



CITY OF IOWA COLONY

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, April 17, 2023
7:00 PM**

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STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

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BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 17th day of April 2023, the City Council of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, held a Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. at Iowa Colony City Hall, there being present and in attendance the following members to wit:

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Byrum-Bratsen called the meeting to order at 7:18 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reserved for formal presentations and proclamations.

1. Proclamation for Municipal Clerk Week

Mayor Byrum-Bratsen read the Proclamation for Municipal Clerk Week aloud and presented the Proclamation to the Municipal Clerk, Kayleen Rosser.

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.

Terry Hayes- Resident of Sterling Lakes: He expressed his interest in historical knowledge and would like to request landmarks and a history committee/commission. He recommended developing a map of historical sites and landmarks about facts and people who have shaped and played a vital role in our city's history. This information could be used to inform future residents about the city's history. He encourages the City Council to establish this committee and appoint members to it.

Larry Boyd- City Attorney: He has had the great privilege to represent Iowa Colony for the last 25 years. He started in February of 1998, and he has seen such a great transformation. At that time there were no

property taxes, no Police Department, and only one staff member “Geraldine Frank”. She was a wonderful resource of institutional memory. The city staff is incredibly competent and have been so professional to work with. He sincerely appreciates everyone and the opportunity he was given to represent Iowa Colony.

Brenda Dillon- 4402 Bullard Parkway: Thanked Larry. He has been a true asset to the city. Thanked Kayleen for everything that she does. Mrs. Dillon supports the O' Day zoning change of the 28-acre property which is located right behind her property.

Tim Varlack- 9942 Clear Diamond thanked Larry. He expressed support for Mr. Hayes' request for the historical review and the possibility of a historical review committee/commission. He stated that the President recently signed a bill that officially ended the pandemic and the methods that went along with it. The methods by which we can meet and provide communication to our residents. He urges the City Council to potentially look at buying equipment that would allow us to bring these public meetings to the community electronically.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- 7:36 P.M.

Executive session in accordance with 551.071 and 551.072 of the Texas Gov't Code to deliberate and consult with attorney on the following:

2. Purchase of real property and financial matters related thereto

POST EXECUTIVE SESSION- 8:22 P.M.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Barnett appreciates everyone showing up. He echoes sentiments to Larry that were said before. He thanked Kayleen for everything she does. He appreciates the staff and police and all the hard work they do. He reminded everyone to get their plans ready for the upcoming hurricane season.

Councilmember Greene-Scott thanked Larry for everything and for going above and beyond. She appreciates that every time she had a question he was there and thanked him for helping Natasha. She thanked Kayleen for all her hard work. She thanked the Mayor. She has asked the Mayor a lot of questions and has helped her and she appreciates it. She was watching the news earlier and started crying because of gun violence in this country. We need to be proactive in our community. She congratulated the LSU Women's Basketball team for winning the national championship.

Councilmember Kennedy prayed aloud. He mentioned that we talked about taxes in our worksession. Iowa Colony is open for business. We are a growing community. He is advocating for a freeze for 65 and above. We need to look at numbers and see what we can effectively afford. He wants to explore the numbers for tax exemptions. He mentioned that we touched on drainage earlier. He thanked Ruben for going out and checking on CR 79. He thanked Jeremy for his work along with other staff members. He thanked Larry and let him know he will be dearly missed. He is appreciative of him.

Councilmember Wilsey told everyone to go fight your property taxes and protest. We have an election coming up, do your research and go vote.

Mayor Byrum-Bratsen thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He reminded everyone that elections are coming up on the first Saturday in May. Councilmember Green-Scott brought up gun violence and we have talked about this many times before. He is at a loss for what we need to do. This is his last full meeting. Mayor Byrum-Bratsen recognized Officer Travis Gibbens as the Brazoria County 100 Club's officer of the year.

STAFF REPORTS

3. Fire Marshal/Building Official
4. Police Department
5. Municipal Court
6. Public Works
7. City Engineer
8. Finance Department

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. Hold a public hearing to consider rezoning the following property from single family residential to business retail:

Approximately 28.28 acres of land, which is Property ID Nos. 176404, 176446, and 176395 in the records of the Brazoria County Appraisal District, generally located east of Highway 288, south of CR 81/Bullard Parkway, and west of W. Colony Loop Road, and generally north and east of Southview Baptist Church.

Mayor Byrum-Bratsen opened the public hearing at 8:45 P.M. Allen Mueller representing the O'Day family approached the Council. He stated that this rezoning matches the comprehensive plan. They are asking that it all be rezoned as business retail so it is all zoned the same, which matches the future land use plan. The owners do not have any current plans for the property. The public hearing was closed at 9:12 P.M.

