



CITY OF IOWA COLONY

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, September 09, 2026
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 9th day of September 2026, 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 Margaret Madariaga
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 meeting was recessed at 7:00 P.M. and reconvened at 7:09 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- IT Professionals Day
Mayor Kennedy read the IT Professionals Day Proclamation aloud and presented the proclamation to Bibin George, IT Director.
2. Proclamation- Finance & Accounting Appreciation Week
Mayor Kennedy read the Finance & Accounting Appreciation Week Proclamation aloud and presented the proclamation to Chris Thomas, Finance Director, and Amber Yaws and Sandy Riley, Accountants.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Les Hosey, 4019 Kelley, spoke regarding the proposed tax rate and expressed concern about the potential increase and its financial impact on homeowners. He also questioned the timing of the publication of the proposed tax rate and urged the City Council to reduce spending and consider the financial hardships affecting residents.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Hold a public hearing on the proposed city budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027.

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$444,520 (OR 6.13%), AND OF THAT AMOUNT \$704,001 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.

Mayor Kennedy opened the public hearing at 7:22 P.M. on the proposed city budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027, **THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$444,520 (OR 6.13%), AND OF THAT AMOUNT \$704,001 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR**

Councilmember Hargroder discussed clarification regarding the proposed budget and tax rate. She emphasized the City Council's direction to maintain the final tax rate as close to the current rate as possible or lower.

Finance Director Chris Thomas explained that the previously proposed \$0.54 tax rate was intended to provide flexibility during the budget preparation process and that the budget was developed using a \$0.52 tax rate.

Councilmember Boyce thanked the Finance Department for its work in preparing the budget and requested clarification regarding the annual household impact of the proposed tax rate.

Councilmember Varlack asked whether the City would experience a budget shortfall without an adjustment to the tax rate.

Mayor Kennedy closed the public hearing at 7:24 P.M

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Announce the date, time, and place of the meeting at which the City Council will vote on the proposed tax rate.

Monday, September 21, 2026; 7:00 PM; Iowa Colony City Hall Council Chambers

Mayor Kennedy announced that the City Council will consider and vote on the proposed tax rate at its meeting on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. in the Iowa Colony City Hall Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary

Wil Kennedy, Mayor

