

CITY OF IVANHOE

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

June 2nd, 2020

5:00 PM

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bennett at 5:00 PM. Quorum established with all Council members present (Councilman Herrington arrived during discussion of agenda item #1). Public Works Coordinator Mr. David Marshall and invited guests Ms. Dawn Pilcher (Engineer/LJA Engineering) and Mr. Chris Ard (Mason Construction) were present in the audience. Technical difficulties were prohibiting live streaming on the city Facebook page.

Agenda Item #1 – Mayor comments

Mayor Bennett said she would skip her comments.

Agenda Item #2 – Change orders & other matters regarding the bond construction work

Mayor Bennett turned the floor to Ms. Pilcher to provide information on options that have been researched due to the expected cost overrun on the \$500,000 construction work utilizing bond funds. Ms. Pilcher presented the pavement analysis conditions verifying that the core samples on Charmaine Dr. South were faulty. She had developed 4 subbase and surface topping options for Council consideration to correct the problem. The engineer pointed out that utilizing the cement treatment option would require restricting traffic from using portions of the street for 24 hours while the mixture hardened. There would be minimal street blockage if the flexbase option is used. Responding to a question from Councilman Morris, Mr. Ard said the length of street that would be blocked off to traffic for the 24 hour curing time could be as much as 780 feet at a time. (Residents would not be able to drive on the surface and would have to park vehicles elsewhere). Councilman Vonderlin asked about leaving of the chip seal portion of one of the options and placing 2 inch asphalt on the flexbase. The engineer said doing so would only be possible if the asphalt were placed as soon as the base is complete, otherwise the base would be compromised by traffic and weather.

Public Works Coordinator Mr. Marshall polled the Council as to the preference of the 4 options. The majority of Council preferred option #4.

Mayor Bennett commented that she is already seeing a problem with heavy trucks damaging the edges of the new pavement on Chanticleer and she does not want the same thing happening on Charmaine South if the base is not sufficient. Ms. Pilcher verified that both the cement treatment and the flexbase is designed for a 20 year life expectancy. Councilman Morris questioned what type of material should be utilized on the side of the roadway to protect the edges of the street surface. The engineer responded any material the Council would like, that 6000 feet of material to be placed at the edge of the riding surface would add about \$25,000 depending on type of material. Mayor Bennett expressed concern about reducing the flexbase from 4 inches to 3 inches. Ms. Pilcher observed that the traffic load on Charmaine South is expected to be less than on Chanticleer.

Councilman Morris made the motion to go with Structure Condition #4. Councilman Warren provided the second. (Note: Councilman Herrington arrived at 5:54 PM and joined the discussion).

In additional discussion Councilman Blackstone asked if this would set the standard for street construction going forward? Ms. Pilcher told Council she would not recommend going with asphalt on top of chipseal since flexbase is being used, just go with asphalt atop the flexbase. Following the discussion Council voted unanimous approval of the motion.

Agenda item #3 – Authorization for additional fund expenditures from 2019 Street Bond funds

Mayor Bennett commented that since Council had only authorized up to \$500,000 expenditure for bond construction work. To pay for the additional cost of the current project Council will need to authorize additional funds from the bond funds. Councilman Morris made the motion to approve an additional \$170,000 to complete the Charmaine South section of the construction work. He noted that state law allows up to 25% overage on a construction project before it would have to be re-bid. Councilman Warren provided the second. Council discussed the Ivanhoe Estates portion of the project; having it milled and overlaid with asphalt will add approximately \$31,000 to the project. Public Works Coordinator Mr. David Marshall commented that he is not a fan of leveling up a street because it is a short term fix and Council should not expect it to last, which would be an issue in the eyes of the public. Councilman Morris voiced that the Ivanhoe Estates portion of the project will have to wait for another time. Since the Sir Robert Burns portion of the project has already been milled and flexbase material added in, that portion will have to be completed. Councilman Morris amended his motion for \$175,000 additional funds from the street bond funds. Councilman Warren amended his second to agree with the \$175,000 amount. Additional discussion indicated that the cost of engineering was not included in the total cost of the project. Councilman Morris withdrew his amended and original motion. Councilman Warren withdrew his amended second and original second. Councilman Vonderlin then submitted a motion to authorize up to an additional \$250,000 draw from the 2019 bond funds. (Total of \$750,000). Councilman Morris provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda item #4 – Authorize Request for Bids for Charmaine Dr. South street project

Councilman Vonderlin submitted the motion to go out for bids for surfacing Charmaine Dr. South following the base preparation and a single chip seal surface under the existing construction contract. Councilman Herrington voiced the second. In discussion Ms. Pilcher verified that 15 days are required from the date of 1st publication for bids to be due. Council agreed that bids will be due Friday, June 26th at 10 AM, and Council will meet June 26th at 5 PM to award the construction contract. Following the discussion Council approved the motion.

Agenda Item #5 – Update on various other street projects

Mayor Bennett reminded Council that construction bids on the Community Development Block Grant project (Durwood Dr.) will be due on Thursday, June 25th so both construction contracts can be awarded on the 26th.

Ms. Pilcher informed Council that she will be responding to a request for information from the TX Water Development Board on the Ivanhoe Dr. project and is getting design work done. Mayor Bennett informed Council the “75979” project being funded thru a TX General Land Office grant to Tyler County is now out for construction bids. The bids are due July 2nd.

Agenda Item #6 – Executive Session

None

Agenda Item #7 – Council comments

None

Agenda Item #8 – Adjourn

Councilman Warren made the motion to adjourn with a second by Councilman Blackstone, and the meeting was concluded at 6:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Woodrome, City Secretary