10. Hold a public hearing to consider annexing the following property:

The entire width of the right of way of Crystal View Drive from its intersection with the right of way of Meridiana Parkway, southward and westward along the right of way of Crystal View Drive to the eastern edge of its intersection with the right of way of Ames Boulevard.

Mayor Byrum-Bratsen opened the public hearing at 8:52 P.M. There were no comments from the public. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 9:16 P.M.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

11. Consideration and possible action related to the purchase of real property. There was no action taken.
12. Consideration and possible action on a resolution designating an official city motto.

Motion made by Councilmember Greene-Scott to approve a Resolution adopting the official city motto "A city above the rest". Seconded by Councilmember Kennedy.
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Wilsey, Councilmember Barnett, Councilmember Greene-Scott, Mayor Byrum-Bratsen, Councilmember Kennedy. Approved unanimously.
13. Consideration and possible action approving an ordinance on first reading requiring Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) at all hotels and public pools in the City of Iowa Colony.

Motion made by Mayor Byrum-Bratsen, Seconded by Councilmember Greene-Scott.
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Wilsey, Councilmember Barnett, Councilmember Greene-Scott, Mayor Byrum-Bratsen, Councilmember Kennedy. Approved unanimously.
14. Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance rezoning approximately 28.28 acres of land, which is Property ID Nos. 176404, 176446, and 176395 in the records of the Brazoria County Appraisal District, from Single Family Residential to Business Retail.

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Wilsey to approve an ordinance rezoning approximately 28.28 acres of land which is Property ID Nos. 176404, 176446, and 176395 in the records of the Brazoria County Appraisal District, from Single Family Residential to Business Retail. Seconded by Councilmember Kennedy.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Wilsey, Councilmember Barnett, Councilmember Greene-Scott, Mayor Byrum-Bratsen, Councilmember Kennedy. Approved unanimously.

15. Consideration and possible action to approve the Municipal Service Agreement with Brazoria County for the annexation of portions of Crystal View Drive.

Motion made by Councilmember Greene-Scott to approve a Municipal Service Agreement with Brazoria County for the annexation of portions of Crystal View Drive. Seconded by Councilmember Kennedy.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Wilsey, Councilmember Barnett, Councilmember Greene-Scott, Mayor Byrum-Bratsen, Councilmember Kennedy. Approved unanimously.

16. Consideration and possible action to approve an Ordinance on first and final reading annexing portions of Crystal View Drive.

Motion made by Councilmember Kennedy to approve an ordinance on first and final reading annexing portions of Crystal View Drive. Seconded by Councilmember Greene-Scott.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Wilsey, Councilmember Barnett, Councilmember Greene-Scott, Mayor Byrum-Bratsen, Councilmember Kennedy. Approved unanimously.

17. Consideration and possible action granting to CenterPoint Energy a limited blanket easement for power line installation at 3144 Meridiana Parkway.

Motion made by Councilmember Greene-Scott granting to Centerpoint Energy a limited blanket easement for power line installations at 3144 Meridiana Parkway. Seconded by Councilmember Barnett.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Wilsey, Councilmember Barnett, Councilmember Greene-Scott, Mayor Byrum-Bratsen, Councilmember Kennedy. Approved unanimously.

18. Consideration and possible action on an ordinance amending the City of Iowa Colony Investment Policy, Investment Strategies, and an authorized broker/dealer list.

Motion made by Councilmember Kennedy to approve an ordinance amending the City of Iowa Colony Investment Policy, Investment Strategies, and an authorized broker/dealer list. Seconded by Councilmember Greene-Scott.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Barnett, Councilmember Greene-Scott, Mayor Byrum-Bratsen, Councilmember Kennedy

Voting Nay: Mayor Pro-Tem Wilsey

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration and possible action to approve the following consent agenda items:

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Wilsey to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Barnett.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro-Tem Wilsey, Councilmember Barnett, Councilmember Greene-Scott, Mayor Byrum-Bratsen, Councilmember Kennedy. Approved unanimously.

19. Approval of the March 20, 2023 City Council meeting minutes
20. Approval of a developer-requested, one-time six (6) month extension of the Meridiana Section 34C Preliminary Plat.
21. Approval of a developer-requested, one-time six (6) month extension of the Meridiana Section 35A Preliminary Plat.
22. Approval of a developer-requested, one-time six (6) month extension of the Meridiana Section 35B Preliminary Plat.
23. Approval of Quarterly Investment Report
24. Approval of Investment of City Funds Renewing a Certificate of Deposit (CD)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 9:29 P.M.

APPROVED ON THIS 15TH DAY OF MAY 2023

Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary

Wil Kennedy, Mayor

