



# CITY OF IOWA COLONY

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 08, 2024  
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 8th day of April 2024, 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 Tim Varlack  
Councilmember Kareem Boyce  
Councilmember Sydney Hargroder

And Councilmember McLean Barnett being absent, constituting a quorum at which time the following business was transacted.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M.

### **INVOCATION**

Imam Kasim Ali Khan of Masjid Tawhid prayed aloud.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were recited.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Shelby Crowe; 10414 Kahlo Ct.: She is a local realtor and asked the Council to look at the sign ordinance again. She said there have been citations written for \$500 per citation for open house signs. If the realtors are not allowed to have signs it is difficult to get the traffic flow.

Gretta Williams; 4606 Leicesster Way: She has been a realtor for 25 years. She contacted the Meridiana HOA regarding sign regulations. She was told that she could place open house signs on side streets. A Police Officer came to her open house and told her she had to have a permit. She received six citations totaling about \$3400.

Jay Tipink; is an employee for Highland Homes. They were provided instructions by Mr. Garcia regarding open house signs. He asked what the regulations are so they can make sure they are in compliance.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Reserved for formal presentations and proclamations.*

1. Proclamation declaring Autism Awareness Month

Mayor Kennedy read the Proclamation aloud Proclaiming April as Autism Awareness Month. He presented the Proclamation to Ms. Sarah Chauvin; Director of Special Education with Alvin Independent School District.

2. Proclamation declaring National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Mayor Kennedy read the Proclamation aloud declaring National Public Safety Communicator's week. He presented the Proclamation to Police Chief Aaron Bell and Sergeant Allen King as they were accepting the Proclamation on behalf of Kelly Becker.

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott is happy that we have a full house. She feels it is important to be informed and hear the City Council deliberate.

Councilmember Murray welcomed everyone and stated that local governance matters. If you do not tell the Council that there is an issue they do not know.

Councilmember Hargroder thanked all those in attendance. She mentioned that we are less than 60 days out from hurricane season and reminded everyone that if you do not have flood insurance to consider getting it.

Councilmember Boyce stated that he missed the last council meeting as he was skiing with his family. He thanked the Mayor, Council, and Staff for the support they have lent to him in his short tenor thus far on council. He is honored to step forward into the new term. He thanked those in attendance. He stated that based on the police department report there seems to be an increase in intoxication events. He reminded everyone to be responsible on the roads. He thanked the Police Department for everything they do.

Councilmember Varlack thanked the individuals in the gallery. He also recommended that everyone get flood insurance. He congratulated the staff, especially the finance team on the highest marks on the audit. He is proud of the work that the Iowa Colony staff does. He reminded everyone to be careful in traffic as TXDOT continues working. He was fortunate to travel to see the eclipse.

Mayor Kennedy is honored to serve all and to work with the staff in Iowa Colony.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

City Manager; Robert Hemminger stated that the staff reports were included in the packets. The Iowa Colony Police Department will hold their first pinning ceremony on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 1:00 P.M. in the Iowa Colony City Council Chambers. He also reminded City Council there will be a joint worksession with the Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. Kendig Keast Collaborative will be providing an overview of updates to the Unified Development Code.

3. Building Official/Fire Marshal Monthly Report
4. Police Department Monthly Report
5. Municipal Court Monthly Report
6. Public Works Monthly Report
7. City Engineer Monthly Report
8. Finance Monthly Reports

## ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

9. Consideration and possible action on a contract for Planning Services related to the Resilient Communities Program (RCP).

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to approve a contract with Public Management for grant application, administration, and planning services for the Resilient Communities Program, Seconded by Councilmember Varlack.

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

10. Consideration and possible action on an ordinance establishing the City's Water and Sewer Rate Order.

Motion made by Councilmember Murray to approve an ordinance on first reading establishing the City's Water and Sewer Rate Order, 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

11. Consideration and possible action on a resolution adopting the Brazoria County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2023.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to approve a resolution adopting the Brazoria County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2023, Seconded by Councilmember Murray.

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

12. Consideration and possible action on an ordinance assigning annexed areas to council districts.

Motion made by Councilmember Varlack to adopt an ordinance on first reading assigning annexed areas into Council Districts, 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

13. Consideration and possible action on an ordinance amending the Truck Route, designating a portion of Karsten Blvd as No Thru Trucks, and re-opening the road for public use.

Motion made by Councilmember Hargroder to adopt an ordinance on first reading amending the Truck Route, designating a portion of Karsten Blvd. as No Thru Trucks and reopening the road for public use, 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

## CONSENT AGENDA

*Consideration and possible action to approve the following consent agenda items:*

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott to approve all consent items as presented, Seconded by Councilmember Varlack.

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

14. Consider approval of the March 11, 2024, City Council work session minutes.

15. Consider approval of the March 11, 2024 City Council meeting minutes.
16. Consideration and possible action to accept the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023.
17. Consideration and possible action on an Interlocal Agreement with Brazoria County for Tax Collection and Assessment Services.
18. Consider acceptance of the Quarterly Investment Report.
19. Consider approval of Sterling Lakes North Section 2 Early Plat - Disbursement No. 4.
20. Consider approval of Sterling Lakes North Section 3 Early Plat - Disbursement No. 1 and Final.
21. Consider approval of the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 57 Water Plant Preliminary Plat.
22. Consider approval of the Sterling Lakes Retail Final Plat.
23. Consider approval of the Creekhaven Section One Preliminary Plat.
24. Consider approval of the Creekhaven Section Two Preliminary Plat.
25. Consider acceptance of Sterling Lakes North Section 6 Storm and Paving Facilities into the One-Year Maintenance Period.
26. Consider acceptance of Sterling Lakes North Section 6 - Water and Sanitary Facilities into the One-Year Maintenance Period.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION- 7:59 P.M**

*Executive session in accordance with 551.071, 551.074, and 551.087 of the Texas Gov't Code to deliberate and consult with attorney on the following:*

27. Discuss personnel matters related to City Attorney annual performance appraisal.
28. Discussion on Annual Performance Appraisals for the City Manager and City Attorney.
29. Discussion on Economic Development update

**POST EXECUTIVE SESSION- 10:16 P.M**

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

30. Consideration and possible action on personnel matters.  
Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott to accept the performance appraisal for the City Attorney as discussed in executive session, Seconded by Councilmember Varlack.  
Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Hargroder, Councilmember Varlack, Councilmember Boyce
31. Consideration and possible action to appoint members to the Iowa Colony Historical Committee.  
Motion made by Councilmember Murray to appoint Carolyn Bowen, Terry Hayes, and Tanzonia Flakes to the Iowa Colony Historical Committee, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott.  
Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy, Councilmember Hargroder, Councilmember Varlack, Councilmember Boyce
32. Consideration and possible action to appoint members to the Teen Advisory Board.  
Motion made by Mayor Kennedy to appoint Sean Siva, Noel Hinton, Courtney Adams, and Christian Reynolds, Seconded by Councilmember Boyce.  
Voting Yea: Councilmember Murray, Mayor Pro Tem Greene-Scott, Mayor Kennedy,

Councilmember Hargroder, Councilmember Varlack, Councilmember Boyce

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2024

  
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Kayleen Rosser, City Secretary

  
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Wil Kennedy, Mayor

