

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 10, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ray Schultz  
Councilwomen Kelly Ewing and Lori Shierry  
Councilmen Andy Payne and Brad Wynn

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Pro tem Sherrie Williams

PERSONNEL: Jerry Flemming, City Manager  
David Sherrill, Public Works Director  
Steve Davis, Chief of Police  
David Owen, Economic Development Director  
Jason Griffin, Parks and Recreation Director  
Patrick Moulton, Assistant Fire Chief  
Amie Schultz, Library Director  
Becky Ferguson, Director of Finance  
Derek Vann, Police Officer  
Janice Newman, City Secretary

VISITORS: Dolores Hamilton Tommy Fowler

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Invocation.

The City Manager gave the invocation.

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

The City Manager introduced Mr. Tommy Fowler, step-son of Police Sergeant Sherry Fowler.

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 July 27, 2020.

Motion was made by Councilman Payne and seconded by Councilwoman Ewing accepting and approving the general consent agenda as presented. Motion carried with three ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Proclamation.

- A. A Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Proclaiming Tuesday, August 11, 2020, as a Day of Remembrance of the Life and Public Service of Sergeant Sherry Fowler.

The Mayor read the proclamation and presented it to Tommy Fowler along with a plaque from Texas State Senator Patrick Fallon along with a Texas flag that had flown at the Texas State Capitol.

Councilman Wynn arrived at this time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Resolution.

- A. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Adopting TCAP's Professional Services Agreement and Gexa Energy's Commercial Electric Service Agreement for Power to be Provided on and After January 1, 2023.

The City Manager explained that the City is a member of the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power (TCAP). They are changing from a fixed term contract to a Strategic Hedging Program (SHP) which should result in even lower rates. SHP will procure one twelfth of the annual supply each month, two years forward year-to-year. Motion was made by Councilman Payne and seconded by Councilwoman Shierry approving and adopting Resolution Number 20-18 adopting TCAP's Professional Services Agreement and GEXA Energy's Commercial Electric Service Agreement for power to be provided on and after January 1, 2023. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

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

- A. Discuss and Consider a Proposal for Video Conferencing Systems From Netessentials in the Amount of \$18,885.35.

The City Manager briefed the Council on the video conferencing systems being requested due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing requirements. The City has received a \$70,000.00 stimulus prepayment through the Cares Act for COVID-19 Disaster expenses. To date, less than \$20,000.00 has been used. Netessentials has proposed a system for the City Hall conference room and the small economic development conference room using a laptop, a conference owl camera and speaker and a wall mounted monitor. Two additional monitors with speakers are recommended for the large conference room that would allow additional participants to observe meeting and conferences. Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilwoman Ewing approving the video conferencing systems from Netessentials in the amount of \$18,885.35. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

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

On March 20, 2020, the Mayor declared a local state of disaster and on March 23, 2020, the Council voted to extend the declaration until further notice. The City Manager briefed the Council on the latest information from the Wichita County Health Department. As of this date there have been a total of 1,029 COVID-19 cases and ten deaths reported in the County. There are 282 active cases and 747 have recovered. Iowa Park has a total of eighty-eight cases with at least five from the Allred Unit. Of the eighty-eight, twenty-five are active cases.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Budget Workshop.

A. Discuss and Approve a Proposed Tax Rate and Schedule Public Hearings.

The current proposed budget is based off of a tax rate of \$0.75 per \$100.00 in valuation. It includes the addition of three new computers that were left off the original proposed budget, one in utility billing, one for Code Enforcement and one in administration. Also included is a two percent salary increase. Councilman Payne stated he would like to see a three percent salary increase and asked if it was possible. The City Manager stated it is possible due to recent personnel attrition. It was the consensus of the Council to increase salaries by three percent.

There was also discussion of converting the Parks Department's part-time position to a full-time position. The City Administrator stated he does not believe that is possible at this time, but suggested it be revisited at a later date.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Ewing and seconded by Councilwoman Shierry changing the time for the Council meeting on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., approving the proposed tax rate of \$0.75 per \$100.00 valuation and scheduling the public hearings for Monday, August 24, 2020 and Monday September 14, 2020. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

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Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

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City Secretary Janice Newman