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STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA
CITY OF IOWA COLONY

BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 19th day of September, 2022, the City Council of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, held a Work session at 6:00 P.M. and a Public Meeting at 7:00 P.M. at Iowa Colony City Hall, there being present and in attendance the following members to wit:

Mayor Michael Byrum-Bratsen
Councilman McLean Barnett
Councilwoman Arnetta Murray
Councilwoman Marquette Greene-Young
Councilman Wil Kennedy
Mayor Pro Tem/Councilman Chad Wilsey

And none being absent, constituting a quorum at which time the following business was transacted.

WORKSESSION- 6:00 P.M.

1. Mayor Byrum-Bratsen called the work session to order at 6:03 P.M.
2. Citizens Comments and Presentations. There were no comments from the public.
3. Discussion on proposed development by Atilar Pharma Corp. Benito Aguilar presented the facility he would like to develop on Dubuque Parkway. He provided plans of the facility to be about 25,000 sq. ft. They will make the product in bulk then sell to hospitals. He explained the specific process that they must go through.
4. Discussion on 50th Birthday Bash. City Secretary provided information on the upcoming 50th Birthday Bash. She stated there will be inflatable games, yard games, bingo, a singer, hot dogs, snocones, and a photo opportunity.
5. Discussion on maintenance of street signs in gated communities. Councilman Barnett stated that they have discussed trying to get public works service behind the gates of Sterling Lakes. One of the items they are asking to be harmonious are the street signs and anything that is TXDOT or traffic related. There is no uniformity in Sterling Lakes as it changes with management. They are asking the city to consider a nine-year phase plan. Larry Boyd, City Attorney provided the laws and regulations on the subject matter. Discussion took place between Councilmembers regarding their thoughts, concerns, and questions about the maintenance.
6. The worksession was adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

1. Mayor Byrum- Bratsen called the meeting to order at 7:21 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited.
3. Citizens Comments and Presentations.
 - Matt Lawson- Discussed the relationship that Meridiana has with Iowa Colony and how the residents benefit when there is a good relationship. He commended the council on their decision to hire City Manager, Robert Hemminger. He stated that Robert and he can work together and come to decisions that benefit the residents. That is what it takes to get things done is working together and getting it all done with integrity and morality. There were many hands involved in the police station project. They came to an agreement with the TIRZ in order to get the project done.
 - Carolyn Bowen- 9102 Iowa Colony Blvd. She praised Chief Bell. She spoke against raising taxes as everything else is going up. She stated the county has dropped their tax rate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- 7:31 P.M.

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

- Review applications and resumes for City Attorney and Judge
- M2E3 Pipeline Deposit
- TMLIRP Board of Trustees Appointment
- TML Health Board of Trustees Nomination
- Compensation of City Attorney
- Limited legal aspects of Council procedures

POST EXECUTIVE SESSION- 8:50 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

- Hold a public hearing on the adoption of the tax rate. Mayor Byrum-Bratsen opened the public hearing at 8:50 P.M. Ms. Carolyn Bowen wanted to address the council stating that she disagrees with raising the tax rate. The following residents did not wish to verbally address the council but wanted their comments known. Mr. Perry Roberts feels as though rural Iowa Colony is not represented. Rural is 100% supporting Iowa Colony through taxes and they need more benefits. Brenda Ledbetter feels that taxes should not be increased without a general reduction in city expenses across the board. Mr. Daniel Patterson feels that tax increases in a stagnating economy with uncontrolled inflation is not a good idea. This is real money from real people who only get to voice their opinion before the vote and has to deal with the results for years. There were no other comments from the public.
4. Mayor's comments or reports. He moved his report until after Council comments. He mentioned a few posts that had been seen on social media and asked that people only post facts and asked others not to speak for them as they can speak for themselves. We are representatives and are doing what is best for the city as a whole not one or two people.

- Proclamation for fire prevention month. Mayor Byrum-Bratsen thanked the Volunteer Fire Department. Representatives in attendance included Chief, Josh Walters and Assistant Chief, Al Villareal. Mayor Byrum-Bratsen read the Proclamation aloud.
- Proclamation for 50th Birthday Bash. Mayor Byrum-Bratsen read the Proclamation for the 50th Birthday bash aloud.

5. Council comments or reports.

- Councilman Barnett had no comments.
- Councilwoman Murray thanked everyone for attending. She said we all care for the city and even though we may not always agree with each other we still need to respect one another.
- Councilwoman Greene-Young thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She stated we have to respect each other and can agree to disagree. She mentioned a few posts that had been seen on social media and asked that people only post facts. She asked that people do not speak for her as she can speak for herself. She asked for respect as she gives respect to others.
- Councilman Kennedy prayed aloud. He thanked those in attendance and those who provided comments and remarks for the records. He quoted “to be hard on the issues and not on each other”. He stated the same person mentioned that the strategic plan and comprehensive plan should guide the budget.
- Councilman Wilsey had no comments.

6. Staff Reports. Mayor Byrum-Bratsen asked about the poles placed on Meridiana Parkway. City Manager, Robert Hemminger responded to question.

7. Consideration and possible action on deposit of M2E3 Pipeline. Councilman Barnett made a motion to deduct admin costs, engineering costs, and the Geotech cost, and other legal engineering, and other consulting and anything deductible under the ordinance from the deposit provided from M2E3 Pipeline. Seconded by Councilwoman Murray. Approved unanimously.

