



**CITY OF
IOWA
COLONY**

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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

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BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 17th day of July 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 Wil Kennedy
Councilmember Arnetta Murray
Councilmember McLean Barnett
Mayor Pro Tem Marquette Greene-Scott
Councilmember Tim Varlack
Councilmember Steven Byrum-Bratsen
Councilmember Sydney Hargroder

And none being absent, constituting a quorum at which time the following business was transacted.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Varlack prayed aloud.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Kennedy presented a Proclamation for Pride Month.

CITIZEN COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-7:15 P.M.

Executive session in accordance with 551.074 of the Texas Gov't Code to deliberate and consult with attorney on the following:

1. Discuss personnel matters related to City Manager annual performance appraisal.

POST EXECUTIVE SESSION- 7:58 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Hold a public hearing for a sign variance regarding the height and sign area for a temporary free-standing sign at the Southwest corner of Crystal View Drive and County Road 48.

Mayor Kennedy opened the public hearing at 7:58 P.M. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Kennedy closed the public hearing at 9:01 P.M.

3. Hold a public hearing on the approval of a Crime Control Plan and Budget for the Iowa Colony Crime Control and Prevention District for FY 23-24.

Mayor Kennedy opened the public hearing at 7:59 P.M. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Kennedy closed the public hearing at 9:43 P.M.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilmember Barnett had no comments.
- Councilmember Murray stated that the Fourth of July event was amazing.
- Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott stated that the Fourth of July event was great even though Whitney Houston's version of the National Anthem was not played. She reminded everyone to stay hydrated as it is hot outside. She thanked those in attendance at the meeting.
- Councilmember Varlack thanked the members of the public for attending the meeting. He also thanked the staff for being in attendance. He mentioned that the Fourth of July event was outstanding. It appeared that there were more people in attendance at the event this year than last year. Staff did an outstanding job getting folks out of the parking lot after the event. It was a major improvement from last year. Just a reminder to please stay hydrated in this heat. There are still many stones that are being deposited onto the road particularly coming out of the concrete crushing facility at Meridiana Parkway leading both directions on 288 going South and North. He is asking the contractor to please run the street sweeper at least early in the morning and around late afternoon. He stated that the Touch a Truck event was awesome.
- Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen concurred with Council Member Varlack stating that there is a scatter of rocks on Meridiana Parkway exit turning left onto 288. He asked if the pipeline of CR 57 West secured a deposit for the road for the new pipeline, they are putting in across and under 288. He drove through Sterling Lakes and the fire hydrant painting looks great. He thanked the Mayor for the Pride Proclamation.
- Councilmember Hargroder expressed her appreciation for the staff. Fourth of July was above and beyond. She thanked Jeremy and Parks and Recreation for the wonderful event.
- Mayor Kennedy stated he is honored and humbled to have such an outstanding council to work with. He thanked the three members of council who attended the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. He stated that the Iowa Colony Pioneers will be kicking off their fall season soon. Go Iowa Colony Pioneers! Stay Hydrated. He stated that after the last work session he wanted to apologize to the council and specifically to Matt Lawson. He allowed the meeting to get off track and get off task as it related to that discussion so for that reason he wanted to apologize to Mr. Lawson and thank Rise for being present and being accountable in participating in our process in making Iowa Colony a better place to live.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager, Robert Hemminger mentioned that he provided all Councilmembers with a copy of the proposed budget for FY 2024.

4. Fire Marshal/Building Official Monthly Report
5. Police Department Monthly Report

6. Municipal Court Monthly Report
7. Public Works Monthly Report
8. City Engineer Monthly Report
9. Finance Monthly Reports

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

10. Consideration and possible action on personnel matters.

No action was taken.

11. Consideration and possible action regarding a request for a variance to the sign ordinance for a temporary free-standing sign at the Southwest corner of Crystal View Drive and County Road 48.

Motion made by Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen to approve the sign variance with the following conditions:

- size of the sign be 8x12 (3 sheets of plywood)
- sign can be up for the extent of 1 calendar year (365 days)
- sign is engineered stamp for wind load
- sign can be a maximum height of 16ft.

Seconded by Councilmember Barnett.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Hargroder, Councilmember Varlack

12. Consideration and possible action authorizing the purchase of data servers, telephones, and related components in the amount of \$215,230.22 for the Public Safety Building from DataVox using The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Cooperative Purchasing Program contract number 230105.

Motion made by Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen, Seconded by Councilmember Murray.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Hargroder, Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen, Councilmember Varlack

13. Consideration and possible action for a variance request to section 33 of the subdivision ordinance for Caldwell Lakes

Motion made by Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen to grant the variance request to section 33 of the subdivision ordinance for Caldwell Lakes, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Councilmember Hargroder, Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen, Councilmember Varlack

Voting Nay: Mayor Kennedy

14. Consideration and possible action for a variance to section 36 of the subdivision ordinance for Caldwell Lakes.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott to grant a variance to section 36 of the subdivision ordinance for Caldwell Lakes, Seconded by Councilmember Murray.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott,

Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Hargroder, Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen, Councilmember Varlack

15. Consideration and possible action for the Caldwell Lakes General Plan.

Motion made by Councilmember Murray to approve the Caldwell Lakes General Plan, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Hargroder, Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen, Councilmember Varlack

16. Consideration and possible action adopting a Noise Ordinance on first reading.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to approve the ordinance on first reading, Seconded by Councilmember Varlack. City Secretary read the ordinance caption aloud. Motion carried.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Hargroder, Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen, Councilmember Varlack

17. Consideration and possible action adopting an ordinance amending the Engineering Design Criteria Manual.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to adopt an ordinance amending the Engineering Design Criteria Manual., Seconded by Councilmember Murray. City Secretary read the ordinance caption aloud. Motion carried.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Hargroder, Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen, Councilmember Varlack

18. Consideration and possible action on a resolution adopting the Capital Investments Plan (CIP).

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to approve a resolution adopting the Capital Investments Plan (CIP), Seconded by Councilmember Varlack.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Hargroder, Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen, Councilmember Varlack

19. Consideration and possible action on an ordinance adopting a Master Drainage Plan.

Motion made by Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen to approve an ordinance adopting a Master Drainage Plan, Seconded by Councilmember Murray. City Secretary read the ordinance caption aloud.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Hargroder, Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen, Councilmember Varlack

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion made by Councilmember Varlack to approve consent items No. 21,22, and 23 as presented, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Hargroder, Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen, Councilmember Varlack

20. Consider approval of the June 26, 2023, Council work session minutes.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to approve the June 26, 2023, Council work session minutes., Seconded by Councilmember Varlack.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Hargroder, Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen, Councilmember Varlack

Voting Abstaining: Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott as she was absent for the work session on June 26, 2023.

21. Consider approval of the June 26, 2023 Council meeting minutes.

22. Consider approval of the June 27, 2023, Council work session minutes.

23. Consider approval of the Sierra Vista Plaza Final Plat.

24. Approval of Quarterly Investment Report

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to approve the Quarterly Investment Report, Seconded by Councilmember Murray.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Hargroder, Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen, Councilmember Varlack

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 21ST DAY OF AUGUST 2023

Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary

Wil Kennedy, Mayor