

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 28, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ray Schultz  
Mayor Pro tem Sherrie Williams  
Councilwomen Lori Shierry and Stephanie Wooten  
Councilmen Keith Dyer and Tim Sheppard

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PERSONNEL: Jerry Flemming, City Manager  
David Sherrill, Public Works Director  
Robert Johnson, Chief of Police  
Robbie Matthews, Parks and Recreation Director  
David Owen, Economic Development Director  
Andy Payne, Fire Chief  
Patrick Moulton, Assist. Fire Chief, Fire Operations  
Amie Schultz, Library Director  
Janice Newman, City Secretary

VISITORS: Dolores Hamilton  
Dale Prunty  
Mary Hunter  
John Scholl  
Carmen Lozipone  
Wayne Methvin  
David White  
Jamie Prunty  
Karry Perkins  
Gary Hunter  
Kristina Deason  
Randy Catlin  
Clay Parker

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 Parks and Recreation Director gave the invocation.

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

There were no recognitions of special guest(s)/action(s).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Citizens' Input.

Mr. Wayne Methvin, co-owner of Park Light Truck and Auto, asked the Council to consider a 4B neighborhood reinvestment grant program to be used to attract new businesses. He is trying to get an auto parts store in the back part of his building. He asked that the Council consider such a program.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5: General Consent.

- A. Acceptance and approval of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 14, 2016.
- B. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Iowa Park Community Development Corporation's Board of Directors' Meeting of March 22, 2016.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Sheppard 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 Ms. Kristina Deason, Representing the Relay For Life of Iowa Park, Requesting Use of Electricity and Water at the Little League Baseball Field on West Magnolia for Their Annual Fund Raising Event to be Held on April 23, 2016: a Waiver of the Solicitation Ordinance (Section 4.02.003) Which Prohibits the Solicitation of Donations Upon a Public Right-of-Way and Requesting a Waiver of the Sign Ordinance (Section 3.06) Prohibiting Advertising Signs Upon the City's Public Rights-of-Way.

Ms. Kristina Deason, Event Chair, Relay For Life of Iowa Park, briefed the Council on the proposed events slated for the upcoming fund raising event. They plan to "Paint the Town Purple" the weekend of April 9<sup>th</sup> by posting Relay street signs throughout the town and hang purple ribbons from posts. This will be followed by "Fill the Purple Bucket" the morning of April 16<sup>th</sup> where the plan to stand on the street corner and ask citizens to donate. The main event will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the baseball fields. Ms. Deason said they will have all signage and ribbons down by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Deason was reminded that the group needs permission from the State to place signs and solicit funds upon their rights-of-way.

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

Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilwoman Wooten approving the request by Ms. Kristina Deason, representing the Relay For Life of Iowa Park, for use of electricity and water at the Little League Baseball Field on West Magnolia for their annual fund raising event to be held on April 23, 2016; a waiver of the solicitation ordinance (Section 4.02.003) which prohibits the solicitation of donations upon a public right-of-way and requesting a waiver of the sign ordinance (Section 3.06) prohibiting advertising signs upon the City's public rights-of-way. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Bid Action.

- A. Receive, Review and Consider Bids Received at the City's Surplus Property Auction of Saturday, March 19, 2016.

Two public auctions were held for two commercial properties owned by the City. The former Amanda's Country Store at 1151 South FM 368 did not receive any bids. The former Pallet Outlet storage yard at 306 East Jefferson received one bid of \$15,000.00 from Mr. Randy Catlin. Mr. Catlin has submitted a cashier's check for the property. This was the minimum price set by the Council. Motion was made by Councilman Sheppard and seconded by Councilman Wooten accepting the bid of \$15,000.00 from Mr. Randy Catlin for the property located at 306 East Jefferson. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

- B. Consider Authorizing the Staff to Accept Bids for the Disposal of Certain Surplus Property Items.

The City Manager explained staff is recommending disposition of two surplus vehicles: a 2007 Chevy 35000 Express cargo van and a 1994 AM General 2 ½ ton cargo truck by sealed bids. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wooten and seconded by Councilman Dyer authorizing the staff to accept bids for the disposal of certain surplus property items. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Ordinance.

- A. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Amending the Code of Ordinances at Sections 3.04.001, 3.04.036, 3.04.038 and Section A3.005 Regulating Mobile Homes and Travel Trailers and Mobile Home Parks and Trailer Parks.

The City Manager explained that letters were sent to all three mobile home park owners informing them of the existing City ordinances regarding mobile home and travel trailer parks. They were also invited to a meeting to discuss proposed changes to the existing ordinances. Only one park

owner attended, Gary and Mary Hunter. Proposed changes include having a designated office for every mobile home or trailer park to be located within the city limits with a sign posted in the park specifying the address and telephone number of said office. Proposed fee increases were \$50.00 per mobile home space instead of \$50.00 per mobile home park. Councilwoman Shierry suggested lowering the fee to \$25.00 per space for 2017 and then increasing the fee to \$50.00 the next year or two. Councilwoman Wooten would like to see wording in the ordinance to specify a time limit on how long a mobile home can be placed on a lot before it is occupied. Mr. Kerry Perkins stated he owns two trailers inside one of the mobile home parks. He has completely remodeled one that his daughter lives in. Mr. Perkins was concerned with those that are sick, elderly, on a fixed income or disabled and not being able to take care of their place. Mr. Gary Hunter stated he is working on getting his mobile home park cleaned up. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wooten and seconded by Councilman Sheppard tabling this item to allow staff to make changes to the proposed ordinance. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

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

A. Discuss and Consider Insurance Renewal Dates.

The City Manager explained that the staff has inquired to TML regarding changing the medical insurance renewal dates. Currently, the plan year begins July 1<sup>st</sup>. If the City were to change dates to October 1st, the contract with TML would be extended those three months then the employees could possibly be looking at another rate increase beginning with the new October 1<sup>st</sup> plan year. Staff is recommending renewing the contract for the plan year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 and seek proposals for group health insurance after the first of next year. No action was taken.

B. Discuss and Consider Authorizing the Purchase of a Large Brush Fire Truck for the Iowa Park Volunteer Fire Department Utilizing a Texas Forest Service (90%/10%) Grant.

The Fire Department applied and has been approved for a cost-share assistance grant under the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program through the Texas A & M Forest Service to purchase a large brush truck. The Forest Service will contribute 90% of the actual cost up to \$200,000.00. The Fire Department has found a 2017 Freightliner M2-106.70 through the H-GAC for \$208,142.00. The City's 10% share would be \$20,814.20 with the Forest Service picking up 90% or \$187,327.80. Monies for the City share would come from the sale of surplus commercial property, \$15,000.00 and the future sale of surplus fire and emergency equipment. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Shierry authorizing the purchase of a large brush fire truck for the Iowa Park Volunteer Fire Department utilizing a Texas Forest Service (90%/10%) grant. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

C. Discuss and Consider Authorizing the Purchase of Five Tasers and Related Equipment for the Iowa Park Police Department.

The Police Department budgeted for the purchase of the tasers. The total cost is \$5,261.40. Motion was made by Councilman Sheppard and seconded by Councilwoman Williams authorizing the purchase of five tasers and related equipment for the Iowa Park Police Department. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

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Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

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City Secretary Janice Newman