8. Consideration and possible action on compensation of City Attorney. Councilwoman Greene-Young made a motion to amend the City Attorney’s rate effective October 1, 2022 to \$250 per hour. Seconded by Councilman Kennedy. The members of Council thanked Larry Boyd for all his hard work. Approved unanimously.

9. Consideration and possible action to make a nomination for the Region 14 vacancy for the TML Health Benefits Pool Board of Trustees. Councilman Wilsey made a motion to nominate Councilwoman Arnetta Murray. Seconded by Councilman Barnett. Approved unanimously.

10. Consideration and possible action to vote on the official Ballot of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election. No action was taken.

11. Consideration and possible action on the Flock video system agreement. Councilman Kennedy made a motion to approve the Flock video system agreement without the

indemnification of Flock. Seconded by Councilman Barnett. Motion passed with five ayes and Councilman Wilsey voting against.

12. Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance amending school zone times, speeds, and locations and declaring an emergency allowing the ordinance to become effective immediately. Councilwoman Murray made a motion to approve an ordinance on first reading amending school zones and speed limits within Iowa Colony and declaring an emergency allowing the ordinance to become effective immediately. Seconded by Councilman Barnett. Approved with five ayes and Councilman Wilsey voting against the motion.

13. Consideration and possible action on an interlocal participation agreement with the TIPS cooperative purchasing program. Councilwoman Greene-Young made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing an interlocal participation agreement with the TIPS cooperative purchasing program. Seconded by Councilman Kennedy. Approved unanimously.

14. Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing a grant application for bullet proof shields for the Police Department. Councilman Kennedy made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing a grant application for bullet proof shields for the Police Department. Seconded by Councilman Barnett. Approved unanimously.

15. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution adopting the development agreement with Castlerock for property generally located north of Dubuque Parkway and East of Highway 288. Councilman Kennedy made a motion to approve a Resolution adopting the development agreement with Castlerock for property generally located north of Dubuque Parkway and East of Highway 288. Seconded by Councilwoman Greene-Young. Approved unanimously.

16. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution adopting the development agreement with Beazer Homes for property generally located north of Dubuque Parkway and West of Highway 288. Councilwoman Greene-Young made a motion to approve a Resolution adopting the development agreement with Beazer Homes for property generally located north of Dubuque Parkway and West of Highway 288. Seconded by Councilman Kennedy. Approved unanimously.

17. Consideration and possible action on a Resolution consenting to the expansion of MUD 32. Councilman Wilsey made a motion to approve a resolution consenting to the annexation of certain land into Brazoria County MUD No. 32. Seconded by Councilwoman Murray. Approved with five ayes and one abstention. Councilman Wilsey abstained from the vote as he stated he does not have enough information on the subject matter.

18. Consideration and possible action to approve an Ordinance on first and final reading adopting the FY 22-23 City Budget by a roll call vote. Councilwoman Greene-Young made a motion to approve an ordinance on first and final reading adopting the FY 22-23 City Budget. Seconded by Councilman Kennedy. The City Secretary read the ordinance caption aloud. The

City Secretary called for a roll call vote. Councilmember Barnett voted against, Councilmember Murray voted in favor, Mayor Byrum-Bratsen voted in favor, Councilmember Greene-Young voted in favor, Councilmember Kennedy voted in favor, and Councilmember Wilsey voted against. Motion passed with four Councilmembers in favor and two Councilmembers against.

19. Take a separate vote to ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the budget by a roll call vote. Councilman Kennedy made a motion to ratify the property tax revenue reflected in the budget. Seconded by Councilwoman Greene-Young. The City Secretary called for a roll call vote. Councilmember Barnett voted in favor, Councilmember Murray voted in favor, Mayor Byrum-Bratsen voted in favor, Councilmember Greene-Young voted in favor, Councilmember Kennedy voted in favor, and Councilmember Wilsey voted in favor. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

20. Consideration and possible action to approve an Ordinance on first and final reading setting the property tax rate for 2022 by a roll call vote. Councilwoman Greene-Young made a motion to approve an ordinance on first and final reading and that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.519209, which is effectively an 8.88 percent increase in the tax rate. Seconded by Councilman Kennedy. The City Secretary read the ordinance caption aloud. The City Secretary called for a roll call vote. Councilmember Barnett voted against, Councilmember Murray voted in favor, Mayor Byrum-Bratsen voted in favor, Councilmember Greene-Young voted in favor, Councilmember Kennedy voted in favor, and Councilmember Wilsey voted against. The motion passed with four councilmembers in favor and two against.

Consent Agenda- Consideration and possible action to approve the following consent agenda items. Councilmember Murray moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilman Barnett. Approved unanimously.

A. Approval of minutes of the following meetings

- August 15, 2022
- September 12, 2022

B. Approval of the following plats as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

- Castillo Subdivision Preliminary Plat
- Meridiana Southwest Village Center Final Plat
- Meridiana Section 37A Final Plat.
- Caldwell Crossing General Plan

C. Approval of the following early plat disbursement

- Meridiana Section 58A-Disbursement No. 2 and final

D. Authorize the investment of city funds

E. Approve an engagement letter with Whitley Penn for auditing services.

F. Approval of an interlocal agreement with Brazoria County for FY 2023 road project request list.

G. Approval of interlocal agreement with Brazoria County for general street repair and maintenance.

18. The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 17th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.

ATTEST:



Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary



Michael Byrum-Bratsen, Mayor

