

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 22, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ray Schultz
Mayor Pro tem Sherrie Williams (via Zoom)
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
Jason Griffin, Parks and Recreation Director
David Owen, Economic Development Director (via Zoom)
Amie Schultz, Library Director
Janice Newman, City Secretary

VISITORS: Dolores Hamilton Taylor Kelley
Steven Bickings

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 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 Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 8, 2021.

B. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Special Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors' Meeting of March 9, 2021.

- C. Approve an Annual Request From the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce to Close a Portion of North Jackson Street and to Allow the Use of City-Owned Property and Equipment for the ParkFest Event to be Held on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at Oscar Park.
- D. Approve an Annual Request From City Staff to Use Public Rights-of-Way and City-Owned Property and Equipment for a Taillights and Tailgates Cruise and to Conduct a Burn-Out Event in the 800 Block of North Fourth and the 800 Block of West Texas Streets to be Held on Saturday, May 8, 2021.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Proclamation.

- A. A Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Proclaiming March 29, 2021 as Vietnam Veterans Day in Iowa Park, Texas.

The Mayor read the proclamation proclaiming March 29, 2021 at Vietnam Veterans Day in Iowa Park, Texas.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Petition.

- A. Receive a Petition From Edward Taylor Kelley to Disannex His Property From the Corporate Limits of the City of Iowa Park, Texas.

Councilwoman Shierry stated she has a business relationship with Mr. Kelly and upon the advice of the City Attorney, if any vote is taken she will abstain. This property is located at 1998 Johnson Road. Mr. Steven Bickings, attorney representing Mr. Kelley, spoke briefly with the Council. He provided copies of the original Municipal Service Plan for the Haggart's 80.318 acres, copies of the ordinance annexing the property as well as copies of Section 2.03 of the City's Code of Ordinances pertaining to annexations/disannexations. It was noted that tying into the City's sewer main, is cost prohibitive because Mr. Kelley would have to run his sewer line approximately 1,500 feet to get to the City's main and would be required to have a sewer lift pump station.

- (i) Action as a Result of the Petition.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Ewing to disannex the property owned by Mr. Edward Taylor Kelley located at 1998 Johnson Road. Motion died for a lack of a second. Councilman Wynn would like the City Attorney and Mr. Bickings to get together and discuss. There was no other action taken.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Resolution.

- A. A Second Reading of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Authorizing Up to \$53,961.00 in Expenditures by the Iowa Park Community Development Corporation for Projects to Enhance a Public Park and Open Space Improvements Within the City of Iowa Park.

The Community Development Corporation has determined the proposed improvements to Murphree Park were suitable for Public Park and open space as described in Section 505.152 of the Texas Local Government Code. The proposed improvements include a four-piece playground equipment, surfacing, two benches, a sunshade, baseball backstop improvements and landscaping. The Council questioned the Parks and Recreation Director about one of the four-piece playground equipment being handicap accessible. He stated there will be a handicap accessible swing. Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilman Payne approving and adopting Resolution Number 21-04 authorizing up to \$53,961.00 in expenditures by the Iowa Park Community Development Corporation for projects to enhance a public park and open space improvements within the City of Iowa Park. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

- B. A Second Reading of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Authorizing Up to \$32,500.00 in Expenditures by the Iowa Park Community Development Corporation for Projects to Enhance a Public Park and Open Space Improvements Within the City of Iowa Park.

The Community Development Corporation has determined the proposed improvements to the Gary Compton Softball Field were suitable for Public Park and open space as described in Section 505.152 of the Texas Local Government Code. The proposed improvements include replacement of the chain-link fencing, wooden benches in the dugouts, bat racks and sponsor boards. Motion was made by Councilman Payne and seconded by Councilwoman Ewing approving and adopting Resolution Number 21-05 authorizing up to \$32,500.00 in expenditures by the Iowa Park Community Development Corporation for projects to enhance a public park and open space improvements within the City of Iowa Park. Councilwoman Williams votes against the motion. Motion carried with four ayes.

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

- A. Discuss and Consider Authorizing TML Health to Continue to Administer the City's COBRA Benefits.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Wynn authorizing TML Health to continue to administer the City's COBRA benefits. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

B. Discuss and Consider Establishing Dates and Times for the Operations for the Iowa Park Municipal Pool and Spray Park as Well as User Fees and Rules of Said Pool and Park for the 2021 Swim Season.

The Council was briefed on the proposed dates, times, fees and rules for the upcoming swim season. The pool is scheduled to open on Saturday, May 29, 2021 and close on Sunday, August 15, 2021. Staff is proposing to keep all fees the same as last year. There will still be \$1.00 Tuesdays. Individuals will be able to get in for one dollar with the requested donation, which will be canned food, school supply, pet food or library book. Motion was made by Councilman Payne and seconded by Councilwoman Ewing establishing dates and times for the operations of the Iowa Park Municipal Pool and Spray Park as well as user fees and rules of said pool and park for the 2021 swim season. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

C. Discuss and Consider Organizational Planning, Priorities and Strategies of the City Council.

Staff is planning on having the budget preparation and approval schedule to the City Council by May 10, 2021. The Mayor suggested Council and staff to notate if there is something that needs done or replaced. Councilman Wynn still would like to hire an additional employee to work on drainage. Councilman Payne would like to see the City purchase a spreader to be used on the roads during snow and ice.

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

The Mayor announced he wants to keep the declaration in place for the foreseeable future. Councilwoman Williams agreed with the Mayor stating the City should wait until at least the first of May. No action was taken.

The City Manager advised the Council of the Cypress water line. There is a break in the line in the middle of Barnett Road at Kell West. This is the fourth leak in less than one month. Bowles Construction is working on it but has no cost estimate at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of April, 2021.

Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

City Secretary Janice Newman