

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 13, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ray Schultz
Mayor Pro tem Lori Shierry
Councilman Jeff Pogatshnik
Councilwomen Sherrie Williams and Stephanie Wooten

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Randall Barker

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
Amie Schultz, Library Director
Greg Polly, Code Enforcement Officer
Sven Herrmann, Acting Street Foreman
Keyton Koch, Laborer
Janice Newman, City Secretary

VISITORS: David Sherrill Brandon Redlich
Kari Redlich Breck Kean
Mark Temple Dolores Hamilton
Darrel Little Jessy Robertson

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.

Mr. Brandon Redlich stated he understood there is a proposed truck stop being built on the vacant acreage in front of Callie Lane and wants the City to move it somewhere else. It was explained that the City does not own this property and cannot tell the property owner who they can sell it to and how it is to be developed. It was also noted the property is in a prime commercial area. Mr.

Bennie D Little also was present for the same reason and does not want a truck stop behind the residential neighborhood.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: General Consent.

- A. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 23, 2023.
- B. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting of January 23, 2023.
- C. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Special Community Development Corporation's Board of Directors' Meeting of February 7, 2023.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Election Business.

- A, Order the City Council General Election for Saturday, May 6, 2023.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Shierry ordering the City Council General Election for Saturday, May 6, 2023. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Resolution.

- A. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Wichita County, Texas Expressing Support for Abbington Gordon Lake LP Regarding the Abbington at Gordon Lake Apartment Development and Authorizing a Local Economic Contribution Towards the Affordable Rental Housing Development.

Mr. Breck Kean and Mr. Mark Temple were present with Mr. Kean explaining the proposed ten and one-half million-dollar senior living apartment complex development. This property is located at 1218 North Jackson and 1225 North Pacific. The proposed apartments will consist of 48 one story units with five buildings and one clubhouse. The apartments will be one and two bedrooms. The City's total economic contribution will be \$250.00. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Shierry approving and adopting Resolution Number 23-02 expressing support for Abbington Gordon Lake LP regarding the Abbington at Gordon Lake Apartment Development and authorizing a local economic contribution towards the affordable rental housing development. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

- B. First Reading of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas to Authorize a \$13,475.00 Expenditure by the Iowa Park Community Development Corporation for the Purpose of the Annual Independence Day Fireworks Display Project to Enhance a Public Park and Open Space Improvements Within the City of Iowa Park.

This is the first of two required readings by the City Council authorizing a \$13,475.00 expenditure by the Iowa Park Community Development Corporation for the purpose of the annual Independence Day fireworks display project to enhance a public park and open space improvements with the City of Iowa Park. The second and final reading on this will take place on February 27, 2023. There were no other comments.

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

- A. Discuss and Consider City Council Meeting Time.

It was explained that the Mayor will be having scheduling conflicts on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. through May, 2023 and will be unable to attend regular meetings. The Home Rule Charter requires the City Council to hold at least one regular meeting per month. It also states that any member remaining absent for three consecutive without first obtaining a leave of absence, such office may be declared vacated. Absence for six consecutive meetings without first obtaining a leave of absence, office shall be deemed forfeited. The Code of Ordinances sets the regular meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. The ordinance can be changed by a majority vote. The Council was asked to consider changing the time for the regular meetings, at least through May, 2023, or consider granting a leave of absence for the Mayor. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Pogatshnik changing the time for the regular City Council meetings to 5:30 p.m. through May, 2023. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

- B. Discuss and Consider an Expenditure of \$2,500.00 From the Asset Forfeiture Fund for the Purchase of Iowa Park Police Department Challenge Coins.

The Chief of Police informed the Council there is approximately \$7,500.00 in the Asset Forfeiture Fund and he planning to spend \$2,500.00 of those funds to purchase Iowa Park Police Department Challenge Coins to reward officers who have worked considerable overtime in recent months due to staff shortages. The Council expressed their full support with this purchase.

- C. Discuss and Consider the Expenditure of \$30,721.00 From Grapevine Dodge Chrysler Jeep for a One-Half Ton Pickup for Code Enforcement.

The Council was reminded that this item was originally budgeted in the last fiscal year but the City was unable to purchase due to lack of inventory. This year, the Public Works Director was able to

obtain a quote for a 2023 Dodge Ram 1500 regular cab, 4 x 2, in the amount of \$30,721.00 from Grapevine Dodge Chrysler Jeep through Texas BuyBoard. This will vehicle replace the 2015 Ford Fiesta. \$54,000.00 has been budgeted for the replacement vehicle. Motion was made by Councilman Pogatshnik and seconded by Councilwoman Wooten approving the expenditure of 30,721.00 from Grapevine Dodge Chrysler Jeep for a one-half ton pickup for Code Enforcement. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

- D. Discuss and Consider an Expenditure of \$179,773.00 From Bruckner Truck Sales for a 2024 Mack AN64R Dump Truck to be Used by the Streets & Drainage Department.

This vehicle will replace the 1992 Kenworth Dump Truck T-600. The dump truck is priced at \$170,198.00 and the Public Works Director requested the City purchase a five year/300-thousand-mile extended warranty for an additional \$9,275.00. Other fees total \$300.00. \$200,000.00 has been budgeted for this item. Motion was made by Councilman Pogatshnik and seconded by Councilwoman Williams approving the expenditure of \$179,773.00 from Bruckner Truck Sales for a 2024 Mack AN64R dump truck to be used by the Streets and Drainage Department. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

- E. Discuss and Consider Purchasing Short-Term Ladder Certificates of Deposit for the GF Capital Improvement Project Fund.

The City Manager explained that there is approximately four million eight hundred thousand dollars sitting in a money market account earning 0.75% interest. This money is for the design and construction of the new police and fire facilities. The City's Finance Committee, comprised of Mayor Pro tem Shierry, Councilwoman Williams, Director of Finance Becky Ferguson and City Manager Jerry Flemming, have recommended short-term ladder certificates of deposit to increase interest income over the remainder of the project. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wooten and seconded by Councilwoman Shierry to purchase a one million dollar three month CD with an interest rate of 3.85%, a one million dollar six month CD at 4.0%, a one million dollar nine month CD at 4.16% and a one million dollar twelve month CD at 4.31% for the General Fund Capital Improvement Project Fund from First Bank. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

- F. Discuss and Consider Purchasing a Certificate of Deposit for the Utility Fund.

The City Manager stated the Utility Fund has a balance of two and a half million dollars and that account has not fallen below one million since 2017. It was suggested purchasing up to one million in certificates of deposits to increase the Utility Fund Reserve. This would bring the "rainy day fund" close to four months of operating expenses. Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilwoman Wooten to purchase two fifty-four-thousand-dollar one-year certificates of deposits from First Bank for the Utility Fund. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

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

The City Manager stated as of Friday, February 17, 2023 10, 2023, there were ten active COVID-19 in the 76367 zip code.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of February, 2023.

Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

City Secretary Janice Newman