

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 12, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Ray Schultz  
Mayor Pro tem Sherrie Williams (via Zoom)  
Councilwoman Lori Shierry  
Councilmen Andy Payne and Brad Wynn

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilwoman Kelly Ewing

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

VISITORS: Dolores Hamilton

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 recognition of special guest(s)/action(s).

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 September 28, 2020.

B. Acceptance and Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Community Development Corporation's Board of Directors' Meeting of September 29, 2020.

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6:     Public Appearance.

- A. A Public Appearance by Mr. Jason Griffin Requesting a Waiver of the City's Code of Ordinances at Section 8.04.001, Discharging of Firearms, on Friday, October 30, 2020, From 6:00 P.M. Until 9:00 P.M., at 1601 Douglas, to Allow Three Blank Discharges From a 22 Pistol for a Halloween Party Which Will be Open to Iowa Park Students and Youth Sports Teams.

Mr. Jason Griffin explained that every year he and his wife have a magic show for a Halloween party. This year, the magician he plans on hiring performs a western theme magic show and at the end of the performance as a grand finale, he fires three blanks from a 22 pistol. The magician is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. and will end the show at 7:45 p.m.

- (i)     Action as Result of Public Appearance.

Motion was made by Councilman Payne and seconded by Councilman Wynn approving the request from Mr. Jason Griffin for a waiver of the City's Code of Ordinances at Section 8.004.001, discharging of firearms, on Friday, October 30, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., at 1601 Douglas, to allow three blank discharges from a 22 pistol for a Halloween party which will be open to Iowa Park students and youth sports teams. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7:     Resolution.

- A. First Reading of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas to Authorize up to \$18,000.00 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 City Manager explained that the Community Development Corporation plans on spending up to \$18,000.00 for the following public park and open space improvements:

- Up to \$5,000.00 to replace five picnic tables at George Hammonds Park
- Up to \$1,000.00 for dock improvements at Lake Iowa Park
- Up to \$6,000.00 to replace the solar lighting at the three overpasses along U.S. Highway 287
- Up to \$6,000.00 to replace fencing at the Bell Road Baseball Fields

This resolution will be brought back at the next Council meeting for the second reading and approval. There were no other comments.

- B. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Iowa Park, Texas 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.

This proposed annexation of Hawk Place is a 92.86 acre plat located just south of the railroad and east on South Bell Road. The proposed subdivision will have eleven residential lots ranging in size from 5.5 to 12 acres with frontage on South Bell Road. The public hearing is scheduled for November 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Motion was made by Councilman Wynn and seconded by Councilwoman Williams approving and adopting Resolution Number 20-30 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 four ayes. (Unanimous)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8: City Manager's Report.

- A. Discuss and Consider the Disposition of a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria (Unit #3101).

The City Manager explained that the former Chief of Police had wanted to keep the vehicle as a show vehicle for parades and special events since it was the final Crown Victoria in the Iowa Park Police Department's fleet. When asked, Chief Davis stated he would do whatever the Council wanted, but he did not have a place to keep the vehicle which has over 155,000 miles and the air conditioner does not work. Motion was made by Councilman Payne and seconded by Councilman Wynn to dispose of the 2010 Ford Crown Victoria (Unit #3101). Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

- B. Receive a Staff Report on Local Development in Iowa Park.

The City Manager briefed the Council on the local developments happening in Iowa Park. Since the first of the year, there have been close to one hundred permits for new construction; three commercial primary, three commercial secondary, twenty-two residential primary (which are new homes) and seventy residential secondary. Chicken Express should be coming in with their plans in approximately two weeks. Work is progressing at all public schools which include the major additions and renovations to the middle school campus. S-5! Manufacturing addition is also underway. The City has made major wastewater improvements including the new North Texowa Lift Station, Texowa force main and Garden Valley force main. The Mayor felt the City should get their engineers in early on any large projects, such as the work being done at the middle school.

- C. Discuss the 2020/2021 Budget Preparation and Approval Process and Consider Recommendations for the 2021/2022 Budget Preparation and Approval Process.

The staff felt this year's budget process went smoothly and asked staff for any recommendations for the next budget process. The Mayor wants make sure Council and staff prioritize equipment that is needed to perform work to take care of the City.

D. Discuss and Consider the Annual City Manager Evaluation Process and Schedule Date and Time for Evaluation.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Payne to schedule the City Manager's evaluation following the regular City Council meeting on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

E. Discuss and Consider the Annual Employee Service Awards Program and Schedule Date and Time for the Event.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Shierry and seconded by Councilman Payne to have the annual employee service awards program on Friday, January 22, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. with breakfast being prepared by the Mayor and Council. Motion carried with four ayes. (Unanimous)

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

On March 20, 2020, the Mayor declared a local state of disaster and on March 23, 2020, the Council voted to extend the declaration until further notice. It was noted there have been record breaking positive cases this past week. City Hall lobby remains closed. The Mayor stated that the Governor is supposed to be putting out his three tier plan for vaccinations. Front line workers would be first in line to receive the vaccine. They believe it should be open for the public this time next year or spring of 2022. Staff does recommend that the declaration remain in effect as long as the State remains in it.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

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Mayor Ray Schultz

ATTEST:

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City Secretary Janice Newman