

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 22, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Pro tem Sherrie Williams  
Councilwomen Deborah Dyer and Lori Shierry  
Councilmen Tim Sheppard and Brad Wynn

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Ray Schultz

PERSONNEL: Jerry Flemming, City Manager  
Robert Johnson, Chief of Police  
David Sherrill, Public Works Director  
Jason Griffin, Parks and Recreation Director  
David Owen, Economic Development Director  
Becky Ferguson, Director of Finance  
Sherry Fowler, Police Sergeant  
Greg Polly, Code Compliance Officer  
Janice Newman, City Secretary

VISITORS: Dolores Hamilton  
Robert McCauley  
Chris De La Garza  
Ricky Shook  
Tyler Rushing  
Teresa Shell  
Raynae McCauley  
Mark Temple  
Lindsey Vann  
Jeri Vassar

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Call to Order.

The Mayor Pro tem 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 8, 2018.
- B. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting of January 8, 2018.
- C. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Special Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors' Meeting of January 9, 2018.
- D. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of January 15, 2018.
- E. Approve a Request by Representatives of the Iowa Park Friendly Door for Permission to Hold a Fundraiser at Oscar Park/Lake Gordon and Close the Unnamed Road Within the Park and Close a Portion of North Jackson up to Thirty Minutes for a 5K Run on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilman Sheppard approving and adopting 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 of Saturday, May 5, 2018.

Motion was made by Councilman Sheppard and seconded by Councilwoman Dyer ordering the City Council General Election of Saturday, May 5, 2018. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Public Appearance.

- A. A Public Appearance by Chris De La Garza, with the North Texas Veterans Relief Fund, Requesting the Use of Electricity and Water at Oscar Park and Permission to Close Off a Portion of North Jackson and the Unnamed Road Within the Park on Saturday, April 21, 2018 Beginning at 8:00 A.M. and Ending at 7:00 P.M. for Their “Frontier Days” Fundraising Event to Provide Shelter and Support Services to Veterans in the Area.

Ms. De La Garza spoke briefly with the Council asking permission to use Oscar Park for their “Frontier Days” event. This event is a step back in time with music, vendors, kids activities, gunfights and a dance troupe and is free to the public. Donations will go to the North Texas Veterans Relief Fund project, Base Camp Lindsey, which is a planned tiny home village for the veterans that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

- (i) Action as a Result of Public Appearance.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilman Sheppard approving the request by Chris De La Garza with the North Texas Veterans Relief Fund for the use of electricity and water at Oscar Park and permission to close off a portion of North Jackson and the unnamed road within the park on Saturday, April 21, 2018 beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 7:00 p.m. for their “Frontier Days” fundraising event to provide shelter and support services to veterans in the area. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Public Hearing.

- A. A Second Public Hearing to Consider Granting an Extension for the Property Owner to Abate the 784 sq. ft. Mobile Home Residential Structure, the 256 sq. ft. Enclosed Porch, the 400 sq. ft. Utility Building and the 196 sq. ft. Utility Building Located at 506 West Washington, also Known as Lot 4-A Replat, Block 3 of the Texas Addition to the City of Iowa Park, Wichita County, Texas.

The public hearing opened at 7:09 p.m. The City Manager explained that the owner of the property, Tommy Brewster, is deceased. His brother has made contact with the City stating Mr. Brewster has surviving children and he would try to contract them. The public hearing closed at 7:11 p.m.

- (i) Action as a Result of Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Dyer and seconded by Councilman Sheppard approving and adopting Council Order #17-33-A granting an extension for the property owner to abate the 784 sq. ft. mobile home residential structure, the 256 sq. ft. enclosed porch, the 400 sq. ft. utility building and the 196 sq. ft. utility building located at 506 West Washington, also known as Lot 4-A Replat, Block 3 of the Texas Addition to the City of Iowa Park, Wichita County, Texas within forty-five (45) days from the adoption of this Council Order. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

- B. A Third Public Hearing to Consider Granting an Extension for the Property Owner to Abate the H.U.D. Manufactured Home

Residential Structure Located at 500 East Washington, Also Known as Lot 7 & W ½ Lot 8, Block 49 of the Original Townsite to the City of Iowa Park, Wichita County, Texas.

The public hearing opened at 7:12 p.m. The City Manager explained this structure, which burned in 2017, is a public hazard. The owners have done some clean-up/removal, but the hazard remains. The public hearing closed at 7:19 p.m.

