

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 14, 2022

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilwoman Sherrie Williams

PERSONNEL: Jerry Flemming, City Manager  
David Sherrill, Public Works Director  
Mike McCarty, Public Works Director  
Jason Griffin, Parks and Recreation Director  
Steve Davis, Police Chief  
David Owen, Economic Development Director  
Andy Payne, Fire Chief  
Amie Schultz, Library Director  
Sven Herrmann, Acting Streets and Drainage Foreman  
Janice Newman, City Secretary

VISITORS: Dolores Hamilton (via Zoom) Mark Temple  
Misty McCarty Addison McCarty  
Walker McCarty Kaylie McCarty  
Geral Frazier

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.

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 January 25, 2022.
- B. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Economic Development Corporation Board of Director's Meeting of February 1, 2022.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Oath of Office.

- A. Administer Oath of Office to Public Works Director Mike McCarty.

The City Secretary administered the Oath of Office to Public Works Director Mike McCarty.

- B. Administer Oath of Office to Police Officer Sean Bigham.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Election Business.

- A. Order the City Council General Election for Saturday, May 7, 2022.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Wooten and seconded by Councilman Barker ordering the City Council General Election for Saturday, May 7, 2022. Motion carried with three ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Public Appearance.

- A. A Public Appearance by Ryke Moseley of the Iowa Park Optimist Club Requesting the City pay for Water, Sewer and Refuse Services for the Optimist Gym at 804 N Third.

Mr. Ryke Moseley appeared before the Council requesting the City consider paying for water, sewer and refuse services to the Optimist Gym. He stated they pay an average of \$110.00 per month for those services. They pay their monthly refuse service to Waste Connections at \$66.00 per month. The Optimist would like that money to pay for programs benefitting the youth. It was noted the gym is closed from late May to August or September of each year.

Councilman Wynn arrived at this time.

Councilwoman Shierry felt the City should pay their water and sewer services but not the refuse bill. She feels the same with the other organizations for which the City pays utilities. Does not feel the City is in the refuse, electricity or natural gas business. It was suggested that this could be

brought back during the budget process to allow staff to gather the figures on each of the organizations for which the City pays utilities.

(i) Action as Result of Public Appearance.

Motion was made by Councilman Barker and seconded by Councilwoman Wooten tabling this item. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Bid Action.

A. Discuss and Consider Bids Received in Response to an Invitation to Bid on Surplus Commercial Property at 711 W Highway Street.

It was noted that one bid was received but did not meet the minimum specifications of a 5,000 square foot commercial building. Motion was made by Councilman Barker and seconded by Councilwoman Wooten to change the minimum specifications to a 1,000 square foot commercial building and readvertise for bids. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Resolution.

A. A Resolution by 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; Authorizing a Local Economic Contribution Towards the Affordable Rental Housing Development; Authorizing Submission of an Application for the 2022 Competitive 9% Housing Tax Credit Program Through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) and Directing the City Secretary to Certify This Resolution to TDHCA.

Mr. Mark Temple briefed the Council on the proposed senior living apartment complex. This proposed development is located in the 1200 block between North Pacific and North Jackson and will have forty-eight units with each having one or two bedrooms. Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilwoman Wooten approving and adopting Resolution Number 22-02 expressing support for Abbington Gordon Lake, LP regarding the Abbington at Gordon Lake apartment development; authorizing a local economic contribution towards the affordable rental housing development; authorizing submission of an application for the 2022 competitive 9% housing tax credit program through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) and directing the City Secretary to certify this resolution to TDHCA. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: Ordinance.

- A. An Ordinance of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Authorizing the Issuance of the City's Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation.

It was noted S&P Global Ratings assigned the City its 'AA-' long-term rating to the City's anticipated \$3.8 million series 2022 combination tax and limited surplus revenue certificates of obligation and at the same time affirmed its 'AA-' long-term rating on the City's general obligation debt outstanding. The City's money manager is Murphy Davis of Sentry Management, the underwriter is Adam LanCarte of Hilltop Securities and Bond Counsel is Sam Gill of McCall Parkhurst & Horton. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wooten and seconded by Councilman Barker approving and adopting Ordinance Number 1343 authorizing the issuance of the City's Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

- B. An Ordinance of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Amending the Code of Ordinances at Section 02.02.008 Concerning the Tethering of Animals.

