The Fire Department ordered a brush truck in October 2020 and a rescue vehicle in November 2021, and neither has been received. Eleven portable radios ordered this fiscal year have been received but not the chargers. The firefighters stipend is tied into the IRS rate for mileage reimbursement. That rate is going up significantly on July 1st and it will be worked into the new budget.

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

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

It was noted there were thirteen active COVID-19 cases in the 76367 zip code.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

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Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

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City Secretary Janice Newman