

THE CITY OF IOWA PARK, TEXAS

Public Notice

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IOWA PARK, TEXAS WILL MEET IN REGULAR SESSION ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 103 EAST CASH STREET. ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Invocation.
3. Recognition of Special Guest(s)/Action(s).
4. Citizens' Input.

City Secretary's Note: Topics which are discussed by individuals of the audience will not be addressed or discussed by the City Council and/or its staff members; the Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits discussion by the Council on any topic not listed on the official posted agenda. The Mayor or a member of the Council may however, inform the individual participating in the Citizens' Input session that his/her topic may be placed on a future meeting agenda or they may direct said individual to the appropriate City department head who can address their issue! To participate in the Citizens' Input session, an individual must sign up with the City's meeting registrar prior to the start of the meeting. Discussion time will be limited to five (5) minutes per individual registered.
5. General Consent.
 - A. Acceptance and approval of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of November 11, 2019.
 - B. Acceptance and approval of the minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting of November 11, 2019.
6. Public Appearance.
 - A. A public appearance by Randy Catlin, Chairman of the Iowa Park Public Safety Facilities Committee to present a report on the status of the Committee's work.
 - (i) Action as a result of public appearance.
 - B. A public appearance by Ms. Julie Childers requesting additional water services outside the City limits located at 805 SE Access Road.
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7. Public Hearing.
 - A. A public hearing to determine whether the single family residential structure located at 311 West Pecan, also known as N ½ Lot 6, Block 142 of the Original Townsite to the City of Iowa Park, Wichita County, Texas should be declared a "Substandard Structure" as that term is defined in Section 3.02.001 of the Code of Ordinances and whether said structure should be abated accordingly.
 - (i) Action as a result of public hearing.

8. Bid Action.
 - A. Accept, review and consider bids received from parties interested in purchasing surplus properties under the City's trusteeship.
 - B. Discuss and consider bids received for the exterior painting of the two ground storage tanks.

9. City Manager's Report.
 - A. Consider approving a contingent fee legal services contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott, LLP said contract being for the collection of outstanding utility receivables owed to the City of Iowa Park. This agenda item being called for the purpose of considering the matters listed in Texas Government Code Section 2254.1036(a)(1). Requisite notice of these items is posted with this agenda in accordance with that section.
 - B. Discuss and consider disposal of certain surplus vehicles, equipment and supplies.
 - C. Discuss and consider proposals for drainage improvements involving the Gordon Lake pedestrian walkway.
 - D. Receive a report from the Parks and Recreation Director concerning the parks maintenance program.
 - E. Receive a report from the City Manager on the Industrial Avenue Extension Project.

Agenda Posted on _____ at _____ .m. by _____

The City of Iowa Park is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodations and equal access to communications will be provided to those who provide notice to the City Secretary at 940-592-2131 at least 72 hours prior to this meeting.

10. Ordinance.

- A. An ordinance of the City of Iowa Park, Texas amending the Code of Ordinances to add Section 12.06.001 through 12.06.019 and Article A12.000 in Appendix A regulating the use of golf carts and motorized carts on City streets. **(Ord #1281)**

NOTICE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 2254.1036

WHEREAS, the City of Iowa Park ("City"), will consider entering into a contingent fee contract(s) with the law firm of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, L.L.P. ("Firm") and hereby posts this notice pursuant to Sec. 2254.106 of the Government Code.

WHEREAS, this notice shall be posted before or at the time of giving the written notice required by Government Code Sec. 551.041 for a meeting described by Sec. 2254.1036(2) of the Government Code and shall announce the following:

A. The City is pursuing a contract with the Firm for the collection of delinquent utility receivables and through this contract the City seeks to increase recovery of its delinquent debts in as expeditious a manner as possible. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(1)(A).

B. The City believes the Firm has the competency, qualifications, and experience necessary to fulfill this contract. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(1)(B). The Firm has collected delinquent government receivables for nearly 50 years. The Firm currently has 12 primary offices and multiple satellite offices throughout Texas, Oklahoma and Florida. It employs more than 400 individuals, including more than 50 attorneys. It uses a multi-office, fully integrated team approach allowing the City access to all its offices and resources. Its collection team consists of long-term Firm employees, including attorneys, call center associates, paralegals, law clerks, legal secretaries, collection support personnel and information technology experts. The Firm utilizes proprietary collection software that can be tailored to meet any special need the City may have. This proprietary software also automates many aspects of the collection process, such as: account/debtor research, mailings and phone calls, return mail and address updates, payment notification and processing and work-flow.

C. The nature of any relationship between the City and the Firm is as follows. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(1)(C).

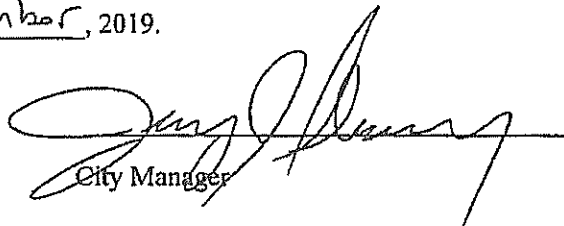
The Firm currently collects the city's delinquent taxes and court fine and fees.

D. The City is unable to perform this function and efficiently collect its own delinquent receivables. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(1)(D). The City currently does not have adequate support staff, computer software/programming, or experience to internally conduct these collection services and acquiring these will result in substantial expense to the City.

E. These collection services cannot be provided for an hourly fee. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(1)(E). The collection of delinquent receivables is a high-volume practice, requiring a significant amount of research, mailing, and handling of outbound/inbound calls. An hourly fee for such work will likely exceed amount of debt owed.

F. The City believes this contingent fee contract is in its best interest. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(1)(F). Under the contingent fee contract, the Firm will be paid the amount of the percentage-based collection fee, regardless the number of hours the Firm spends researching, contacting and mailing to collect the delinquent debt.

Executed this the 27th day of November, 2019.


City Manager