

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 24, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ray Schultz  
Mayor Pro tem Lori Shierry  
Councilwomen Sherrie Williams and Stephanie Wooten  
Councilmen Andy Payne and Brad Wynn

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PERSONNEL: Jerry Flemming, City Manager  
David Sherrill, Public Works Director  
Jason Griffin, Parks and Recreation Director  
David Owen, Economic Development Director  
Lewis Skinner, Fire Chief  
David Mauldwin, Police Lieutenant  
Greg Polly, Code Enforcement Office  
Zane K. Coombes, Reserve Police Officer  
Janice Newman, City Secretary

VISITORS: Dolores Hamilton Becky Coombes  
Brylee Coombes Cross Coombes

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 10, 2021.

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: Oath of Office.

A. Swear in Reserve Patrol Officer Zane K. Coombes.

The City Secretary gave the oath of office to Reserve Patrol Officer Zane K. Coombes.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: 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.

The City Manager explained this resolution is for the Iowa Park Consolidated Independent School District to annex 6.44 acres on the west side of Johnson Road, south of the High School campus. This is the site for their proposed Ag Barn to replace the existing barn located at South Seneca and East Lafayette. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Shierry approving and adopting Resolution Number 21-07 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)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Ordinance.

A. An Ordinance of the City of Iowa Park, Texas Accepting and Approving the Final Plat of Lots 1-A, 7-A and 13-A, Block 166 of the Original Townsite to the City of Iowa Park, Wichita County, Texas.

This is a replat of Lots 1-11 and the east half of Lot 13. The property located between South Wall, South Park, and East Crystal and East Diamond. This Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Payne approving and adopting Ordinance Number 1333 accepting and approving the final plat of Lots 1-A, 7-A and 13-A, Block 166 of the Original Townsite tot the City of Iowa Park, Wichita County, Texas. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

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

- A. Discuss and Consider a Proposed Lease Agreement With Charlene Rusk for a 1.377 Acre Tract of Land Out of Block 9, Tarrant County School Lands.

The City Manager explained that this vacant city-owned property is adjacent to the Northwest Access Road water tower and has been previously leased by Rusty Rusk. This is a ten year lease at \$1.00 per month and will be added to the water bill. Motion was made by Councilman Wynn and seconded by Councilman Payne approving the lease agreement with Charlene Rusk for a 1.377 acre tract of land out of Block 9, Tarrant County School Lands. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

- B. Discuss and Consider a Proposed Expenditure in the Amount of \$19,438.24 From NAFECO for Protective Clothing for the Iowa Park Volunteer Fire Department.

The Fire Chief explained the Fire Department is anticipating receiving a reimbursable grant of \$13,500.00 from Texas A & M Forest Service. \$14,000.00 was budgeted for clothing. The Fire Department ordered eight firefighter coats and pants from NAFECO in the amount of \$19,438.24. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Wooten approving the expenditure of \$19,438.24 from NAFECO for protective clothing for the Iowa Park Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

- C. Discuss and Consider a Proposed Procurement Card Policy.

The City Manager explained the City has a credit card account with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank and they are requesting the City approve a policy for use of procurement cards. This new policy includes other financial institutions and businesses. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Shierry approving the Procurement Card Policy as presented. Motion carried with five ayes. (Unanimous)

- D. Discuss and Consider Proposed Revisions to the Iowa Park Police Department General Order No. 105.003 Pertaining to the Home Grown Program.

The Police Lieutenant explained there are two changes to the Home Grown Program, which provides tuition assistance to the Police Academy for local candidates. The existing program pays up to \$2,500.00 towards tuition in exchange for two years of service. The proposed changes pay up to \$3,500.00 towards tuition in exchange for three years of service.

- E. Receive a Report on the Golf Cart/OHV Registration Program.

Registration of golf carts and off highway vehicles to operate on city streets has been required since October 1, 2020. Since then, over seventy registrations have been issued. Registration fees are \$60.00 for two years, which includes inspection, documentation and administration of the program. Councilman Wynn felt \$60.00 was too high. Other Councilmembers felt this was a fair amount. No action was taken.

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

This item was tabled.

G. Receive a Fire and Emergency Services Budget Report.

The Fire Chief presented his Department's 2021-2022 budget requests.

Rescue 11 - \$189,000.00. Rescue 11 is a 2008 Ford F-350 that was purchased used in 2017. It had been a maintenance vehicle for LA County Fire. A new replacement vehicle will allow the Fire Department to carry all items needed in one place to handle any medical or extrication emergency.

25 digital portable radios - \$75,000.00. This purchase will complete the digital conversion for the public safety departments.

12 SCBA's - \$120,000.00. The Department currently has 23 SCBA's (self-contained breathing apparatus). Five of those are out of service due to age, with another ten coming to the end of their service life next year. The Department has applied for a regional grant with other entities.

Fire Station - \$7,000,000.00. They are planning on getting the committee back together again to discuss options. The Department has completely run out of room.

Staff – 6 full time 1 fire chief - \$500,000.00. To ensure the citizens can have coverage 24 hours a day.

Protective clothing – increase line item from \$14,000.00 to \$24,000.00. To fully outfit one firefighter in structural protective clothing cost approximately \$4,000.00.

Lucas CPR Device - \$16,000.00. This device will perform mechanical CPR continually at the correct rate and depth. Studies show these devices have increased the survivability of a cardiac arrest.

Air bags - \$10,500.00. This item is not used often. The current airbag system was purchased in the mid 90's and has reached the end of its life. The low pressure SCBA bottles used to run the system have all expired and cannot be filled. Also, the exterior bags have begun to crack and are no longer safe to be used in an emergency.

Upgrade at Southside Fire Station - \$16,000.00. This will allow plumbing work to accommodate multiple fill hoses for their apparatus located at this station as well as to have a functional bathroom, water heater, shower facilities for decontamination, washer and dryer for their non-structural clothing and placing the gear extractor into service to clean structural gear after use.

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

The City Manager stated the County numbers are back down and there are currently thirty-three active cases with five in the Iowa Park zip code. The Mayor stated he still wants to keep the order in place.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

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Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

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City Secretary Janice Newman