



CITY OF IOWA COLONY

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 10, 2024
7:00 PM

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

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BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 10th day of June 2024, 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 7:37 P.M.

INVOCATION

The invocation was provided by Pastor G.R. Holland.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reserved for formal presentations and proclamations.

1. Proclamation declaring Juneteenth

Mayor Kennedy presented a Proclamation declaring Juneteenth.

2. Presentation of Fourth of July sponsorship awards

Mayor Kennedy presented awards to the Fourth Fest sponsors.

3. Proclamation recognizing Iowa Colony High School Track Teams State Championships

Mayor Kennedy presented Proclamations to the Iowa Colony High School girls and boys track teams for winning state.

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.

There were no comments from the public.

Councilmember Boyce recognized the student advisory committee members including Christian Reynolds, Noel Hinton, and Sean Siva.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Hold a public hearing for a sign variance regarding sign height and square footage to a monument sign to be located at 2942 Meridiana Parkway.

Mayor Kennedy opened the public hearing at 7:58 P.M. Mr. Shaq Hussan attended to represent the sign company that will be fabricating and installing the sign. He stated the reason for the variance is that they feel that the city code does not allow for a visible sign for a property of that size. There will be six to eight tenants that will be occupying the building and with the code that is allowed they only get 60 square feet and a six-foot maximum height which does not give a lot of visibility for signage for cars that are driving by, and they feel this is a safety concern. There were no further comments. Mayor Kennedy closed the public hearing at 8:00 P.M.

5. Hold a public hearing for a sign variance regarding the letter height and overall square footage for wall signs to be located at 2320 Meridiana Parkway.

Mayor Kennedy opened the public hearing at 8:00 P.M. Michael Everett with Texas Republic Signs stated they are requesting a little bit bigger signage for the front wall sign for the new Star Stop Shell location. They believe that the sign that is allowed is too small and will be blocked by the canopy. Since the building sits back off the street it would be a little more visible with a bigger sign. The other is the entrance and exit to the carwash signs. There were no further comments. Mayor Kennedy closed the public hearing at 8:03 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- 8:03 P.M.

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

6. Discuss appointments to the Crime Control and Prevention District Board of Directors.

POST EXECUTIVE SESSION- 8:21 P.M.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Barnett mentioned that we are 10 days into hurricane season. He reminded everyone to get a weather action plan and be prepared. He stated to use a reliable source for weather updates.

Councilmember Murray said her sons were track and field runners for Manvel and won state in 2017. She is glad that it is summer. She is thankful to have a job as she is a teacher for HISD. On June 15th and July 16th, they will be doing arts and crafts at the pavilion in Sterling Lakes. Pastor Fleming and his wife are doing a summer reading program for the kids.

Mayor Pro Tem thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting. She thanked the Fourth Fest sponsors. She congratulated the Iowa Colony boys and girls high school track teams for winning state. She stated that it is a big deal that the football team, the basketball team, and now both track teams won state. She commended the principles and coaches.

Mayor Kennedy provided no comments.

Councilmember Varlack thanked those in attendance at the meeting. He wants to call attention to the Juneteeth celebration coming up. He said a lot of us have scars. Scars are stories that turned out well. Scars are wounds that healed. While people may look at Americas history as a scar he looks at it as a story that turned out well. He mentioned there is still room for improvement, but it is turning out well and we all have something to celebrate.

Councilmember Boyce stated that he is inspired by the student athletes. He ran track in college as well. He is excited and looking forward to the FourthFest celebration.

Councilmember Hargroder reminded everyone to get flood insurance as we are now in hurricane season. She stated that she had just buried her grandmother and that she was the first women in Lake Charles, Louisiana to run for City Council. She took a moment to tell the women on council that it is a pleasure to serve alongside them.

STAFF REPORTS

7. Building Official/Fire Marshal Monthly Report
8. Police Department Monthly Report
9. Municipal Court Monthly Report
10. Public Works Monthly Report
11. City Engineer Monthly Report
12. Finance Monthly Reports

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

13. Consideration and possible action to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion made by Councilmember Murray to appoint Councilmember Greene-Scott as Mayor Pro Tem, Seconded by Councilmember Hargroder.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Hargroder, Councilmember Varlack, Councilmember Boyce

Voting Abstaining: Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott

14. Consideration and possible action appointing members to the Crime Control and Prevention District Board of Directors.

Motion made by Councilmember Varlack to appoint Jeffrey Haught to the Crime Control and Prevention District Board and reappoint the expiring three members (Melvin Davis, Warren Davis, and Brenda Dillon) to another term, Seconded by Councilmember Hargroder.

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

15. Consideration and possible action on a resolution accepting the Fourth of July Donations.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to adopt a resolution accepting the Fourth of July Donations, Seconded by Councilmember Murray.

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

16. Consideration and possible action on an ordinance for a sign variance regarding sign height and square footage to a monument sign to be located at 2942 Meridiana Parkway.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to approve an ordinance for a sign variance regarding sign height and square footage to a monument sign to be located at 2942 Meridiana Parkway, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott.

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

17. Consideration and possible action on an ordinance for a sign variance regarding the letter height and overall square footage for wall signs to be located at 2320 Meridiana Parkway.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott approve an ordinance for a sign variance regarding the letter height and overall square footage for wall signs to be located at 2320 Meridiana Parkway, Seconded by Councilmember Hargroder.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Councilmember Hargroder

Voting Nay: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Varlack, Councilmember Boyce

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

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to approve a development agreement for the Crystal Center Entertainment District at Iowa Colony subject to approval of the Plan of Development, 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

CONSENT ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

Consideration and possible action to approve the following ordinances on second and final reading.

19. Consideration and possible action on an ordinance authorizing a natural gas franchise agreement with SiEnergy.

Motion made by Councilmember Varlack to approve an ordinance on second and final reading authorizing a natural gas franchise agreement with SiEnergy, 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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to approve all consent items as presented, Seconded by Councilmember Varlack.

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

20. Consider approval of the May 13, 2024 City Council meeting minutes.
21. Consider approval of the May 13, 2024 City Council worksession minutes.
22. Consider approval of Annual Review of the City's Investment Policy.

23. Consider approval of Davenport Parkway Phase 1 Storm and Paving Facilities into the One Year Maintenance Period.
24. Consider approval of Meridiana Section 35A Storm and Paving Facilities into the One Year Maintenance Period.
25. Consider approval of Meridiana Section 35A Water and Sanitary Sewer Facilities into the One Year Maintenance Period.
26. Consider approval of Meridiana Section 55B Preliminary Plat.
27. Consider approval of Sterling Lakes North Section 7 Final Plat.
28. Consider approval of Sterling Lakes North Section 8 Final Plat.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF JULY 2024

Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary

Wil Kennedy, Mayor

