

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 22, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ray Schultz  
Mayor Pro tem Lori Shierry  
Councilman Randall Barker  
Councilwoman Stephanie Wooten  
Councilwoman Sherrie Williams (via Zoom)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Brad Wynn

PERSONNEL: Jerry Flemming, City Manager  
David Sherrill, Public Works Director  
Steve Davis, Chief of Police  
Jason Griffin, Parks and Recreation Director  
Andy Payne, Fire Chief  
Amie Schultz, Library Director  
Janice Newman, City Secretary

VISITORS: Dolores Hamilton Tom Venhaus  
Paula Petrash Larry Petrash  
Rita Goodwin Jim Goodwin  
Erwin Soell Charlie Fears  
Jeffrey Pogatshnik Lisa Graf  
Shelby Womack Kelley Thompson

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 November 8, 2021.
- B. Approve a Request From the Iowa Park Volunteer Fire Department for a Waiver of the Solicitation Ordinance (Section 4.02.003) Which Prohibits the Solicitation of Donations Upon a Public Right-of-Way at the Intersections of Yosemite and West Highway, Johnson Road and West Highway and North Pacific and the Access Road on Saturday, December 4, 2021 Between the Hours of 7:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. for Their Annual Fill the Boot Campaign for Kidz Christmas.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6: Appointment.

- A. Discuss and Consider Board and Commission Vacancies.

It was noted there is a vacancy on the Iowa Park Community Development Board and Mr. Jeffrey Pogatshnik indicated he is willing to serve on the Board. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Shierry appointing Jeffrey Pogatshnik to the Iowa Park Community Development Corporation's Board of Directors. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: Public Appearance.

- A. A Public Appearance by Members of the Iowa Park Rotary Club to Present a Donation for the Purchase of Street Name Signs.

Nine members of the Iowa Park Rotary Club appeared to present a donation to be used for the purchase of street name signs.

- (i) Action as Result of Public Appearance.

The Iowa Park Rotary Club presented the Mayor with a \$3,000.00 check to be used for the purchase of street name signs.

- B. A Public Appearance by Kelley Thompson of Faith Baptist Church Requesting the Use of City Hall Park From 5:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. for a Live Nativity Scene in Association With the Lighted Christmas Parade.

Ms. Kelley Thompson appeared before Council requesting the use of City Hall Park for a live nativity scene, to include sheep and a donkey, in association with the Lighted Christmas parade.

(i) Action as Result of Public Appearance.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Wooten and seconded by Councilman Barker granting a request from Faith Baptist Church for the use of City Hall Park from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for a live nativity scene in association with the Lighted Christmas parade. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: Public Hearing.

- A. A Public Hearing to Consider the Annexation Into the Corporate Limits of the City of Iowa Park, of a Tract of Land Comprising of 12.00 Acres Out of Block 8 of the Tarrant County School Lands, Located Adjacent to the Current Corporate Limits of the City.

The public hearing opened at 7:08 p.m. This is a 11.92-acre tract of land located at 2554 NW Access Road and is adjacent to the City limits. There were no other comments. The public hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9: Ordinance.

- A. An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas, Annexing the Hereinafter Described Territory to the City of Iowa Park; Extending the Boundary Limits of Said City so as to Include the Hereinafter Described Property Within the City Limits; Granting to the Territory and to all Future Inhabitants All of the Rights and Privileges of Other Citizens and Binding Future Inhabitants by All of the Acts and Ordinances of Said City; and Providing for an Effective Date.

This ordinance will annex the 11.92-acre tract of land located at 2554 NW Access Road. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Wooten approving and adopting Ordinance Number 1341 annexing the hereinafter described territory to the City of Iowa Park; extending the boundary limits of said City so as to include the hereinafter described property within the City limits; granting to the territory and to all future inhabitants all of the rights and privileges of other citizens and binding future inhabitants by all of the acts and ordinances of said City; and providing for an effective date. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: City Manager's Report.

- A. Discuss and Consider Request for Qualifications for the Iowa Park Public Safety Facilities.

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) had been prepared for Council to review and staff recommends publication of the RFQ prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. The RFQ has been

prepared to solicit qualifications for design-build teams for both the fire and police stations. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Wooten approving the Request for Qualifications for the Iowa Park Public Safety Facilities and authorizes its publication.

