

CITY OF IVANHOE

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 26th, 2020

5:00 PM

Special meeting was called to order by Mayor Bennett at 5:15 PM. Delayed start due to technical issues getting Facebook streaming started. Quorum established with all Council members except Councilman Blackstone and Warren present. Public Works Coordinator Mr. David Marshall and Deputy Marshal were in attendance. No audience members were present.

Communications from the audience

Mayor Bennett noted that no questions or comments on agenda items had been submitted,

Agenda Item #1 – Mayors comments

Mayor Bennett thanked Rarity Communications for setting up the video equipment and arranging the live stream of the meeting on Facebook on short notice. She then providing updates on several items:

- The video cameras at the entrance and around the Marshal substation are now installed and providing an on-line feed that the Officers can watch from anywhere, anytime.
- After having taken 3 years to get the first reimbursement (\$32,000) for street & drainage work done on 2015 flood damage, the city has been notified that the second reimbursement request which was submitted two weeks ago has now been processed to step 7 of 8 with no requests for additional documentation or clarification. The reimbursement will be approximately \$24,000 and funds should be released soon.
- After finally being notified that the city would not be funded thru FEMA/TDEM for damages sustained in 2015, 2016 and Hurricane Harvey because the program ran out of funds, the city has been invited by the Texas General Land Office to apply for mitigation grant funds. The city passed the \$2 million bond in order to pay the required 25% match. GLO mitigation grant funds do not require a match. A phone conversation with grant writer/administrator Mr. David Waxman revealed that the invitation to apply is in fact not for competition based grant, but is for money that has been set aside for entities that did not get funded by FEMA/TDEM. It is not known if the city will receive the full \$6 million as applied for in the FEMA application.

Agenda Item #2 – Construction bid for Community Development Block Grant project-Durwood Dr.

Mayor Bennett informed Council that four contractors had submitted bids the previous day with LJA Engineering handling the bid opening. She read the base bids with explanation of the alternate items. The bid from Gulf Coast is the lowest at \$197,374.10 and including a superior base material for \$3994.80 will still keep the project within budget while providing a longer lasting roadway. Mayor Bennett explained the agenda item is for information only due to the environmental clearance report not being ready until the coming Monday. In order to expedite the project as much possible the Mayor called a special meeting of Council for Tuesday, June 30th at 9:30 AM.

Agenda Item #3 – Construction bid for Charmaine South

Mayor Bennett informed Council that five bids for the Charmaine South asphalt overlay were received at 10 AM that morning, with LJA Engineering handling the public bid opening and reading. Engineer Victoria Dia reviewed the bids during the afternoon and submitted her comments of LD Construction having the lowest bid with \$122,020 Mason Construction bid \$130,696. The engineer had estimated the cost would be in the neighborhood of \$130,000. Council discussed the 12 month warranty provided by LD Construction vs. 9 month warranty by Mason Construction. LD Construction can do a full width pavement of 18 feet in one pass, Mason Construction's equipment does 9 foot which will require 2 passes and a seam in the middle of the roadway. Council also looked at the paving option of 1 ½ inch asphalt or 2 inch. Public Works Coordinator Mr. David Marshall commented that the city should consider a slurry seal coat every 7 years to rejuvenate the asphalt and extend the life of the roadway for a small cost. Council also discussed the material to be added for the street shoulder. Following the discussion Councilman Morris made the motion to award the bid with alternate #1 to LD Construction. Councilman Herrington provided the second and Council approved the motion unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 – Street material & Culvert vendors

Following public notice posting, bids were received on June 10th from several suppliers for material used for routine street maintenance and for culverts. City secretary C. D. Woodrome clarified that most of the material used by the city stays under the \$50,000 amount before bids must be solicited. One particular product however has reached that threshold: limestone flexbase. Office assistant Malissie Taylor had compiled the bids from multiple vendors for Council to review. Mr. Woodrome recommended Council accept the bids and approve all the bidders, with the city ordering material as needed from the individual suppliers. Councilman Vonderlin submitted the motion to do so. Councilman Herrington provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 – Residential and commercial permit fees

Councilman Vonderlin led discussion on the proposal to increase fees charged for building permits. Utilizing the services of a building inspector for 3 inspections on new home construction will cost \$500 which would be required before the building permit is issued along with a \$25 administrative fee. Council discussion included the other permit fees are very low and date back to when a member of the city Council performed building/work inspections. The city has now grown to the point of needing more control on quality of buildings. Mayor Bennett said she is seeing a lack of quality and substandard construction as a result of no building inspections. She said the matter needs to be researched and a recommendation brought to Council. She asked who would be interested in reviewing and bringing a recommendation for the July 9th Council meeting. Councilman Vonderlin and Morris agreed to take on the project, and the agenda item was postponed.

Agenda Item #6 – Executive Session

Not required.

Agenda Item #7 – Council comments

Councilman Vonderlin voiced his pleasure that the construction bids came in low enough to allow the work to be done without having to cut corners. Public Works Coordinator informed Council that a Facebook response posted from LD Construction indicates the company will be able to get started on Charmaine South after the 4th of July weekend. With no other Council comments the Mayor moved to the final agenda item

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Agenda Item #8 – Adjourn

Councilman Herrington made the motion to adjourn with a second by Councilman Vonderlin and the meeting was concluded at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Woodrome, City Secretary