

CITY OF IVANHOE
EMERGENCY MEETING

MINUTES

May 22nd, 2020

4:45 PM

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bennett at 6:30 PM. Quorum established with all Council members present. The Mayor explained the Emergency meeting was necessitated to act on matters of grave necessity for the safety of the city law enforcement personnel and public.

Agenda Item #1 – Radio equipment for Marshal’s Department

Mayor Bennett turned the floor to Councilman Morris liaison to the Marshal’s Dept. Councilman Morris explained to Council that the two-way radios used by the Marshal’s personnel are analog. On Thursday Marshal Riley was informed by the Tyler County Sheriff’s department that the county had switched to digital radios and the analog units would no longer be able to communicate with the county for dispatch or other law enforcement radio use. Now the only way the Marshal’s department can communicate is cell phone. Marshal Riley informed Council that he had researched and received quotes from Motorola for 2 models: APX 1000 for \$8160.29 and the APX 4000 for \$9,596.43. The Motorola units carry a 5 year warranty and operate on analog, digital or 800 Mhz trunk service. Due to the probability of the Deep East Texas Council of Governments arranging for regional radio coverage in the next couple of years, Marshal Riley recommended Council approve the Motorola units which can be used on whichever system is eventually used. Councilman Morris presented the motion to purchase the Motorola units contingent on arranging financing over a two year period. Councilman Warren voiced the second. In discussion Councilman Vonderlin pointed out that regardless of financing law enforcement safety is at stake. Councilman Herrington recommended that the financing options be researched and utilized if available and pay for the radios out of the city reserve fund as a last resort. He questioned how quickly the radios would be delivered following order placement. Marshal Riley said he estimated within a week. Following the discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #2 – Adjourn

Councilman Vonderlin made the motion to adjourn with a second by Councilman Morris, and the meeting was concluded at 4:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Woodrome, City Secretary