



CITY OF IOWA COLONY

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BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS, the 17th day of April, 2017, the City Council of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, held a joint work session with the Planning Commission at 5:30 p.m. and held a regular council meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the regular meeting place thereof in the city hall there being present and in attendance the following members to wit:

Mayor Michael Holton
Councilwoman Susan Cottrell
Councilman Michael Byrum-Bratsen
Councilwoman Kacy Smajstrla
Councilwoman Robin Bradbery

and Councilman Les Hosey being absent, constituting a quorum at which time the following business was transacted:

Mayor Holton called the Joint Work session to order at 5:42 p.m. One Council member absent – Les Hosey, Two PC members absent – Les Hosey and David Hurst.

Discussion of the following proposed ordinances:

- **Landscape**
- **Park Land Dedication**
- **Fencing Screening**
- **Exterior Lighting**

Kent Marsh, Marsh Darcy presented the exterior lighting recommendations. He reviewed the summary presented to the City council with both the PC and the Council. This ordinance is a “dark sky” friendly ordinance to lessen light pollution in this rural area. It also provides standards for commercial established. Provide flexibility but give guidance on the maximum amount of lighting. Intent is to cover both inside the city limits and the ETJ, if the city has the legal authority to regulate. It will apply to all new exterior lighting, from the time of adoption. There is an amortization period for existing for ten years and then will have to be replaced to lighting to the ordinance standard. If new construction exceeds 25% of the existing area, the lighting must comply in the entire structure. Process to be administered by the Building Official – any permit also shall

include a site lighting plan to compare to the table. Light Level Zones – Kent is proposing three different zones. There are seven standard zones and the other four may someday be considered. The three are: * Wilderness areas and parks. * Single family residential areas. * Non-residential areas. Each one has a maximum amount of light that the developer can propose. Lighting deals with Backlighting, up-lighting, and Glare (BUGs). The ordinance regulates the color of the light at no more than 3,000 degrees kelvin – this is less, in order to avoid blue light, which has affected migratory habits, and other issues regarding the effect of blue light. This level eliminates high intensity LEDs but it does allow for LEDs, that are still of that efficiency.

Council directions: * Allow for temporary usage of brighter lighting for security purposes – Maximum illumination time period for security check with defense of necessity to protect your property – two hours. * Determine if the ordinance can be enforced in ETJ. * Put on May agendas for PC and Council.

REGULAR MEETING

- 1 Mayor Holton called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Citizens Comments: Carolyn Bowen asked questions about getting an opportunity to read the proposed ordinances. She requested the ordinances be available for the public to review. Ms. Bowen offered to help with a public forum for the candidates. She would also provide the funds for any mail out notices. Preferred it to be held at City Hall, or would be willing to get with Meridiana to see if it can be held in one of their facilities. She was encouraged to do so.

Chad Wilsey agreed the website is out of date. Last month the post cards were approved. It was pointed out the post cards are at city hall and they will go out as soon as possible.

Vince Patterson introduced himself as a candidate for city council and volunteered for any forum that might be developed.

Mr. Jerry Lyons, Brazoria County Alliance for Children gave a presentation on Child Abuse Prevention Month. He introduced Angela Bryan, his associate. He reported the BCAC is a non-profit agency that provides assistance to child victims. There are 70 across Texas and that they opened in 2004. They have 29 partners, including the state and county offices and law enforcement agencies. Services provided: Interview children ages 2-17 who are abused, or witnesses to abuse. They interview adults with cognitive disabilities and provide family advocates for family and children during criminal proceedings and provide trauma counseling for victims and families. They meet once per month with all 29 partners to roundtable and provide the best coordinated services. Funded by grants, and are nonprofit.

4. Consider approval of minutes of March 20, 2017, Councilwoman Smajstrla moved to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Motion was approved unanimously.
5. Mayor's Comments:
 - * Proclamation – Child Abuse Prevention Month, Mayor Holton read proclamation and presented it to Mr. Lyons as April as Child Prevention Month in Iowa Colony.

Mayor's other comments and reports: Mayor Holton announced that Kayleen Rosser started as permit clerk and will work on other areas of the city as well. Election is May 6th. He encouraged all to vote. Early voting starts next week. BCCA is April 19 at Lake Jackson Civic Center. Police cars are aging and lot of high maintenance. There will be a need for a new vehicle. He suggested the City look into garbage collection for the city. City Manager is to see if city can franchise a collector. Announced the City Engineer has the 2016 Road Assessment package and will proceed with the work according to the priority and met with the County under the inter-local agreement and in line with the City's budget.

6. Council comments or reports: Councilwoman Cottrell reminded everyone that this weekend is the Manvel Iowa Colony Lions Club/Manvel EMS medical fair at the Meridiana Conservatory. She announced CR 64 is deplorable to drive on. The City Engineer will get the contractor to grade it. Councilman Byrum-Bratsen announced for public record he no longer works for Meridiana. Meridiana Parkway overpass is a little frightening to go over since some people stop and some don't. Need "cross-traffic does not stop" signage, since the others are not required to stop. Councilwoman Bradbery announced Texas Legislature just passed the four-chicken rule – governmental agencies do. Cannot restrict less than four chickens any more. The new animal ordinance does comply with this rule.

7. Staff Reports:
 - Fire Department: Councilman Byrum-Bratsen reported the fire department had two calls in the last month. Very unusual to have such a low call volume. The VFD has received word the Sheriff has instructed troopers or deputies to not call VFD unless there is an actual fire. They are not being called per the instructions and they are asking that policy be changed. He requested the Sterling Lakes West fire hydrants be changed to the city's standards. ESD extended the contract for ICVFD through the next quarter, but has not become permanent yet.

Police Department: Chief Hearn had earlier submitted his report. He reported the Racial Profiling Report has been submitted to the State.

Beautification Committee: Councilwoman Smajstrla reported she did some trimming and asked that if anyone has any landscaping skills to do work and donate to identify something nice and fresh after the parking lot is done. Robert Wall is talking to Paul Grohman about replacement of the City Hall sign instead of reconstructing the park sign that fell down

- 8 Consider approval of ordinance annexing portions of the ETJ in Sterling Lakes for limited purposes as provided by law.
* Limited Purpose Annexation of commercial properties in Sterling Lakes.

Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve the ordinance for limited purpose annexation. Seconded by Councilman Byrum-Bratsen. Approved unanimously.

9. Consider approval of plats as recommended by Planning Commission.
* Sierra Vista Section 4 Preliminary Plat.
* Meridiana Detention Pond K Final Plat.

City Engineer presented the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the plat details of Sierra Vista Section 4 Preliminary Plat.

Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve Sierra Vista Section 4 Preliminary Plat. Seconded by Councilman Byrum-Bratsen. Approved unanimously.

City Engineer presented the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the plat details of Meridiana Detention Pond K Final Plat.

Councilwoman Cottrell moved to approve Meridiana Detention Pond K final plat. Seconded by Councilwoman Bradbery. Approved unanimously.

10. Consider approval of an ordinance amending Police Department budget to appropriate funds to increase vehicle maintenance and approve amendments authorized by the Mayor Councilwoman Cottrell made motion as recommended. Seconded by Councilwoman Smajstrla. The motion was approved unanimously.
11. Being no further business, Councilwoman Cottrell moved to adjourn. Seconded By Councilman Byrum-Bratsen. Approved unanimously.

APPROVED THIS 15 DAY OF may 2017.

ATTEST:


Geraldine Frank, City Secretary


Michael Holton, Mayor