

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 14, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ray Schultz
Mayor Pro tem Lori Shierry
Councilwoman Stephanie Wooten
Councilman Brad Wynn

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilwoman Sherrie Williams

PERSONNEL: Jerry Flemming, City Manager
David Sherrill, Public Works Director
Steve Davis, Police Chief
Jason Griffin, Parks and Recreation Director
David Owen, Economic Development Director
Amie Schultz, Library Director
Janice Newman, City Secretary

VISITORS: Dolores Hamilton Dwight Thayer
Travis Little Amanda Veitenheimer

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 May 24, 2021.
- B. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting of May 24, 2021.

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: Election Business.

A. Declare Vacancy of City Council Place 3.

The City Manager explained that Former Fire Chief and City Councilman Andy Payne was again elected Fire Chief on June 8, 2021. The Texas Attorney General has ruled that a City Council member cannot serve as a Fire Chief. Texas courts have held that the acceptance of an office is an automatic resignation of the first office. Therefore, Councilman Payne resigned from the City Council when he accepted the Fire Chief position. The City Council must declare a vacancy of City Council Place 3, appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy and order a special election on November 2, 2021. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wooten and seconded by Councilwoman Shierry declaring vacancy of City Council Place 3. Motion carried with three ayes. (Unanimous)

- (i) Discuss and Consider Appointment of a Qualified Candidate to Fill Vacancy of City Council Place 3.

It was the consensus of the Council to have staff accept applications to fill the vacancy of City Council Place 3.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Public Appearance.

A. A Public Appearance by Mr. Earl White to Present an Original Photograph to the City of Iowa Park.

The City Manager had asked local photographer Earl White for a photo to hang in the recently repainted City Hall. Staff unveiled a photo taken by Mr. Earl White of a sunrise at Lake Gordon that showed one of the bridges, the lake and water fowl.

B. A Public Appearance by Members of the Iowa Park Athletic Booster Club Requesting a Waiver of the Fireworks Ordinance for Hawk Explosion at the Iowa Park High School Campus Tentatively Set for Saturday, August 21, 2021.

Ms. Amanda Veitenheimer with the Iowa Park Athletic Booster Club asked the Council for a waiver of the fireworks ordinance for their annual Hawk Explosion to be performed by Tyler Rushing.

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

Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilwoman Wooten granting a waiver of the fireworks ordinance for Hawk Explosion at the Iowa Park High School campus tentatively set for Saturday, August 21, 2021. Motion carried with three ayes. (Unanimous)

C. A Public Appearance by Mr. Dwight Thayer of 1501 Bentwood to Request Maintenance of the Landscaped Island in the Bentwood Right-of-Way West of Johnson Road.

Mr. Dwight Thayer stated he has been trying to clean up the overgrown median. It was noted that Bentwood Drive and the landscaped median was developed approximately thirty-five years ago and has been maintained by the developer and/or residents of Bentwood. Mr. Thayer asked that the City consider taking over the maintenance of the median. The Public Works Director stated that he and the Fire Marshall looked at the median and have concerns about large fire trucks getting through and recommends the island be removed.

(i) Action as a Result of Public Appearance.

It was the consensus of the Council for staff to put together cost estimates on removing the median.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Resolution.

A. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas, 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.

The Council approved the intent to annex the 6.44 acres for the proposed school Ag Barn on Johnson Road. Staff failed to publish the required notice of public hearing. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wooten and seconded by Councilwoman Shierry approving and adopting Resolution Number 21-08 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 three ayes. (Unanimous)

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

A. Receive a Police, Dispatch and Animal Control Budget Report.

The Chief of Police presented his departments proposed 2021-2022 budget request.

The Police Department is having a difficult time filling the twelfth officer position. He would like to see an increase in the starting pay/salaries for officers, dispatch and animal control.

He wants to start meeting with the committee again on the proposed new police and fire department building. Due to recent flooding issues in the building, there are mold issues and the tile floor has cracked and come loose.

He has proposed increases on several line items including training, travel and conference, clothing and uniform.

He also plans on requesting a new patrol vehicle and replacement of two computers and two tasers.

For dispatch, he wants a dispatch table that would allow the removal of several bookcases and cabinets.

Animal Control wants to enclose the carport and install a door.

B. Receive a Public Works and Public Utilities Budget Report.

The Public Works Director stated the Street Department's Unit 212 has issues. It is a 2004 F250 flatbed with high mileage. He wants to replace it with a crew cab.

There is also a need for a new or newer grade-all for drainage work. The current unit is a 1978 and is worn out. There was discussion on the need to have another position for drainage work.

There are a few line items he would like increased, including tools that need replaced.

For building improvements, they want to convert the shop lights to LED.

Water Maintenance needs new tools including a new tapping tool unit.

The Water Department is requesting Johnson Road pump station be repainted. Also requesting an on-site generator and increase to chemical line item.

The Wastewater Plant request includes a new unit to replace Unit 230, which is used for Vector control and has been in the shop for over a month.

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

It was noted that the County is at a one year low for COVID-19. It was the consensus of the Council to continue with the Local State of Disaster.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of June, 2021.

Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

City Secretary Janice Newman