



**CITY OF
IOWA
COLONY**

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, August 21, 2023
7:00 PM**

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CITY OF IOWA COLONY

BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 21st day of August 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 called the meeting to order at 7:17 P.M.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Councilmember Varlack.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge was recited.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-7:20 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:

1. Discuss personnel matters related to:
 - City Manager annual performance appraisal
 - City Attorney consultation
2. Purchase of real property and financial matters related thereto
3. Iowa Colony Development Authority/Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 2 applications and appointments

4. Crime Control and Prevention District applications and appointments

POST EXECUTIVE SESSION- 9:33 P.M

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Barnett thanked all those in attendance at the meeting.

Councilmember Murray had no comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott thanked everyone for staying for the late meeting. She asked everyone to please stay hydrated, as it is so hot outside.

Councilmember Varlack thanked citizens and staff for being in attendance. He encouraged residents to sign up for blackboard through the city website to receive emergency notifications.

Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen stated there were two grass fires in Brazoria. He thanked Albert for his help with the fire.

Councilmember Hargroder reminded residents that we are under a burn ban.

Mayor Kennedy stated that we are aware of the concerns regarding traffic on SH288 and Meridiana Parkway. TXDOT needs to make the changes. He thanked all those in education.

STAFF REPORTS

5. Fire Marshal/Building Official Monthly Report
6. Police Monthly Report
7. Municipal Court Monthly Report
8. Public Works Monthly Report
9. City Engineer Monthly Report
10. Finance Monthly Report

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

11. Consideration and possible action on personnel matters.

Motion made by Councilmember Varlack to amend the City Manager's contract per the agreement reached in executive session, Seconded by Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen.

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

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

No action was taken.

13. Consideration and possible action to appoint members to the Crime Control and Prevention District Board.

Motion made by Councilmember Varlack to reappoint Daniel Kerr and Benjamin Pahl and vacate Va' Shawnda Mclean and allow Duy Nguyen term to expire on the Crime Control and Prevention District Board, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott to appoint Jason Lazo and Melvin Davis to the CCPD Board with Melvin Davis Jr.'s term being the one-year term, Seconded by Councilmember Hargroder. Voting Yea Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Hargroder, Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen, Councilmember Varlack

14. Consideration and possible action to appoint members to the Iowa Colony Development Authority/Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 2 Boards.

Motion made by Councilmember Varlack to appoint Douglas Chumley and Judy Peterson to the Iowa Colony Development Authority/Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 2 Board, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Hargroder, Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen

15. Consideration and possible action on a petition for annexation from BHA Investments.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to direct city staff to begin procedures for annexation, and to set the public hearing and meeting for September 18, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Iowa Colony City Hall Council Chambers located at 12003 Iowa Colony Blvd., and authorize the City Manager to reschedule those if necessary., 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 on a Resolution concerning the approval of a crime control plan and budget of the Iowa Colony Crime Control and Prevention District for fiscal year 2024.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott to adopt a Resolution concerning the approval of a crime control plan and budget of the Iowa Colony Crime Control and Prevention District for fiscal year 2024., Seconded by Councilmember Barnett.

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 to set the dates and times of public hearings on budget and tax rate and meetings to adopt them.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to schedule the public hearings on the proposed budget and tax rate on September 18, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. and to schedule a meeting to consider adoption of the budget and tax rate on September 19, 2023, at 6:00 P.M, all to be held in the Iowa Colony City Hall Council Chambers at 12003 Iowa Colony Blvd., 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

18. Consideration and possible action to propose a tax rate by a record vote.

Motion made by Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen to propose a tax rate of .519209 per \$100, Seconded by Councilmember Hargroder. The City Secretary took a roll call vote.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Barnett voted yes, Councilmember Murray voted yes, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott voted yes, Mayor Kennedy voted yes, Councilmember Varlack voted yes,

Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen voted yes, and Councilmember Hargroder voted yes.

19. Consideration and possible action on a resolution establishing a policy statement regarding HOA-provided landscape maintenance in certain subdivisions.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to adopt a resolution establishing a policy statement regarding HOA-provided landscape maintenance in certain subdivisions., 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. Consideration and possible action adopting an ordinance on first reading creating and establishing a water utility franchise fee.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to adopt an ordinance on first reading creating and establishing a water utility franchise fee., Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott. 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 ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

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

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder made a motion to approve the consent ordinances on second and final reading, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott. City Secretary read the ordinance captions aloud.

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

21. Consideration and possible action adopting a Noise Ordinance on second and final reading.
22. Consideration and possible action adopting an ordinance on second and final reading amending the Engineering Design Criteria Manual.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion made by Councilmember Varlack to approve consent items excluding item no. 25 and item no. 26, Seconded by Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen.

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

23. Consider approval of the July 17, 2023 Council meeting minutes.
24. Consider approval of the July 17, 2023 work session minutes.
25. Approve engagement letter with Whitley Penn for auditing services.

Motion made by Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen to approve the engagement letter with Whitley Penn, 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

26. Consider renewing an interlocal agreement with Brazoria County for general road maintenance.
Motion made by Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen to renew an interlocal agreement with Brazoria County for general road maintenance, Seconded by Councilmember Hargroder.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Councilmember Barnett, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Hargroder, Councilmember Byrum-Bratsen, Councilmember Varlack
27. Consider dedicating a right-of-way for public purposes.
28. Consider approval of the Fite Tract Section 1 Preliminary Plat.
29. Consider approval of the Fite Tract Section 2 Preliminary Plat.
30. Consider approval of the Fite Tract Section 3 Preliminary Plat.
31. Consider approval of the Meridiana Section 37B Amending Plat.
32. Consider approval of the MH Sierra Vista Preliminary Plat.
33. Final Approval of Sierra Vista West 6 Water, Sanitary, Drainage & Paving facilities.
34. Acceptance of Davenport Pkwy. and Discovery Dr. Storm and Paving Facilities into the one-year maintenance period.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023

Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary

Wil Kennedy, Mayor

