



CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION MINUTES

Monday, April 17, 2023
6:30 PM

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CITY OF IOWA COLONY

BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 17th day of April 2023, the City Council of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, held a Work Session at 6:30 P.M. at Iowa Colony City Hall, there being present and in attendance the following members to wit:

Mayor Michael Byrum-Bratsen
Councilman McLean Barnett
Councilwoman Marquette Greene-Scott
Councilman Wil Kennedy
Mayor Pro Tem Chad Wilsey

And Councilwoman Arnetta Murray being absent, constituting a quorum at which time the following business was transacted.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Byrum-Bratsen called the work session to order at 6:30 P.M.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

An opportunity for the public to address City Council on agenda items or concerns not on the agenda. To comply with Texas Open Meetings Act, this period is not for question and answer. Those wishing to speak must identify themselves and observe a three-minute time limit.

Michael Holton- 8703 Iowa Colony Blvd.

Mr. Holton thanked the Mayor and Council for all that they do. He encourages them to look at tax exemptions this year as everyone has received their tax statements and they have gone up.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Discussion on options for tax exemptions and financial impacts.

Robert Hemminger provided options for tax exemptions. The city currently offers property owners a 10% homestead exemption. This could go up to 20%, if the council chose to. In addition to this, the council has the option to offer an additional amount to seniors (over 65) or disabled. The city has already set an additional exemption over 65 at \$40,000.00 on top of the 10% homestead exemption. Both are adjustable on or before July 1st of any given year to go into effect for the next year. In addition to both exemptions, the state constitution allows us to offer a cap for senior citizens that essentially freezes the tax rate (the dollars) that they pay either the year that it's adopted or the year they earn eligibility. A governing body that provides that cannot take it away, it applies forever.

2. Discussion on proposed updates and revisions to the Major Thoroughfare Plan.

Dinh Ho provided information regarding making updates to the major thoroughfare plan. We initially made updates based on the PUD agreements.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor closed the worksession at 7:09 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 15th DAY OF MAY 2023

Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary

Wil Kennedy, Mayor

