



CITY OF IOWA COLONY

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, February 10, 2025
7:00 PM**

Iowa Colony City Council Chambers, 3144 Meridiana Parkway, Iowa Colony, Texas 77583

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COUNTY OF BRAZORIA

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BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 10th day of February 2025, the City Council of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, held a meeting at 7:00 P.M. at the Iowa Colony City Council Chambers, there being present and in attendance the following members to wit:

Mayor Wil Kennedy
Mayor Pro Tem Marquette Greene-Scott
Councilmember McLean Barnett
Councilmember Arnetta Murray
Councilmember Tim Varlack
Councilmember Kareem Boyce
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 7:00 P.M.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Varlack prayed aloud.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reserved for formal presentations and proclamations.

1. Proclamation declaring Black History Month

Mayor Kennedy read aloud the Proclamation declaring February as Black History Month.

2. Proclamation declaring Women's History Month

Mayor Kennedy read aloud the Proclamation declaring February as Women's History Month.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Cynthia Marlin; 8501 County Road 80 stated that she received a code enforcement notice and when they called the city, they were told they had 30 days to move the house off the property. They were informed that they could not have 2 dwellings on the property. She spoke with the code enforcement officer and was told that they had 30 days to move the modular home off the property. At this point she is unsure of how to proceed.

Jessica Ransom; 8501 County Road 80 mentioned that upon purchasing the property she was not aware that it was in the Iowa Colony city limits so she is confused on where her property is, who she needs to call, and who she needs to speak to when there are issues. Her main concern is what to do with her home.

Brenda Dillon; 4402 Bullard Parkway spoke on behalf of the City Manager. She mentioned that she wanted to remind everyone how valuable the City Manager and the City Attorney are. She asked that when we look at their contract, we don't get caught up on the salary as they bring so much to the city and that we look at the overall contract including all the great things they have brought to the city.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Hold a public hearing to consider the advisability of the creation of a Public Improvement District.

Mayor Kennedy opened the public hearing at 7:14 P.M. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Kennedy closed the public hearing at 7:15 P.M.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Consideration and possible action on a resolution calling for the general election of officers on May 3, 2025.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to approve a resolution calling for the City of Iowa Colony General Election of Officers on May 3, 2025, Seconded by Councilmember Varlack.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Hargroder, Councilmember Varlack, Councilmember Boyce

5. Consideration and possible action on a resolution calling for a special election to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term for the office of City Council Position 1.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to approve a resolution calling for a special election to fill a vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term for City Council Position 1, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott.

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

6. Consideration and possible action on a resolution calling for a special election to create the Iowa Colony Municipal Development District.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to approve a resolution calling for a special election in the Iowa Colony Extraterritorial jurisdiction to create the Iowa Colony Municipal Development District, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott.

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

7. Consideration and possible action on a joint election agreement with Brazoria County for the May 3, 2025 elections.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to approve a joint election contract with Brazoria County for the 2025 Iowa Colony elections, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott.

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

8. Consideration and possible action on a contract award for CDBG-DR/MIT Contract No. 24-065-009-E166 to Mar-Con Services, LLC for Drainage Improvements on Iowa Colony Blvd. and Chocolate Bayou West Fork Tributary.

Motion made by Councilmember Boyce to authorize a contract with Mar-Con Services, LLC in the amount of \$1,657,737.85 for drainage improvements on Iowa Colony Blvd. and Chocolate Bayou West Fork Tributary, Seconded by Councilmember Barnett.

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

9. Consideration and possible action on a resolution amending the City's Fee Schedule.

Motion made by Councilmember Murray to approve a resolution amending the City's fee schedule, Seconded by Councilmember Hargroder.

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

10. Consideration and possible action on a resolution creating the Crystal Center Public Improvement District.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to approve a resolution creating the Crystal Center Public Improvement District, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott.

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

11. Consideration and possible action on a development agreement for the Crystal Center Entertainment District at Iowa Colony.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott to approve a development agreement and plan of development for the Crystal Center Entertainment District, Seconded by Councilmember Hargroder.

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

12. Consideration and possible action on a resolution approving amendment no. 2 to the Sierra Vista West Plan of Development.

Motion made by Councilmember Varlack to adopt a resolution approving amendment no. 2 to the Sierra Vista West Plan of Development, Seconded by Councilmember Hargroder.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Varlack to approve the consent agenda items 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 Varlack, Councilmember Boyce

13. Consider approval of the January 13, 2025 City Council worksession minutes.
14. Consider approval of the January 13, 2025 City Council meeting minutes.
15. Consider approval of the Market at Creekhaven South Preliminary Plat.
16. Consider approval of an early plat application for Ellwood Section 1A.

17. Consideration and possible action on a resolution authorizing a grant application for bullet-resistant shields from the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor.
18. Consideration and possible action on a resolution authorizing a grant application for rifle-resistant body armor from the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor.
19. Consideration and possible action on a resolution authorizing a grant application for a Criminal Justice Grant from the Office of the Governor for police department radios.
20. Consideration and possible action on a resolution authorizing a grant application for a Criminal Justice Grant from the Office of the Governor for police department in-car video recording equipment.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Kennedy agreed with the already stated sentiments from the council. He thanked the council for their part in everything that the city does. He stated that the MLK day parade was awesome as well as the event that followed at Alumni Hall. He mentioned that the State of the City was amazing. He thanked the staff members and the council who worked on putting the event together. He shared that we had a meeting with CenterPoint, and they see what is happening and see the need for additional developments within our community. Staff is working with them to locate that facility and station here in Iowa Colony.

Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott wished everyone a Happy Black History Month. She congratulated Councilmember Murray on the successful MLK day parade and event. She mentioned her Alma Mater being represented on the Superbowl pre-game show.

Councilmember Murray thanked everyone that helped with the MLK day event. She thanked Robert, Chief, and Jeremy and his crew, Dr. Brown, Roland, Mayor Kennedy and Councilmember Boyce. She mentioned that Iowa Colony was the only city in Brazoria County to have an MLK day celebration. She thanked Councilmember Varlack for paying for the musician. She paid for the entertainer. She stated that this event would not have been a success without all those involved and helping.

Councilmember Barnett provided no comments.

Councilmember Boyce thanked all those in attendance. He stated that the MLK day parade had a wonderful turnout. This event started out in the Council Chambers and to see how much it has grown is phenomenal. He thanked Councilwoman Murray for spearheading the event. He stated that the State of the City was awesome. He mentioned there were a lot of people working behind the scenes to put the event together. He thanked those who had a hand in putting the event together and attending.

Councilmember Varlack provided no comments.

Councilmember Hargroder congratulated Officer Strueby on most DWI arrests within our department. She thanked the city staff for their work and accommodating the changes to their work during the freeze. She stated that the state of the city was very well done.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Bell presented the racial profiling report.

21. Building Official/Fire Marshal Monthly Reports
22. Police Department Monthly Report and Annual Racial Profiling Report
23. Municipal Court Monthly Report
24. Public Works Monthly Report

25. City Engineer Monthly Report
26. Finance Monthly Reports
27. Technology Department Monthly Report
28. Water/Wastewater Utility Monthly Report

EXECUTIVE SESSION-8:22 P.M.

Executive session in accordance with 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Gov't Code to deliberate and consult with attorney on the following:

29. Deliberate the City Manager's and City Attorney's employment agreements.
30. Deliberate potential or threatened legal action related to development agreement default.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION-9:40 P.M.

31. Consideration and possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH 2025

Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary

Wil Kennedy, Mayor

