



**CITY OF
IOWA
COLONY**

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, January 13, 2025
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 13th day of January 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. The Council returned to work session.

The council meeting resumed at 7:39 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 Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Mayor Kennedy presented Councilmember Arnetta Murray with the Proclamation declaring January 20th as MLK Day.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Brenda Dillon provided comments in regard to the great job the City Manager has done. She supports the City Manager because he has brought so much to the table. She stated that he has brought the city a long way and he cares about the city and the citizens. She asked that the city council be considerate when looking at employee contracts due to the great job the City Manager has done.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the Drought Contingency Plan.

Mayor Kennedy opened the public hearing at 7:49 P.M. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Kennedy closed the public hearing at 7:50 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- 7:50 P.M.

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

3. Deliberate the City Attorney's employment agreement.

POST EXECUTIVE SESSION-7:59 P.M.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott that the City Attorney's contract or employment agreement be reviewed by outside counsel, Seconded by Councilmember Hargroder.

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Consideration and possible action on a resolution adopting the Drought Contingency Plan.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to approve a resolution adopting the Iowa Colony Drought Contingency Plan, Seconded by Councilmember Murray.

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 accepting a petition to create a Public Improvement District (PID) and scheduling a public hearing on the request.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott to approve a resolution accepting a petition to create a Public Improvement District and scheduling a public hearing on the matter for 7:00 P.M. on February 10, 2025 in the Iowa Colony City Council Chambers at 3144 Meridiana Parkway, Seconded by Councilmember Barnett.

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

6. Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution suspending water and wastewater rate increases proposed by Undine, LLC.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to approve a resolution suspending water and wastewater rate increases proposed by Undine, LLC for their customers in the City of Iowa Colony denying the water and wastewater rates, Seconded by Councilmember Varlack.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott to approve all consent agenda items as presented, Seconded by Councilmember Murray.

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

7. Consider approval of the December 2, 2024 City Council meeting minutes.
8. Consider approval of the December 9, 2024 City Council work session minutes.
9. Consider approval of the December 9, 2024 City Council meeting minutes.
10. Consider approval of the Market at Creekhaven North Preliminary Plat.
11. Consider approval of the Ellwood Section 2 Preliminary Plat.
12. Consider approval of the Ellwood Section 3 Preliminary Plat.
13. Consider approval of the Ellwood Karsten Boulevard Phase 2 Street Dedication Preliminary Plat.
14. Consider approval of the Ellwood Karsten Boulevard Phase 3 Street Dedication Preliminary Plat.
15. Consider approval of the Ellwood Recreation Reserve Preliminary Plat.
16. Consider renewal of a Certificate of Deposit with Veritex Community Bank.
17. Consider approval of a Resolution Authorizing Participation and Designating Authorized Representatives for TexPool Prime.
18. Consider acceptance of the Quarterly Investment Report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Murray thanked the mayor for presenting her with the Proclamation. She reminded everyone about the MLK day parade on Saturday, January 18th. She thanked those that have helped with the event including Jeremy, Chief Bell, Dr. Brown, Robert, and Eugene Howard as well as others.

Councilmember Barnett provided no comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott wished everyone a Happy New Year. She reminded everyone to enjoy life. She had a family member and a close friend's grandson pass away recently and then there are fires burning in California. She reminded everyone that life is very short, and we do not know how long we have.

Mayor Kennedy stated that he is looking forward to the MLK day parade. The first MLK program in Iowa Colony was in 2019. He mentioned that Iowa Colony will hold the first ever State of the City address on January 21st from 11:30 to 1 P.M.

Councilmember Hargroder thanked those who attended the Fire Department Christmas Parade. She thanked the staff for all the work they put into preparing for city events. The Fire Department received a \$20,000 grant, \$20,000 from the ESD, and the water bill donation is being used as the last third of the funding. With this, the Fire Department was able to fund a training prop grant and put in an order for that. She is proud of the hard work that was put into that. It will be the first of its kind in the county.

Councilmember Boyce stated that he is proud of the city and all the things we have accomplished. He had the privilege to be questioned by Elementary students last week. The students are in the process of building their own city. In doing so they had questions for him. They are taking notes on things happening in the city and respective communities. It made him think that there are many channels working together to make this city better.

Councilmember Varlack stated he appreciates the staff. He mentioned the events that were recently held by the city were great. He encountered several of our officers working with different individuals throughout the community, not ticket stops, just them talking to people. He was reminded of the words from Dr. King. "If you are going to be a ditch digger, be the very best ditch digger that you can be." The world is in a bit of unrest. He encourages us to be the change that we want to see in the world.

STAFF REPORTS

The City Secretary provided the dates of the filing period for a place on the general election ballot. The filing period opens on Wednesday, January 15th at 8:00 A.M. and closes on Friday, February 14th at 5:00 P.M.

Sergeant Sosa stated the number of thefts that have occurred. They are stealing breakers, fridges, and other appliances. The total losses are up to \$100,000. They are also taking construction materials from unoccupied homes.

19. Building Official/Fire Marshal Monthly Report
20. Police Department Monthly Report
21. Municipal Court Monthly Report
22. Public Works Monthly Report
23. City Engineer Monthly Report
24. Finance Monthly Reports
25. Technology Department Monthly Report
26. Water/Wastewater Utility Monthly Report

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary

Wil Kennedy, Mayor