- B. Discuss and Consider the Iowa Park Police Department General Order No. 200.048 Pertaining to Mental Health Leave for Peace Officers.

The Chief of Police stated the Texas Government Code Section 614.015 was amended to require law enforcement agencies to develop and implement a policy for paid mental health leave effective September 1, 2021. It is a three day leave period with three-day extensions and the employee must be under the care of a license mental health provider. The paid leave cannot come from the employees leave accumulation. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wooten and seconded by Councilman Barker approving and adopting the Iowa Park Police Department General Order No. 200.048 pertaining to mental health leave for peace officers. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

- C. Discuss and Consider a Proposed Expenditure in the Amount of \$51,051.00 to Sam Pack's Five Star Ford to Purchase a 2022 Ford Police Interceptor.

The Chief of Police stated this new vehicle will replace the 2011 Dodge Charger. \$54,000.00 was budgeted for this item. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Wooten authorizing the expenditure of \$51,051.00 to Sam Pack's Five Star Ford to purchase a 2022 Ford Police Interceptor. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

- D. Discuss and Consider a Proposed Expenditure in the Amount of \$184,893.00 to Nevada Pacific, Inc. to Purchase a 2022 F-550 Super Duty Crew Cab 4 x 4 Light Rescue Vehicle to be Used by the Fire Department.

The Fire Chief stated \$189,000.00 was budgeted for this item and asked the Council for the full amount so that the Department could add on other items to the new vehicle. Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Shierry approving an expenditure of \$189,000.00 to purchase a 2022 F-550 super duty crew cab 4x4 light rescue vehicle and add-ons to be used by the Fire Department. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

- E. Discuss and Consider a Proposed Expenditure in the Amount of \$37,566.90 to Municipal Emergency Services to Purchase 30 Scott Air Pack Cylinders to be Used by the Fire Department.

It was noted that \$60,000.00 was budgeted to be used towards a matching grant to replace digital radios and self-contained breathing apparatus. However, the Fire Department did not receive the grant. The current air packs are expiring within the next few months. Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilwoman Williams approving the expenditure of

\$37,566.90 to Municipal Emergency Services to purchase 30 Scott air pack cylinders to be used by the Fire Department. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

- F. Discuss and Consider a Proposed Expenditure in the Amount of \$16,762.50 to Mobile Communications America to Purchase and Program 20 Digital Pagers to be Used by the Fire Department.

It was noted this is part of the \$60,000.00 budgeted to be used towards a matching grant to replace digital radios and self-contained breathing apparatus. The Fire Chief asked for \$16,762.50 to purchase and program 25 digital pagers. Councilwoman Wooten stated she was not in favor of pagers since they can't be used for two-way communication. Mobile Phone of Texas provided a quote of \$36,746.20 to replace 20 radios. It was noted 25 radios were needed to equip the department. There was discussion of not putting add-ons to the new F-550 rescue vehicle and use that towards radios. The Library Director stated she has money budgeted for painting downstairs of the library, but the painters would not be able to get to it until much later. She offered that money to go towards the purchasing of radios for the Fire Department. After further discussion motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Barker to table this item. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

- G. Discuss and Consider the Expenditure in the Amount of \$12,100.00 to Halff & Associates for Additional Professional Services for Utilities in the Industrial Park.

The City was awarded a USDA Rural Business Development Grant in the amount of \$400,000.00. The City had planned to purchase and install the water and wastewater utilities in-house prior to the roadway being built. However, due to supply issues and winter storm, the roadway was installed first. The water and wastewater supplies are here but the City now has staff shortages and inexperienced new staff plus the challenges of the new roadway and existing utilities. Staff is recommending contractual services which will probably require competitive bids. Halff & Associates has prepared Task Order #19 which will review plans and prepare new bid documents for the utilities. Motion was made by Councilwoman Wooten and seconded by Councilman Barker approving the expenditure in the amount of \$12,100.00 to Halff & Associates for additional professional services for utilities in the Industrial Park. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

- 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 numbers are continuing to decline. There are currently 207 active cases in the County with 21 in the 76367 zip code.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

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Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

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City Secretary Janice Newman