



CITY OF IOWA COLONY

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, September 21, 2026
7:00 PM**

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 21st 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 order at 7:00 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- Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Kennedy read the Breast Cancer Awareness Proclamation aloud.

2. Proclamation- Fire Prevention Week

Mayor Kennedy read the Fire Prevention Week Proclamation aloud.

3. Proclamation- Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

Mayor Kennedy read the Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month Proclamation aloud.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Laura Robertson is the Executive Director of The Mountain, an organization serving all of Brazoria County. The organization operates a diaper bank and food bank, including a food pantry called The Well, located outside the church on Masters Road. A community garden is also located behind the church, while the administrative offices and diaper bank are based in Pearland. The Mountain maintains a Facebook page and a website where additional information about its programs and services can be found.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Hold a public hearing on the proposed tax rate of \$0.540000 per \$100 of valuation for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (2026 tax year).

Mayor Kennedy opened the public hearing at 7:16 P.M. Finance Director Chris Thomas stated this budget was built based on a \$0.52 tax rate. Mayor Kennedy closed the public hearing at 7:17 P.M.

5. Hold a public hearing to consider annexing the following property:

A tract of land containing approximately 3.639 acres of land, located in the H.T. & B.R.R. Company Survey, Lot 58, Abstract Number 516, and the H.T. & B.R.R. Company Survey, Lot 68, Abstract Number 561, in Brazoria County, Texas; said 3.639 acre tract being a portion of a recognized 60-foot wide Right-of-Way (R.O.W.) known as County Road 81 (Bullard Road), all of a call 0.871 acre tract, all of a call 0.498 acre tract and all of a call 0.478 acre tract, all recorded in the name of Brazoria County, Texas in File Numbers 2026005380, 2026004131 and 2026044481 of the Official Public Records of Brazoria County (O.P.R.B.C.)

Mayor Kennedy opened the public hearing at 7:19 P.M. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Kennedy closed the public hearing at 7:19 P.M.

6. Hold a public hearing to consider annexing the following property:

A tract of land containing approximately 1.018 acres of land located in the William Hall Survey, Abstract number 713 in Brazoria County, Texas; said 1.018-acre tract being a portion of a call 71.697-acre tract styled as Tract I and recorded in the name of D.R. Horton-Texas, Ltd. in File Number 2021179529 of the Official Records of Fort Bend County (O.R.F.B.C.).

A tract of land containing approximately 0.065 acre of land, located in the William Hall Survey, Abstract Number 713 in Brazoria County, Texas; said 0.065-acre tract being a portion of a call 8.740-acre tract recorded in the names of John Caldwell and Ann Chaffin in File Number 2019127944 of the Official Records of Fort Bend County (O.R.F.B.C.).

Mayor Kennedy opened the public hearing at 7:19 P.M. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Kennedy closed the public hearing at 7:20 P.M.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott thanked everyone for their attendance. She stated that the budget was taken very seriously and discussed thoroughly in workshops and meetings.

Councilmember Murray invited everyone to attend the 5K Breast Cancer walk at Caffey Middle School on October 3rd.

Mayor Kennedy provided reason for wearing a Manvel football jersey at the meeting as it was due to a lost wager. He thanked staff for the FAQ being put on the city website. He reminded everyone of National

Night Out coming up. He also notified every one of the Hispanic Heritage Festival on October 7th from 6-8 P.M.

Councilmember Varlack thanked everyone for attendance. He reemphasized the upcoming National Night out event.

Councilmember Boyce mentioned he was happy to see everyone. He recognized the City Manager and stated that the budget was a long though out process.

Councilmember Hargroder thanked those in attendance. She also mentioned National Night Out event and stated she hopes to see alof of residents in attendance.

STAFF REPORTS

7. Building Official/Fire Marshal Monthly Report
8. Public Works Monthly Report
9. Police Department Monthly Report
10. Municipal Court Monthly Report
11. City Engineer's Monthly Report
12. Finance Monthly Reports
13. Technology Department Monthly Report
14. Water/Wastewater Utility Monthly Report

EXECUTIVE SESSION- 7:44 P.M.

