

CITY OF IVANHOE

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

June 30th, 2020

9:30 AM

Special meeting was called to order by Mayor Bennett at 9:40 PM. Delayed start due to waiting for a Quorum. All Council members were present except Councilman Herrington. 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 informed Council on several items:

- Engineer Victoria Dai has scheduled the final walk thru with Mason Construction for 9 AM Thursday for the work on Chanticleer and intersection with Lakewood, and Charmaine S.
- Deadline to submit application for the Comprehensive Planning Grant is Sept. 1st. A workshop will be scheduled with the grant writer/project developer after the July 9th Council meeting.
- The grant administrator for the Community Development Block Grant on the Durwood street project had issued notice that the environmental review had cleared on Monday so the Council is now able to award the construction contract. The grant is for \$275,000. Subtracting the grant writer/administrator and engineering fees will leave \$210,000 for construction.

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

Mayor Bennett read the base bids submitted by four construction firms and an explanation of the alternate items. The bid from Gulf Coast is the lowest at \$197,374.10 including a change order from asphalt surface to chip seal, and removing the drainage work option (which the city Public Works will take care of prior to the contractor beginning work). The Mayor noted that the engineer had included an alternate four inch superior base which was bid for an additional \$3994.80 which will still keep the project within budget while providing a longer lasting roadway. Councilman Morris made the motion to approve Gulf Coast Construction for the CDBG project with the change orders and alternative base. Councilman Blackstone provided the second. In discussion, Mayor Bennett noted the contractor will begin the work in

approximately 4 weeks. The public works crew is working on culvert and ditch work now that the rains have stopped. The alternate and change orders have been reviewed and approved by the engineer and now by the city and will be sent to the contractor. Following the discussion Council voted unanimous approval of the motion.

Agenda Item #3 – Mayor approval/disapproval of large gatherings-4th of July fireworks

Mayor Bennett informed Council that Governor Abbott had issued a new order (GA-28) on Friday 6/26 as a result of the major increase in statewide coronavirus cases. The order prohibits gatherings of 100 or people without express consent of the Mayor (for city) or County Judge (for county). As a result the Mayor has canceled the 4th of July Golf Cart parade and vendors and entertainment that was scheduled in conjunction with the Ivanhoe Volunteer Fire Dept. fireworks. Following discussion with the President of the Ivanhoe Property Owners Improvement Association, Mayor Bennett informed Council she has approved for the fireworks to proceed. The area around the Community Center belongs to the IPOIA where most people congregate to observe the fireworks. Councilman Blackstone commented that the IPOIA could possibly pass out guidelines of the 6 foot social distancing requirement, and groups of more than 10 must separate and the recommendation to wear masks. Mayor Bennett expressed that such would be a good idea, but the governor does not allow fines so there is no means of enforcement. Councilman Blackstone said the outdoor setting is not as likely for coronavirus transmission. Mayor Bennett responded that she does have the authority to close the parking area, but working together and since the 4th of July fireworks is a tradition, it is not right to close the area which is used by folks who do not have the ability to enjoy the fireworks from their property.

Agenda Item #4 – Executive Session

Not required.

Agenda Item #5 – Council comments

None.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjourn

Councilman Vonderlin made the motion to adjourn with a second by Councilman Warren and the meeting was concluded at 10:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Woodrome, City Secretary