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STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BRAZORIA  
CITY OF IOWA COLONY

BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 22nd day of February, 2021, 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. via teleconference/videoconference, there being present and in attendance the following members to wit:

Mayor Michael Byrum-Bratsen  
Councilwoman Arnetta Murray  
Councilwoman Sydney Hargroder  
Councilwoman Robin Bradbery  
Councilwoman Kacy Smajstrla  
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 6:01 P.M.
2. Discussion of proposed rules of procedure. City Council and Staff discussed revisions and /or additions to the proposed rules of procedure.
3. Discussion with City Council regarding City Manager search process. City Council and Staff discussed various topics regarding the City Manager search process.
4. The work session was adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

**REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.**

1. Mayor Byrum-Bratsen called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited.
3. Citizens Comments and Presentations.
  - Douglas Chumley, 9831 Clear Diamond Drive, stated that McLean and him also met with Jeff Braun with the ESD. He reported that the ESD hired the architect and formed committees regarding the fire station. He enjoyed the support of the Volunteer Fire Department and the City. He supports also having a staff member as the liaison to attend

other meetings and report back during council. He asked why the city does not have pallets of water on hand in the event of an emergency? Why not a backup generator for the current generator? Have we reached out to AISD or the Baptist Church and inquired for them to be used for a shelter? Hurricane season is in 100 days. Why are we waiting on the county or state for help? We need to get that resolved. He appreciates the second email that was sent out, recorded telephone call, Facebook and on the website to get the information on the resources. This was a good example of keeping people informed.

#### 4. Mayor's comments or reports.

Mayor Byrum-Bratsen stated that last week was rough for Iowa Colony. He was out of power for almost 70 hours. He feels as though this was a statewide catastrophic failure of our electrical grid. The Governor is putting it as a top priority to get it fixed. He will draft a letter to the Governor about what he believes it will take to fix the problem. He encouraged residents and City Council to reach out to the state and elected officials. He also stated that the city will be looking at what we can do to better prepare for future disasters. He thanked everyone who opened their homes to neighbors and helped those in need. He has issued emergency orders to waive permit fees and prohibit price gouging. There is a link on the website for disaster recovery information specific to the storm. He suggested starting an annual cleanup time for the city. HGAC has grants available for solid waste collection and litter prevention.

#### 5. Council comments or reports.

- Councilwoman Hargroder thanked Chief Bell for checking on her. She appreciated how the community came together during this time. She was fortunate enough to have a generator.
- Councilwoman Murray thanked Kayleen, Ron, Chief Bell and Chad who all checked on her during this time. She also thanked Commissioner Linder for making sure we had pallets of water. She stated we have to be as proactive as possible. We want people to know that we care.
- Councilwoman Bradbery presented pictures of trash that a resident had picked up for the second time. She requested that a no dumping sign be placed on Cedar Rapids Parkway between 383 and West city limits.
- Councilwoman Smajstrla stated they had pipes burst as a result of the storm but mainly in the pasture. So many supplies quickly vanished from the stores during that time. She will research some information on "what to do if" in these disaster situations so the city can place them on the website. She suggests if possible that everyone get a portable generator for such incidents.
- Councilman Wilsey mentioned they were without power for almost five days. He got to enjoy some good quality family time. He tried to help neighbors as much as possible.

## 6. Staff Reports.

- A. City Manager
- B. City Engineer- Stated that Meridiana Parkway has a power pole in the way preventing it from being opened. Poles for the traffic signals are delayed until May. He thanked Jeremy for working with Brazoria County with sanding and deicing.
- C. Police Department- Officer King discussed the responses during the winter storm. He mentioned the Presidential Declaration as well as the FEMA role for assistance to those without insurance. Anyone receiving SNAP to purchase hot foods and ready to eat meals under the declaration. Brazoria County will have a free distribution for pet food in the Angleton Courthouse parking lot. We will get the information out the best we can for recovery and programs as it is received. The dumpster for the debris did arrive today. Chief Bell also mentioned the racial profiling report has been completed.
- D. Building Official/Fire Marshal
- E. City Secretary
- F. Senior Accountant stated that the audit has started with the firm. The audit will be posted online once it has been accepted by the council. She will start doing the report on property tax income every year around this time.
- G. Public Works mentioned the park restrooms have a leak so they will be closed until they can be repaired.

7. Consideration and possible action on a resolution to approve and/or extend a declaration of disaster due to winter storm and related conditions. Councilwoman Bradbery made a motion to approve the documents. Seconded by Councilwoman Hargroder. Approved unanimously.

8. Consideration and possible action regarding the COVID-19 emergency. Councilwoman Smajstrla made a motion to discuss the COVID-19 emergency. Seconded by Councilwoman Murray. Chief Bell provided his monthly report. There have been 912 total cases, 82 active, 9 deaths in the city limits. Brazoria County Health Department continues to do testing. Doing vaccines at all four locations – 1a and 1b listed people only. He stated that 38,000 people in the county have received at least one shot. 19,000 people have received both shots. Everyone who is affiliated with the city who wanted the vaccine have been given both shots. FEMA opening federal vaccination sites; two or three “mega” vaccination sites and they not restricted to where you live. FEMA is running it and supposed to be getting large numbers of vaccines on a regular basis. The city staff will get that on the website when we get official information.

9. Consideration and possible action to approve City Hall as a polling place on Election Day, May 1, 2021 and city elections thereafter. Councilwoman Hargroder moved to approve City Hall as a polling place on Election Day, May 1, 2021 and city elections thereafter. Seconded by Councilman Wilsey. Approved unanimously.

10. Consideration and possible action to approve the following items related to the search and job duties of the City Manager.

- City Manager Job Description

- City Manager Job Profile

No action taken. Deferred to work session in March.

11. Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution amending the Plan of Development for Sierra Vista. Councilman Wilsey made a motion to approve with two conditions that the Plan of Development needs to state the development be under one owner. Condition that the two points of egress issue be clarified to the satisfaction of the Fire Marshal. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Motion fails with three noes. Councilwoman Smajstrla, Councilwoman Brabery, and Councilwoman Murray voted against the motion. Stan Winters will get with City staff to discuss next steps.

12. Consideration and possible action to approve a preliminary plat for Sierra Vista Section 8 with conditions. Mr. Winters asked to withdraw the application and will meet with staff and discuss amendments and revisions. No action taken.

13. Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution removing former signatures and adding new authorized signatures for First State Bank of Manvel. Councilwoman Murray made a motion to approve the resolution removing former signatures and adding new authorized signatures for First State Bank of Manvel. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Approved unanimously.

14. Consideration and possible action to approve a resolution removing former signatures and adding new authorized signatures for TexStar. Councilwoman Smajstrla moved to approve a resolution removing former signatures and adding new authorized signatures for TexStar and to add Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary as Authorized Representative and Sandra Castro as Inquiry Representative. Seconded by Councilwoman Hargroder. Approved unanimously.

15. Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on second and final reading establishing standards for noise. Councilman Wilsey made a motion to approve on second and final reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Discussion between Council and staff as follows: Councilwoman Murray is concerned about an excessively loud generator. She is concerned the decibels may be too low and thinks it could be excessive. Councilwoman Bradbery pointed out she had to run a chain saw that was loud as well. Mayor said he has the ability to suspend in this type ordinance for storm related activities. He can apply that to the specific circumstances. Chief Bell stated that a chain saw and generator would only be in violation if ran after 11 P.M. and, in an emergency you have to do what you have to do and the Police Department is not going to go out and look for these types of violations. Law Enforcement has discretion and have to take that under advisement. Larry Boyd, City Attorney commented on State Law saying it says cannot make an unreasonable noise – 85 db is presumed to be unreasonable. The City Ordinance will be stricter, says what the state law says, but further says it is a violation and they don't get the opportunity to prove it was reasonable. This makes it easier to prosecute, but also gives the person cited the opportunity to explain why it happened. Councilwoman Bradbery asked why can't we enforce state law? Chief Bell says if you have to

be given notice it is more difficult to do it under state law. Councilman Wilsey says they deserve a warning before they get a ticket. It was pointed out that PD does have the discretion in these circumstances on whether to issue a warning or a citation. Mayor did not call for a vote. Staff will study further and bring a report. Also, will take out the permit for parties.

16. Consideration and possible action to approve an ordinance on first and final reading approving a variance request for 2942/2944 Meridiana Parkway regarding the UDC transparency and build- to line regulation as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilwoman Murray made a motion to approve the ordinance with amendments. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Approved unanimously.

17. **Consent Agenda for Ordinances-** Consideration and possible action to approve the following ordinances on second and final reading. Councilman Wilsey made a motion to approve items A, C, and D as stated and read by the City Secretary and to pull item B as requested by Councilwoman Bradbery to be acted upon separately. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Approved unanimously.

- A. Approve an ordinance on second and final reading calling election of officers for May 1, 2021 and approve a joint election agreement with Brazoria County.
- B. Approve an ordinance on second and final reading closing Karsten Blvd. from Bullard South to its current termination. Councilwoman Bradbery made a motion to approve item B. Seconded by Councilwoman Hargroder. Approved unanimously.
- C. Approve an ordinance on second and final reading amending the Employee Handbook.
- D. Approve an ordinance on second and final reading adopting the 2018 International Plumbing Code with amendments.

18. **Consent Agenda-** Consideration and possible action to approve the following consent agenda items. Councilwoman Hargroder moved to approve consent agenda items as presented with the removal of item B to be acted on separately. Seconded by Councilman Wilsey. Approved unanimously.

- A. Approval of Minutes of the following meetings.
  - o January 25, 2021 - Regular Meeting
  - o February 3, 2021 - Special Council Meeting
- B. Approve the following plats as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.
  - o Sanchez – Lagunas Abbreviated Plat.

Councilwoman Smajstrla made a motion to approve the Sanchez-Lagunas plat as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Approved unanimously.

- C. Approval of the following Infrastructure Approvals/Acceptances
  - o Meridiana Section 76A- Approval of water and wastewater into one-year maintenance period.
  - o Meridiana Section 76A- Acceptance of storm and paving into one-year maintenance period.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION- 10:26 P.M.**

Executive Session in accordance with 551.071, 551.072, and 551.074 Texas Gov't Code to deliberate on the following:

- Sale of property to MUD 31
- Planning and Zoning Commission Members
- Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals Members
- Building Codes Board of Adjustment and Appeals Members
- Parks and Recreation Committee Members
- District Boundaries Commission Members

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION- 11:13 P.M.**

19. Consideration and possible action regarding the sale of property to MUD 31. No action taken.

20. Consideration and possible action to appoint members of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilwoman Hargroder made a motion to appoint Melanie Hampton to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Approved unanimously.

21. Consideration and possible action to appoint members to the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals. No action taken.

22. Consideration and possible action to appoint members to the Parks and Recreation Committee in light of resignations of original members. Councilwoman Murray made a motion to appoint JP Perkins, Valencia Hagos, and Reshonda Tillman to the Parks and Recreation Board. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Approved unanimously.

23. Consideration and possible action to appoint members to the Building Codes Board of Adjustments and Appeals. No action taken.

24. Councilwoman Hargroder made a motion to adjourn at 11:15 P.M. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. Approved unanimously.

APPROVED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2021.

ATTEST:



Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary



Michael Byrum-Bratsen, Mayor

