

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 12, 2023

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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
Becky Ferguson, Director of Finance
Amie Schultz, Library Director
Greg Polly, Code Enforcement Officer
James Horn, Water and Sewer Maintenance Foreman
Keyton Koch, Laborer
Janice Newman, City Secretary

VISITORS: Cindy Witherspoon Chad Witherspoon
Robert M Evans Vida Cooke
Misty McCarthy

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 Mayor 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 Special City Council Meeting of May 15, 2023.

B. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting of June 5, 2023.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Public Appearance.

A. A Public Appearance by Members of the Iowa Park Top of Texas Kid Football League Requesting Water Service at the Football Field on W Highway at 1000 W Magnolia.

Mr. Justin Rusk was unable to be present. The City Manager explained the organization is planning to renovate the field and install an irrigation system. They are requesting no charge, or a reduced rate charged for water. The Council had questions including how much water will be used and staff was unable to answer those questions.

(i) Action as Result of Public Appearance.

Motion was made by Councilman Pogatshnik and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to table this item until the next meeting to allow Mr. Rusk to be present to provide more information. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Public Hearing.

A. A Fourth Public Hearing to Consider Granting an Extension for the Property Owner to Abate the Wooden Residential Structure Located at 609 South Colorado, Also Known as Lot 7 & 20' of St – Lot 8 and 20' of St., Block 142 of the Original Townsite to the City of Iowa Park, Wichita County, Texas.

Ms. Vida Cooke was present along with two of her representatives. They believe the structure is not substandard anymore and asked that a water meter be installed to allow the plumber to test the newly installed water system. They stated they have had people interested in purchasing the property but have backed out when they found out the property is in danger of being demolished by the City. It was pointed out by staff that the property was still uninhabitable.

(i) Action as Result of Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Councilman Barker and seconded by Councilwoman Shierry approving and adopting Council Order Number 23-01-C, declaring the structure located at 609 South Colorado, also known as Lot 7 & 20' of St-Lot 8 and 20' of St, Block 142 of the Original Townsite to the

City of Iowa Park, Wichita County, Texas a “*Substandard Structure*” as that term is defined in Section 3.02.001 of the Code of Ordinances and ordering the structures to be abated within fourteen (14) days of the adoption of this Council Order and to allow a water meter to be installed once Ms. Cooke pays for a meter deposit and connect fee. Motion carried with four ayes. Councilman Pogatshnik voted against the motion.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Resolution.

- A. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas, Acknowledging the Intent to Annex Property and Setting a Date, Time, and Place for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Annexation of Certain Property by the City of Iowa Park, Texas, and Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Publish Notice of Such Public Hearing.

On June 5, 2023, the City received a petition requesting annexation on a vacant property owned by Samy Shawnee Raines. This 2.03-acre property is located at 105 South Bell Road, directly behind Sammy’s Social Event Center at 1110 East Highway and is adjacent to the City limits at the centerline of Bell Road. The public hearing is set for the regular City Council meeting on July 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Pogatshnik approving and adopting Resolution Number 23-06 acknowledging the intent to annex property and setting a date, time, and place for a public hearing on the proposed annexation of certain property by the City of Iowa Park, Texas, and authorizing and directing the Mayor to publish notice of such public hearing. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

- B. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Authorizing a \$6,825.00 Expenditure by the Iowa Park Community Development Corporation for Children’s Sports Within the City of Iowa Park.

This proposed 4B project is for twenty-five percent of a new HVAC System at the Optimist Gym. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wooten and seconded by Councilwoman Shierry approving and adopting Resolution Number 23-07 authorizing a \$6,825.00 expenditure by the Iowa Park Community Development Corporation for children’s sports within the City of Iowa Park. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

- C. First Reading of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas to Authorize an Expenditure of up to \$86,012.00 by the Iowa Park Community Development Corporation for Children’s Sports Within the City of Iowa Park.