The Chief of Police explained the Texas Safe Outdoor Dogs Act (SB 5) became effective on January 18, 2022 which bans the use of chains for tethering dogs. This ordinance includes banning the use of chains for tethering as well as adding that the animal owner or representative must be outside and in the direct presence of the animal while the animal is tethered. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wooten and seconded by Councilman Barker approving and adopting Ordinance Number 1344 amending the Code of Ordinances at Section 02.02.008 concerning the tethering of animals. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12: City Manager's Report.

- A. Discuss and Consider the Disposal of Miscellaneous Law Enforcement Equipment.

The Chief of Police had numerous items that he would like to post on GovDeals.com. Items include lightbars, sirens, controls, amplifiers, radars, cages, and push bumpers that are from decommissioned police vehicles as well as an animal scale. Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilwoman Wooten authorizing the disposal of miscellaneous law enforcement equipment. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

- B. Discuss and Consider a Lease Agreement with the Iowa Park Historical Society for the Iowa Park History Museum at 109 W Cash Street.

The City Manager explained that 109 West Cash has never formally been declared a History Museum. However, the Library has set up a historical display in the building during Whoop-T-Do and other events and the City has stored historical items in the unit. The Iowa Park Historical Society was incorporated in 2021 and Director Vickie Mitchell has acquired numerous items through loans and donations. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wooten and seconded by

Councilman Wynn authorizing a lease agreement with the Iowa Park Historical Society for the Iowa Park History Museum at 109 W Cash Street. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

- C. Discuss and Consider the Iowa Park Police Department's General Order No. 200.050 Pertaining to Paid Quarantine Leave Policy.

The Chief of Police stated that Texas political subdivisions are required to develop and implement a paid quarantine leave policy for peace officers. General Order No. 200.050 addresses the paid quarantine leave policy. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wooten and seconded by Councilman Barker approving and adopting the Iowa Park Police Department's General Order No. 200.050 pertaining to paid quarantine leave policy. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

- D. Discuss and Consider a Proposed Expenditure of \$23,300.09 From Quality Implement Co. to Purchase a John Deere Z997R Diesel Mower to be Used by the Parks Department.

The Parks and Recreation Director received a quote from Quality Implement Company in the amount of \$23,300.09 for a John Deere Z997R diesel mower. This is a contract price through the Texas Buy Board. It was noted that \$27,000.00 was budgeted for this item. Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilman Wynn approving the expenditure of \$23,300.09 from Quality Implement Co. to purchase a John Deere Z997R diesel mower to be used by the Parks Department. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

- E. Discuss and Consider a Proposed Expenditure of \$6,350.00 to Waterpark Excitement, Inc. for Onsite Repairs to the Umbrella Post at the Iowa Park Municipal Pool and Spray Park.

The Parks and Recreation Director explained that there is significant erosion at the water line of the umbrella post that needs repaired. He received a quote from Waterpark Excitement of \$6,350.00 to make the necessary repairs. It was noted \$6,500.00 was budgeted for this item. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wooten and seconded by Councilwoman Shierry approving the expenditure of \$6,350.00 to Waterpark Excitement, Inc. for onsite repairs to the umbrella post at the Iowa Park Municipal Pool and Spray Park. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

- F. Discuss and Consider a Quote by Motorola Solutions for 11 Mixed Mode Portable Radios for the Fire Department in the Amount of \$20,615.31.

The Fire Chief presented a quote from Motorola Solutions for 11 mixed mode portable radios, which also includes four extra batteries. Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilman Wynn approving the expenditure of \$20,615.31 from Motorola Solutions for 11 mixed mode portable radios for the Fire Department. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

G. Discuss and Consider a Proposal by Halff & Associates in the amount of \$116,120.00 for Professional Engineering Services for the Reconstruction on North Park Place Circle.

The City Manager explained that North Park Place Circle was constructed in 2005 and in 2020 the pavement was removed and reconstructed, and the pavement has already failed. Halff and Associates has submitted a professional services agreement proposal in the amount of \$116,120.00 to prepare plans, specifications and bidding documents for the proposed project. Estimate on the construction of the road is \$750,000.00. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wooten and seconded by Councilman Barker to table this item until the next budget year. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

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

The City Manager stated active COVID-19 cases in the County have started to decline.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

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Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

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City Secretary Janice Newman