



**CITY OF  
IOWA  
COLONY**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, February 12, 2024  
7:00 PM**

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

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STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA  
CITY OF IOWA COLONY

BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 12th day of February 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 Arnetta Murray  
Councilmember McLean Barnett  
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 7:25 P.M.

**INVOCATION**

Councilmember Tim Varlack prayed aloud.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Kennedy provided comments. He stated that he was contacted by someone regarding bullying and was asked what efforts could be made by the Mayor to help with the bullying that is happening in the community. This was regarding something that was shared on Facebook in the Meridiana Community. The Mayor mentioned that he is a YET mentor and encourages anyone who is able to get involved with that program. He was also contacted regarding traffic violations around the Bel Sanchez school. He was notified that stop signs were being ran and that there was a report in the Sterling Lakes Community chat about a possible abduction. The last comment he received was regarding the condition of the baseball fields.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Hold a public hearing on annexation to consider annexing the following properties:

### **State Highway 6 Right-of-Way**

An annexation tract in the H.T. & B.R.R. Co. Survey, A-280 and the Hennell Stevens Survey, A-545 in Brazoria County, Texas. Said tract being the full right-of-way of State Highway 6 from the west right-of-way line of Iowa Colony Boulevard (a.k.a. County Road 48) westward to the east right-of-way line of Savannah Parkway.

### **State Highway 288 Right-of-Way**

An annexation tract in the J.S. Talmage Survey, A-560, the W.H. Dennis Survey, A-517, the H.T. & B.R.R. Co. Survey, A-284, the W.H. Dennis Survey, A-515, the H.T. & B.R.R. Co. Survey, A-288, the W.H. Dennis Survey, A-513, the W.H. Dennis Survey, A-512, the H.T. & B.R.R. Co. Survey, A-259, the Charles M. Hayes Survey, A-532 and the H.T. & B.R.R. Co. Survey, A-235 in Brazoria County, Texas. Said tract being the full right-of-way of State Highway 288 from the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad southward to the most westerly south line of said H.T. & B.R.R. Co. Survey, A-235.

Mayor Kennedy opened the public hearing at 7:32 P.M. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Kennedy closed the public hearing at 7:34 P.M.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Reserved for formal presentations and proclamations.*

2. Proclamation declaring Black History Month

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

3. Proclamation declaring Women's History Month

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

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Barnett mentioned that there is an animal problem in the Sterling Lakes Community, and it is not just impacting the neighborhood but now is affecting the rural community as they are messing with livestock. He mentioned that we need to do better as a community to educate on this issue and take the proper steps to help provide that.

Councilmember Murray thanked Judge Barfield for his speech at the MLK Program.

Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott thanked Councilmember Murray for the MLK Day program. She mentioned Black History Month and Women's History Month. She congratulated Albert Cantu on receiving his state Fire Marshal Certification.

Councilmember Varlack thanked staff and those in attendance at the meeting. He thanked Councilmember Murray for her successful MLK Day celebration. Judge Barfield did a great job as the keynote speaker.

Councilmember Boyce stated we have received a few applications for the teen advisory committee and that we are still accepting application submissions for the teen advisory committee.

Councilmember Hargroder stated there was a gumbo/chili cook off in Meridiana. Her husband hosted the event.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Sergeant King provided an overview of racial profiling reports.

The City Secretary announced the filing deadline for Councilmember Position 1, 2, and 3 is Friday, February 16th at 5:00 P.M. She also announced the filing period for Councilmember District B. The first day to file for a place on the Special Election ballot for Councilmember District B is Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and the deadline is Friday, March 1st at 5:00 P.M.

4. Fire Marshal/Building Official Monthly Report
5. Police Department Monthly Report  
Includes 2023 Racial Profiling Report
6. Municipal Court Monthly Report
7. Public Works Monthly Report
8. City Engineer Monthly Report
9. Finance Monthly Reports

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott to approve all consent items as presented minus item no. 15, Seconded by Councilmember Barnett.

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

10. Consider approval of the January 8, 2024 City Council worksession minutes.
11. Consider approval of the January 8, 2024 City Council meeting minutes.
12. Consider approval of the Extension of Approval of Caldwell Crossing Section 3 Preliminary Plat.
13. Consider approval of the Extension of Approval of Caldwell Crossing Section 4 Preliminary Plat.
14. Consider approval of Sterling Lakes North Section 2 Early Plat Disbursement No. 3.
15. Consider approval of the Ellwood Detention Reserve F Preliminary Plat.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott to approve the Ellwood Detention Reserve F Preliminary Plat, Seconded by Councilmember Barnett.

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

16. Consider approval of the Sterling Lakes North Section 7A Preliminary Plat.
17. Consider approval of the Sterling Lakes North Section 8 Preliminary Plat.

### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

18. Consideration and possible action to approve various items related to the CDBG Mitigation grant through the Texas General Land Office:

Resolution Authorizing Signatories

Local Financial Policies and Procedures (reaffirm)

Local Procurement Policies and Procedures (reaffirm)

Citizen Participation Plan

Nondiscrimination Policy

Excessive Force Policy

Policy & Notice of Nondiscrimination on basis of handicapped status with EEO plan & statement

Section 504 Self-Evaluation Form

Section 504 Grievance Procedure

Civil Rights Resolution

Citizen Participation-Grievance and Complaint Procedure

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to adopt, approve, and reaffirm various documents, policies, procedures, and notices related to the CDBG Mitigation Grant, Seconded by Councilmember Varlack.

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

19. Consideration and possible action to approve a joint election agreement with Brazoria County for the May 4, 2024 election.

Motion made by Councilmember Murray to approve a joint election contract with Brazoria County for 2024 Iowa Colony elections, Seconded by Councilmember Varlack.

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

20. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution calling for the general election of officers for May 4, 2024.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to adopt a resolution calling for the City of Iowa Colony General Election of Officers for May 4, 2024, 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

21. Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution calling for a special election to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term for the office of City Council District B.

Motion made by Councilmember Varlack to adopt a resolution calling for a special election for City Councilmember District B on May 4, 2024, 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

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

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to adopt a resolution calling for a special election in the Iowa Colony extraterritorial jurisdiction to create the Iowa Colony Municipal Development District on May 4, 2024, 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

23. Consideration and possible action adopting a resolution denying a rate increase request from CenterPoint Gas.

Motion made by Councilmember Murray to adopt a resolution denying a rate increase request from CenterPoint Gas, Seconded by Councilmember Barnett.

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

24. Consideration and possible action authorizing a conveyance agreement with Brazoria County MUD 31 for water and wastewater systems.

No action taken.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION- 8:52 P.M.**

*Executive session in accordance with 551.071, 551.072, and 551.074 of the Texas Gov't Code to deliberate and consult with attorney on the following:*

25. Discussion on Annual Performance Appraisals for the City Manager and City Attorney.

26. Discussion on the purchase of real property and financial matters related thereto

#### **POST EXECUTIVE SESSION- 9:36 P.M.**

#### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

27. Consideration and possible action related to the purchase of real property.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott to ratify and approve all actions related to the acquisition of the property located at 11425 Iowa Colony Blvd, up to and including the execution of closing documents by the Mayor, Seconded by Councilmember Varlack.

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2024

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Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary

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Wil Kennedy, Mayor