(i) Action as a Result of Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilman Sheppard and seconded by Councilwoman Dyer approving and adopting Council Order #17-30-B granting an extension for the property owner to abate the H.U.D. manufactured home residential structure located at 500 East Washington, also known as Lot 7 & W 1/2 Lot 8, Block 49 of the Original Townsite to the City of Iowa Park, Wichita County, Texas within seven (7) days for the adoption of the Council Order. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

C. A Third Public Hearing to Consider Granting an Extension for the Property Owner to Abate the H.U.D. Manufactured Housing Structure Located at 206 South Jackson, Also Known as PT of Lots 11-12, Block 102 of the Original Townsite to the City of Iowa Park, Wichita County, Texas.

The public hearing opened at 7:21 p.m. Mr. Robert McCauley, owner of the structure, appeared before the Council and stated he went to the bank to secure a loan to add onto the structure but was denied the loan. However he believed he could convert and attach his detached garage into living quarters in order to become compliant with the minimum square footage. The public hearing closed at 7:34 p.m.

(i) Action as a Result of Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Dyer and seconded by Councilman Sheppard approving and adopting Council Order #17-07-B granting an seven (7) day extension for the property owner to meet with the Code Compliance Officer to formulate a firm plan and begin work to abate the H.U.D. manufactured housing structure and to have the work completed within thirty (30) days or have the structure removed from the property. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Resolution.

A. A Resolution by the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Wichita County, Texas Expressing Support for RRAH Hawks Senior, LP Regarding the Hawks Senior Village Apartment Development; Authorizing a Local Economic Contribution Towards the Affordable Rental Housing Development; Authorizing Submission of an Application for the 2018 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 was seeking support of a proposed senior living facility to be located at 1218 North Jackson. This will be a gated community with forty units. Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilman Sheppard approving and adopting Resolution Number 18-03 expressing support for RRAH Hawks Senior, LP regarding the Hawks Senior Village Apartment Development; authorizing a local economic contribution of \$500.00 towards the affordable rental housing development; authorizing submission of an application for the 2018 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)

B. A Resolution by the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Wichita County, Texas Expressing Support for Iowa Park Pioneer Crossing, LLC. Regarding the Iowa Park Pioneer

Crossing Apartment Development; Authorizing a Local Economic Contribution Towards the Affordable Rental Housing Development; Authorizing Submission of an Application for the 2018 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.

Ms. Teresa Shell with Housing Lab by Betco, appeared before the Council seeking support of a proposed two story multi-family apartments located on the east side of North Bell Road just south of U.S. Highway 287. This is a proposed gated forty-nine unit complex, with five units being market rate. Motion was made by Councilman Sheppard and seconded by Councilwoman Dyer approving and adopting Resolution Number 18-04 expressing support for Iowa Park Pioneer Crossing, LLC. regarding the Iowa Park Pioneer Crossing Apartment Development; authorizing a local economic contribution of \$500.00 towards the Affordable Rental Housing Development; authorizing submission of an application for the 2018 Competitive 9% 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. 10: City Manager's Report.

A. Discuss and Consider Appointments to the Public Safety Facilities Committee.

The Mayor Pro tem stated that the School Board is having a special called meeting now to discuss a proposed bond issue. Also the county taxes will be increasing with the recent passage of a new county jail. There was discussion of the possibility of building new bays for the Fire Department which would then allow the Police Department to expand into the Fire Department. Motion was made by Councilman Sheppard and seconded by Councilwoman Dyer to appoint a committee of City staff from various department along with Councilwomen Dyer and Williams to look into building bays for the Fire Department within City Hall Park. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

B. Discuss and Consider 2018 Independence Day Fireworks Display.

The City Manager stated staff has been looking for private investors for the fireworks display but was not having any luck. After a brief discussion, motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilman Sheppard authorizing the negotiation and execution of a contract with Tyler Rushing, Rushing's Pyrotechnics, of up to \$10,500.00, for the 2018 Independence Day fireworks display on Saturday, June 30, 2018 at Oscar Park. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

C. Receive a Report on the City's Current Financial Condition and Future Needs as Dictated by the Home Rule Charter.

The City Manager briefed the Council on the City's financial condition for the first quarter of the fiscal year. The General Fund balance on January 1<sup>st</sup> was \$1,578,787.63 while the Water and Sewer Fund balance was \$1,306,891.19.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

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Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

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City Secretary Janice Newman