MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 24, 2025

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PERSONNEL: Jerry Flemming, City Manager
Steve Davis, Chief of Police
Mike McCarty, Public Works Director
Jason Griffin, Parks and Recreation Director
David Owen, Economic Development Director
Andy Payne, Fire Chief
Becky Ferguson, Director of Finance
Amie Schultz, Library Director
Keyton Koch, Acting Street Foreman
Janice Newman, City Secretary

VISITORS: Brayden Sheppard, Lisa Dell Amor, Ray Forsythe, Tristin Dozier, Valerie Halverson, Justin Rusk

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 Economic Development Director 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 24, 2025.

B. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors' Meeting of March 24, 2025.

C. Approve the Annual Request From City Staff to Use Public Right-of-Way and City-Owned Property and Equipment for the 13th Annual Tailgates and Taillights Cruise; to Conduct a Burn-Out Event and to Allow the Iowa Park Municipal Pool & Spray Park to Open Between the Hours of 4:00 P.M. Until 8:00 P.M. With no Admission Fee, on Saturday, May 10, 2025.

D. Discuss and Consider Re-Appointment of Mr. Glenn Barham as One of the "Cities Appointees" to the Wichita-Wilbarger 9-1-1 District Board of Managers.

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: Resolution.

A. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Accepting the Audit Report From MWH Group P.C. for the Municipal Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2023 and Ending September 30, 2024; and Approving Payment of the Invoice for Said Audit.

Ms. Valerie Halverson, Senior Auditor with MWH Group, P.C., briefed the Council on the recently completed audit for fiscal year 2023/2024. She stated it was a smooth audit without any major issues. As in the past, she noted there was a deficiency in internal control that is due to the small size of the office staff. At year end, the City was financially sound. Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilwoman Williams approving and adopting Resolution Number 25-07 accepting the audit report from MWH Group P.C. for the municipal fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024; and approving payment of the invoice for said audit. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

B. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Authorizing up to an $89,000.00 Expenditure by the Iowa Park Community Development Corporation for the Purpose of Improvements to the Iowa Park Kid Football Field to Enhance Children's Sports Within the City of Iowa Park.

Mr. Ray Forsythe, President of the Community Development Corporation as well as board member Mr. Justin Rusk were present along with Mr. Justin Dozier of the Iowa Park Kid Football. The Council questioned the legality of the CDC purchasing a lawn mower for the Kid Football. Mr. Dozier had researched that issue and could not find where it would be illegal. Also discussed was

the wind and privacy fence barrier. Mr. Dozier explained that having the barrier will mean spectators have to come in and pay an admission fee to watch instead of sitting in their vehicles to watch the games for free. Councilman Barker stated he would like to see the CDC use their matching grant program with requests like this in the future. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wooten and seconded by Councilwoman Williams approving and adopting Resolution Number 25-08 authorizing up to an $89,000.00 expenditure by the Iowa Park Community Development Corporation for the purpose of improvements to the Iowa Park Kid Football Field to enhance children's sports within the City of Iowa Park. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

C. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Designating the Iowa Park Journal as the Official Newspaper for the City of Iowa Park as Provided by the City's Home Rule Charter.

It was noted that the Iowa Park Journal has been publishing their paper for just over a year and can now publish official public notices. The Council asked for rates and staff were unable to provide the information. Motion was made by Councilman Barker and seconded by Councilwoman Shierry to table this item to allow staff to get rates, Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Ordinance.

A. An Ordinance of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Declaring a State of Disaster for the City of Iowa Park Resulting From the Potential Threat of Fires Due to Drought Conditions and Adverse Weather Conditions and Implementing Temporary Restrictions for the Use of Combustible Materials in an Outdoor Environment and Establishing Penalties for Violators.

It was noted that Wichita County has prohibited outdoor burning in the unincorporated area of the county through April 30, 2025. With the dry and windy conditions, both the Fire Chief and Fire Marshall agree that a burn ban for Iowa Park should be implemented. Motion was made by Councilman Barker and seconded by Councilman Downs approving and adopting Ordinance Number 1442 declaring a State of Disaster for the City of Iowa Park resulting from the potential threat of fires due to drought conditions and adverse weather conditions and implementing temporary restrictions for the use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment and establishing penalties for violators. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Bid Action.

A. Approve a Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals for the New City Hall Renovation Project.

Architect Joe Ross had prepared a legal notice to be published in the newspaper for proposals for the renovation project. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Downs approving the request for competitive sealed proposals for the new City Hall renovation project. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

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

A. Discuss and Consider Transferring Surplus Analog Handheld and Mobile Radios, Pagers and a Base Station to the Archer City Volunteer Fire Department.

The Fire Department has replaced all their analog radios with digital and has their old equipment ready to be disposed. Archer City Volunteer Fire Department has requested the old equipment. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Shierry approving the transfer of surplus analog handheld and mobile radios, pagers and a base station to the Archer City Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

B. Discuss and Consider 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 Facility for the 2025 Swim Season.

It was the consensus of the Council to lower the daily membership fees from $6.00 to $5.00 per person, $2.00 for individuals thirty inches (30") and under, and individual season pass from $75.00 to $60.00 per person. Motion was made by Councilman Downs and seconded by Councilwoman Shierry establishing dates and times for the operations of the Iowa Park Municipal Pool and Spray Park as well as user fees, with the noted changes to daily and season passes, and rules of said facility for the 2025 swim season. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

C. Discuss and Consider Approving the List of Streets to be Built, Rebuilt and/or Slurried for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Downs approving the list of streets to be built, rebuilt and/or slurried for fiscal year 2024/2025 as presented with any remaining funds to be used for North Johnson Road concrete repair. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

D. Discuss and Consider a Ribbon Cutting Event at Murphree Park.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Downs to have a ribbon cutting event at Murphree Park on April 22, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. along with the Community Development Corporation. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

E. Discuss and Consider Open House Events for the New Police and Fire Stations.

It was noted the Fire Department was planning their open house on May 17, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with bar-b-que, bounce house, face painting and honor guard. Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilwoman Wooton to have ribbon cutting at the

Police Department at10:30 a.m. and the Fire Department ribbon cutting at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2025. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

F. Discuss and Consider Scheduling a City Council Vision Workshop.

Motion was made by Councilman Barker and seconded by Councilman Downs scheduling a City Council Vision Workshop at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 21, 2025 upstairs at the Tom Burnett Memorial Library. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AN ADOPTED this 14th day of April, 2025.

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Mayor Jeff Pogatshnik

ATTEST:

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City Secretary Janice Newman