

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 27, 2020

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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
Janice Newman, City Secretary

VISITORS: Dolores Hamilton Karen Waters

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 Mayor gave the invocation.

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

No individuals registered to participate in the citizens' input.

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 13, 2020.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Public Appearance.

- A. A Public Appearance by Ms. Karen Waters, Iowa Park Athletic Booster Club President, Requesting a Waiver of the Fireworks Ordinance for Hawk Explosion at the Iowa Park High School Campus Tentatively Set for Saturday, August 15, 2020.

Ms. Karen Waters, President of the Iowa Park Athletic Booster Club, asked for a waiver of the fireworks ordinance for the annual Hawk Explosion. It was noted the Fire Chief has approved of the event. In the event the school is shut down due to COVID-19, the alternate location will be at Gordon Lake/Oscar Park.

(i) Action as a Result of Public Appearance.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Payne approving the request for a waiver of the fireworks ordinance for Hawk Explosion at the Iowa Park High School campus tentatively set for Saturday, August 15, 2020, with the backup location at Oscar Park. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

Councilman Wynn arrived at this time.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Public Hearing.

- A. A Public Hearing to Consider Tax Abatement Incentives With the City of Iowa Park, Texas.

The public hearing opened at 6:18 p.m. The City Manager explained the City adopted a tax abatement incentives policy on October 11, 2004 and again on April 25, 2011. The policy makes the City eligible to participate in tax abatement under the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act, Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. This public hearing is required in order to reauthorize the policy. The public hearing closed at 6:19 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Resolution.

- A. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Electing to Adopt Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria Governing Tax Abatement Incentives Within the City of Iowa Park.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Ewing approving and adopting Resolution Number 20-16, electing to adopt tax abatement guidelines and criteria

governing tax abatement incentives within the City of Iowa Park. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

- B. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Approving an Economic Development Agreement by and Between the City of Iowa Park, Texas and Metal Roof Innovations, LTD, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Agreement.

The Economic Development Director briefed the Council on the proposed agreement. S-5! Manufacturing is planning on a 20,000 square foot addition to their building at a cost of \$1.4 to \$1.5 million. They will use one-half of the addition for production and the other one-half for storage. In exchange for the agreement, they must add and maintain an additional ten full-time jobs during the duration of the ten year tax abatement. Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilman Payne approving and adopting Resolution Number 20-17 approving an Economic Development Agreement by and between the City of Iowa Park, Texas and Metal Roof Innovations, LTD, and authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreement. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: City Manager's Report.

- A. 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 third quarter of the fiscal year. The General Fund balance on June 30, 2020 was \$2,057,478.00 while the Water and Sewer Fund balance was \$1,624,416.00. Total of all funds balances, including 4A and 4B Corporations were at \$5,406,174.00.

- 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 824 COVID-19 cases and nine deaths reported in the County. There are 458 active cases. Iowa Park has a total of sixty-eight cases with at least two from the Allred Unit. Of the sixty-eight, twenty-nine are active cases.

AGENDA ITEM NO.10: Budget Workshop.

The City Manager explained that "No New Revenue Tax Rate" is at \$0.7229 per \$100.00 valuation. The "Voter-Approval Tax Rate" is \$0.7505 per \$100.00 valuation. The proposed budget includes the proposed addition of one full-time police officer position. Both the General Fund and Utility Fund proposed budgets include fee increases for permits and utility services. Also included

is the increase to the employee health and life insurance benefits approved by the Council that began July 1, 2020.

The General Fund Administration has a decrease of \$850.00. \$7,500.00 is requested to replace the flooring at City Hall that was budgeted in the current fiscal year but not completed.

The Public Works Director explained his department has an increase of \$340.00 to cover the increase to insurance.

The Code Enforcement Division proposed budget request includes \$3,300.00 to purchase a riding mower to split with the Water and Wastewater Plants.

Streets and Drainage reflects a decrease of \$11,620.00.

The Parks and Recreation Director stated his department has a decrease of \$7,560.00, and the swimming pool has a decrease of \$2,770.00.

The Chief of Police briefed the Council on his departments. The increase to the police budget is \$34,060.00. This includes personnel increase of \$57,260.00, supplies increase of \$7,300.00 and a contractual decrease \$39,780.00.

Dispatch has expenditures decrease of \$62,190.00. \$8,200.00 is requested to upgrade three radios to digital, which will complete analog to digital radio upgrades for Police and Dispatch.

Animal Control has a total increase of \$2,360.00. \$5,000.00 is requested for building and structural maintenance and \$2,500.00 for credit card processing equipment.

Municipal Court has a decrease in expenditures of \$4,000.00.

The City Manager presented the Fire Department's proposed budget that has an increase of \$129,270.00. \$9,000.00 for vehicle allowance for both the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief. \$175,000.00 is being requested for a new grass fire truck to replace Park 5, a 1995 International grass fire truck.

The Library Director explained her budget reflects a decrease of \$1,690.00. \$11,000.00 is requested in systems improvement to paint the ballroom. This was budgeted in the current budget but not completed during this fiscal year.

The Economic Development budget has an increase of \$690.00.

The total proposed General Fund expenditures has an overall decrease of \$163,540.00 from the current fiscal year.

The Utility Fund Administration proposed expenditures is a decrease of \$4,340.00. \$7,500.00 is requested to replace the flooring at City Hall that was budgeted in the current fiscal year but not completed.

Utility Billing expenditures has a proposed increase of \$6,030.00 due to telephone charges, data processing and credit card fees.

The Public Works Director stated Support Services has an expenditure decrease of \$17,050.00. \$1,500.00 is being requested to purchase an electronic self-leveling rotary laser and \$1,500.00 to add outdoor security lights to the Utility Maintenance facility.

The Water Plant has a decrease of \$24,890.00 due to projected decrease in metered water purchases. \$1,650.00 is being requested for Sensaphone remote monitor and callout unit for the ground storage facility. \$3,300.00 is requested for the purchase of a riding mower, cost is split with Code Enforcement and the Wastewater Plant.

The Wastewater Plant has proposed expenditures increasing by \$42,730.00. \$3,300.00 for the riding mower, split with Code Enforcement and Water Plant. \$30,000.00 to fabricate a new grit wash conveyor and auger assembly and \$18,000.00 to replace the chlorine and Sulphur dioxide metering systems for the Water Resource Recovery Facility.

The total proposed Utility Fund expenditures has an overall decrease of 53,770.00 from the current fiscal year.

It was the consensus of the Council to plan the proposed budget using tax rate of \$0.75 per \$100.00 valuation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of August, 2020.

Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

City Secretary Janice Newman