This proposed 4B project is for electrical improvements at the Iowa Park Youth Baseball and Softball Association. The Board approved the proposed expenditure which includes replacing damaged electrical panels, repairing the electrical metering from ONCOR and retro fit lights with LED lamps. Councilwoman Williams said she is opposed to this expenditure and asked what happened to the 4B matching grant program. She stated 4B has spent a large sum of money on

sports-related activities. She also noted when the pool was built, the 4B committed then that they would be expanding and refurbishing the pool and now they are not going to have a lot of money left. The City Manager explained the Mayor has called for a meeting with the football and baseball associations, the City, School, 4A and 4B board just to get everyone on the same page. The Council was also told that there are some requests that are multi-million-dollar projects. The City Manager stated he will contact the 4B president to have representation at the next meeting to help answer questions.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Ordinance.

- A. An Ordinance of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Approving the Rezoning of All of Block G of the Original Townsite to the City of Iowa Park Wichita County, Texas From C-A/R (Automobile Commercial and Commercial Recreation District) and Lots 4-6, Block 87, Original Townsite to the City of Iowa Park, Wichita County, Texas From R-3 (General Residential District) to P-1 (Public Use).

The City Manager explained the City owns Lot 7-B, Block G, which is the site of the new police department at 400 East Highway and the school owns Lots 1-6, Block G, which is their technology building at 411 East Cash. The school also owns Lots 4-6, Block 87, which are vacant lots at 501 – 505 East Cash. Since the middle school campus is in the P-1 zone, and with the recent improvements to the school and construction of the police station, it was decided to expand the P-1 district. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the rezone. Motion was made by Councilman Pogatshnik and seconded by Councilwoman Williams approving and adopting Ordinance Number 1387 approving the rezoning of all of Block G of the Original Townsite to the City of Iowa Park Wichita County, Texas from C-A/R (Automobile Commercial and Commercial Recreation District) and Lots 4-6,, Block 87, Original Townsite to the City of Iowa Park, Wichita County, Texas from R-3 (General Residential District) to P-1 (Public Use). Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

- B. An Ordinance of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Approving the Rezoning of Lots 4-6, Block 66 of the Original Townsite to the City of Iowa Park, Wichita County, Texas From C-G (General Commercial District) to R-2 (Residential District).

This property is located at 211 West Washington, is owned by Mr. Chad Witherspoon, who submitted a petition to rezone Lots 4-6. Residential homeowners of Lots 1-3 were invited to rezone but declined and were opposed to the petition to rezone with their reason to prevent development of the vacant Lot 4. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Pogatshnik approving and adopting Ordinance Number 1388 approving the rezoning of Lots 4-6, Block 66 of the Original Townsite to the City of Iowa Park, Wichita County, Texas from C-G (General Commercial District) to R-2 (Residential District). Motion carried with five ayes (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: Budget Items.

A. Receive City Human Resources Report.

The City Manager briefed the Council on human resources. The current budget reflects fifty full-time employees. On October 1, 2022, all existing employees received a twelve percent pay increase and the base pay for all classifications increased by twelve percent due to inflation. A total of \$53,000.00 was budgeted for increase to the health and life insurance. The City Council increased the employer contributions for employee health and life insurance by fifteen percent to maintain employee take home pay. There was discussion on providing salary increases other than cost-of-living, including performance, longevity or increase in base pay of certain classifications. Also discussed was the possibility of a transitional buy out of employees hired prior to July 15, 2014 to equalize contribution rate. Councilwoman Wooten asked the City Manager to discuss this possibility with the employees this would affect.

B. Receive City Vehicles and Equipment Report.

The current fiscal year has had several vehicles and equipment auctioned off through GovDeals.com. A new brush truck, fire rescue vehicle, dump truck and pickup truck have been delivered and are currently awaiting a new utility truck. The Department Heads will be providing their vehicles and equipment requests during their department report.

C. Receive City Facilities Report.

The Council was briefed on the new police and fire station as well as the new City Hall. It was noted that the library may be forced to replace their elevator due to not being able to get parts for necessary repairs.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11: City Manager's Report.

A. Discuss and Consider Disposal of a Surplus 2015 Ford Fiesta (Veh. #1920).

Motion was made by Councilman Pogatshnik and seconded by Councilwoman Williams approving the disposal of the 2015 Ford Fiesta, vehicle number 1920. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

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

It was the consensus of the Council to have staff prepare a resolution to rescind this order.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of June, 2023.

Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

City Secretary Janice Newman