



# **CITY OF IOWA COLONY**

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, August 17, 2026  
7:00 PM**

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**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 17th day of August 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.

### **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. Presentation of Fourth of July sponsorship awards

Mayor Kennedy presented the 4th of July sponsorship awards to all sponsors that were present at the meeting.

2. Proclamation- Emergency Management Month

Mayor Kennedy read the Emergency Management Proclamation aloud.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**Melissa Bryan**, 2519 Mint Garnet Drive, spoke on behalf of the Cantera Creek residents regarding gunfire entering their homes. She requested that an item be placed on a future City Council agenda to discuss the possibility of installing a barrier to help protect the residents from the gunfire.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott** thanked everyone in attendance.

**Councilmember Murray** thanked everyone in attendance.

**Councilmember Hargroder** thanked everyone in attendance and reminded residents to remain prepared as we are currently in hurricane season.

**Councilmember Boyce** thanked everyone in attendance. He reminded everyone to remain vigilant while traveling, particularly with students returning to school last week.

**Councilmember Varlack** thanked everyone in attendance. He reminded residents that school zones are in effect and encouraged everyone to remain mindful while driving. He also encouraged the community to support the Iowa Colony Pioneers in their athletic pursuits.

**Mayor Kennedy** thanked everyone in attendance. He reminded residents of the upcoming Comprehensive Plan Town Hall scheduled for August 24 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. He stated that the City is currently in budget season and encouraged residents to share their thoughts and concerns.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

3. Building Official/Fire Marshal Monthly Report
4. Public Works Department Monthly Report
5. Police Department Monthly Report
6. Municipal Court Monthly Report
7. City Engineer's Monthly Report
8. Finance Department Monthly Reports
9. Technology Department Monthly Report
10. Water/Wastewater Utility Monthly Report

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION- 7:21 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:*

11. Discussion on Economic Development proposals

## **POST EXECUTIVE SESSION- 8:33 P.M.**

## **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

12. Presentation of the proposed budget and tax rate for fiscal year 2026-27.

Finance Director Chris Thomas presented the proposed budget to City Council.

13. Consideration and possible action to propose a tax rate by a record vote.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder that the City Council of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, by record vote, propose a Fiscal Year 2026–2027 tax rate of \$0.54 per \$100 of taxable valuation, and further set a public hearing on the proposed tax rate for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2026, to be held in the City Council Chambers at Iowa Colony City Hall, 3144 Meridiana Parkway, Iowa Colony, Texas, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott. The City

Secretary took a record vote.

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

14. Consideration and possible action to set the dates and times of public hearings on budget and tax rate and meetings to adopt them.

Motion made by Councilmember Varlack that the City Council of the City of Iowa Colony, Texas, set the date and time for the public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2026–2027 City budget for 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, to be held in the City Council Chambers at Iowa Colony City Hall, 3144 Meridiana Parkway, Iowa Colony, Texas and further move that the City Council set Monday, September 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., as the date and time for consideration and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 City budget, with such meeting to be held in the City Council Chambers at Iowa Colony City Hall, 3144 Meridiana Parkway, Iowa Colony, Texas , 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

15. Consideration and possible action on a resolution accepting the Fourth of July donations.

Motion made by Councilmember Boyce that the City Council approve the Resolution accepting the Fourth of July donations received in support of the City's Fourth of July celebration and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to take all necessary actions to receive, account for, and administer the donations in accordance with applicable City policies, Seconded by Councilmember Hargroder.

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

16. Consideration and possible action on a Resolution approving the Crime Control plan and budget of the Iowa Colony Crime Control and Prevention District for fiscal year 2026-27.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott that the City Council approve the Resolution approving the Crime Control Plan and Budget of the Iowa Colony Crime Control and Prevention District for Fiscal Year 2026–2027, as presented, Seconded by Councilmember Murray.

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

17. Consideration and possible action to adopt a Resolution denying SiEnergy Gas, LLC's Statement of Intent to Increase Rates within the City.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder that the City Council adopt the Resolution denying SiEnergy Gas, LLC's requested rate increase within the City's incorporated service area, based on the findings and recommendations of the Cities' consultants and attorneys, and authorize the appropriate City officials to take all necessary actions to implement the Resolution and protect the City's jurisdiction and interests in any subsequent appeal before the Railroad Commission of Texas , Seconded by Councilmember Varlack.

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 approve an agreement between the City of Iowa Colony and Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 55 for the installation and use of a generator to

provide temporary and permanent standby power for the Phase 1 Permanent Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder that the City Council approve the Agreement between the City and MUD 55 regarding the design, permitting, financing, installation, and operation of a permanent natural gas generator for the Phase 1 Permanent Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and within 2 years of this agreement and provide temporary diesel generator agreement prior to acceptance of the WWTP, 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

19. Consideration and possible action to appoint a Chair to the Iowa Colony Development Authority and Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 2 Boards.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to appoint Shiela Woods to serve as Chair of the Iowa Colony Development Authority and that Shiela Woods also serve as Chair of the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 2, 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

20. Consideration and possible action to approve a Conveyance Agreement between the City of Iowa Colony and Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 87 for the conveyance of the wastewater treatment plant and Lift Stations No. 1 and No. 2.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott that the City Council approve the Conveyance Agreement between the City and MUD 87 and accept the Special Warranty Deeds for the WWTP and Lift Station Sites, Seconded by Councilmember Hargroder. Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Hargroder, Councilmember Varlack, Councilmember Boyce, Councilmember Madariaga

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Councilmember Varlack to approve all consent items as presented, Seconded by Councilmember Hargroder.

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

21. Consider approval of the May 18, 2026 City Council worksession minutes.
22. Consider approval of the May 18, 2026 City Council meeting minutes.
23. Consider approval of the June 15, 2026 City Council worksession minutes.
24. Consider approval of the June 15, 2026 City Council meeting minutes.
25. Consider approval of the July 8, 2026 City Council worksession minutes.
26. Consider approval of the July 8, 2026 City Council meeting minutes.
27. Consider acceptance of the Quarterly Investment Report.
28. Consider approval of the Ellwood Section 7 Preliminary Plat.
29. Consider approval of the Ellwood Detention Reserve H Preliminary Plat.
30. Consider approval of the Bullard Parkway Phase 3 Street Dedication Final Plat.
31. Consider Final Acceptance of Brazoria County Municipal Utility District 53 Water System Expansion.

32. Consider final acceptance of Bullard Parkway Phase III Drainage and Paving Facilities.
33. Consider Final Acceptance of Bullard Parkway Street Dedication Phase I - Water, Drainage and Paving Facilities.
34. Consider final acceptance of Caldwell Crossing Section 1 - Water, Sanitary Sewer, Drainage and Paving Facilities.
35. Consider final acceptance of Caldwell Crossing Section 2 - Water, Sanitary Sewer, Drainage and Paving Facilities.
36. Consider acceptance of Meridiana Section 35B - Water Distribution, Wastewater Collection, Storm Water and Paving Facilities into the One-Year Maintenance Period.
37. Consider approval of a request for an extension of the preliminary plat approval for Wynaerra Section 4.
38. Consider approval to ratify the Addendum to Ordinance No. 2024-11, previously approved by the City Council, and to formally incorporate the Addendum into Ordinance No. 2024-11.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026

  
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Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary

  
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Wil Kennedy, Mayor