Executive session in accordance with 551.071 and 551.087 of the Texas Gov't Code to deliberate and consult with attorney on the following:

15. Discussion on economic development related to the Crystal Center Entertainment District.

POST EXECUTIVE SESSION- 8:31 P.M.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

16. Consideration and possible action on Executive Session matters.

There was no action taken.

17. Consideration and possible action on an Ordinance adopting the FY 2026-27 City Budget.

Motion made by Councilmember Varlack to approve an ordinance adopting the City of Iowa Colony Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget on first and final reading by roll call vote, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott. The City Secretary read the Ordinance caption aloud. The City Secretary took a roll call vote.

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

18. Consideration and possible action to ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the budget by a roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilmember Boyce to approve and ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget, as required by Texas Local Government Code Section 102.007, by roll call vote., Seconded by Councilmember Varlack. The City Secretary

took a roll call vote.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Murray

19. Consideration and possible action on an Ordinance setting the property tax rate for 2026.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott that the property tax rate increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.52000, which is effectively a 0.15 percent increase in the tax rate by roll call vote, Seconded by Councilmember Boyce. The City Secretary read the Ordinance caption aloud. The City Secretary took a roll call vote.

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

20. Consideration and possible action on an Ordinance annexing Bullard Parkway.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to approve the annexation of the applicable portion of County Road 81 (Bullard Parkway), as authorized by Section 43.1055, of the Texas Local Government Code, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott. The City Secretary read the Ordinance caption aloud.

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

21. Consideration and possible action on an Ordinance annexing Caldwell Ranch Boulevard.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott to approve the annexation of approximately 1.018 acres of land, as authorized by Section 43.0671 of the Texas Local Government Code., Seconded by Councilmember Hargroder. The City Secretary read the Ordinance caption aloud.

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

22. Consideration and possible action to cast votes for candidates for Places 1, 2, 3, and 4 on the Board of Trustees of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to authorize and approve the City's official ballot for the election of Corby Alexander to Place 3 and Austin Bleess to Place 4 of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott.

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

23. Consideration and possible action on a Resolution awarding a depository services contract to First Liberty Bank and authorizing the City Finance Director to execute the contract and all necessary agreements.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott to approve the designation of First Liberty Bank as the City's primary depository for City funds, pursuant to Chapter 105 of the Texas Local Government Code, based on the determination that First Liberty Bank has provided the most advantageous terms to the City, Seconded by Councilmember Hargroder.

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

24. Consideration and possible action on an agreement between the City of Iowa Colony, Undine Texas Environmental, LLC, and Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 57.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to approve the agreement with Undine for the decertification of its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity service area located within the City of Iowa Colony's boundaries, authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the agreement and any necessary related documents, and authorize City staff to proceed with the applicable filing and regulatory process before the Public Utility Commission under Texas Water Code § 13.255. , Seconded by Councilmember Murray.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Mayor Kennedy to approve the con sent items as presented minus item no. 29, Seconded by Councilmember Murray.

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

- 25. Consider approval of the amended May 18, 2026 City Council meeting minutes.
- 26. Consider approval of the June 15, 2026 amended City Council meeting minutes.
- 27. Consider approval of the July 8, 2026 amended City Council meeting minutes.
- 28. Consider approval of the July 20, 2026 City Council worksession minutes.
- 29. Consider approval of the August 5, 2026 City Council worksession minutes.
- 30. Consider approval of the August 13, 2026 City Council meeting minutes.
- 31. Consider approval of the August 17, 2026 City Council worksession minutes.
- 32. Consider approval of the August 17, 2026 City Council meeting minutes.
- 33. Consider approval of the Ellwood Detention Reserve D Final Plat.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary

Wil Kennedy, Mayor

