

# **CITY OF IVANHOE**

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

6:30 PM

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bennett at 6:30 PM. Quorum established with all Council members present. The Mayor explained that under the Emergency Order for coronavirus COVID-19 the Council meeting was limited to 10 individuals in the room. The meeting is being live streamed on the city's Facebook page. She expressed thanks to Mr. Brandon Yarbrough with Rarity Solutions for setting up equipment and establishing the live feed. There were 30 individuals viewing via Facebook. 4 individuals were present in audience.

#### **Agenda Item #1 – Ordinance 2020-4 Golf carts and Utility vehicles**

Mayor Bennett noted that the Ordinance updating the existing Ordinance pertaining to operation of golf carts on city streets was needed due to HB 1548 passed during the 2019 legislative session. The Planning & Zoning Commission had held several meetings to bring a recommendation to Council. Ordinance #2020-4 reflects the recommendations and also meets approval of the city attorney. Councilman Blackstone presented the motion to adopt Ordinance #2020-4. Councilman Vonderlin voiced the second. In Council discussion it was pointed out that Council has discussed the House Bill and the P & Z recommendations during several previous meetings and the Ordinance is the result of those discussions. Following the discussion the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item #2 – Update on street projects and grants**

Mayor Bennett updated Council on information from the LJA engineer and approval of the engineering contract for the Texas Water Development Board funding of the culvert project on Ivanhoe Dr. Also the \$500,000 bond work on Charmaine Dr. South and Chanticleer will be ready to go out for contractor bids in the next couple of weeks. Council discussed who would be on the bid review committee to bring a recommendation to Council. Councilman Warren, Herrington, Mayor Bennett and Public Works Supervisor David Marshall were appointed to serve. Mayor Bennett concluded the agenda item with information on the "75979" grant that will be used for drainage and street work in Camelot 2. Tyler County Commissioners had met on Monday prior to the Council meeting and approved the documents leading up to seeking bids from contractors.

#### **Agenda item #3 – Update on Emergency Order**

Mayor Bennett provided information from Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Jobe that was followed by an updated Executive Order by Tyler County Judge Jacques Blanchette. The information impacts cities and the Mayor has placed the Executive Order on the city website. Under the order government offices are open, many are conducting business by phone and email including the Ivanhoe city office, however for the protection of staff, entry beyond the foyer will be restricted. Public Works Dept. is continuing street right of way work. Commissioner's Court is holding meetings by phone conference call which lead to discussion of what

equipment will be required in order to live stream future Council meetings via Facebook without having to rely on Rarity Solutions to set up their equipment. Mayor Bennett informed Council that both Warren and Woodville school districts are providing meals for students at locations in Ivanhoe. The curfew for individuals under age of 18 is posted on the city website. Councilman Warren commented that there were 5 juveniles in the park over the weekend and informed them of the curfew since they were not accompanied by an adult. Mayor Bennett noted that she doesn't like restricting outside activities but the curfew will be enforced. Responding to Facebook questions: What kind of off-highway vehicles are allowed? Councilman Blackstone explained that vehicles with side by side seating is allowed. Straddle seat vehicles are not. The Ordinance uses the definitions of HB 1548 for Utility Vehicles. Councilman Herrington observed there will be concerns about the difference between Utility Vehicle and Recreational Vehicle. When will the Ordinance go into effect? It is effective now with the approval of the Ordinance by Council. Councilman Blackstone clarified that the Texas Transportation Code provides information on safety equipment that is required on Golf Carts and Utility Vehicles. Councilman Morris added that a valid driver's license is required for the driver of the Golf Cart or Utility Vehicle.

With no other questions or comments presented Mayor Bennett proceeded to the final agenda item.

**Agenda Item #4 – Adjourn**

Councilman Blackstone made the motion to adjourn with a second by Councilman Morris, and the meeting was concluded at 7:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Woodrome, City Secretary