

CITY OF IVANHOE
PLANNING & CAPACITY BUILDING
WORKSHOP MINUTES

July 22nd, 2020
5:00 PM

Workshop was called to order by Mayor Bennett at 5:06 PM. Quorum established with all Council members present except Councilman Blackstone. Invited guest Mr. Carlos Beceiro with Grant Works joined the meeting by phone.

Agenda Item #1 – Planning & Capacity building workshop

Mayor Bennett opened the floor to Mr. Beceiro to provide information about the various studies that can be applied for in the grant from the TX Community Development Block Grant and related matters.

The base planning activities is required and includes population, land use and housing. The other studies in the matrix can include Street conditions, water system, wastewater system, storm drainage, capital improvements, thoroughfares, central business district, parks and recreation, and zoning & ordinances. Each study has a specified cost allowed for various city populations. Mr. Beceiro explained there will be one workshop meeting to gather community input as part of the planning process. Responding to a Council question of the field work that will be done by Grant Works, Mr. Beceiro said he expects that portion to take three days. The study will flesh out details like the number of homes, condition of properties, street mileage, etc. Councilman Vonderlin commented that the city has designated the 42 acre tract at the entrance for the central business district. Mr. Beceiro noted that the State has a new economic development program that might be accessed to assist the city with economic development.

Questioned about the time frame for the Comprehensive Plan development Mr. Beceiro said the grant application is due September 1st, award of funds to grant recipients will be in mid-2021 and there is a two year time frame to complete the plan and provide the information to Council. The city will have twelve days to review the plan following its presentation by Grant Works. The required match of 10% will be due in 2022 at the conclusion of the project. A public hearing will be required prior to approval of a Resolution for submitting the grant application to the Texas Dept. of Agriculture. There were no additional questions from Council or the Facebook audience.

Agenda Item #2 – Adjourn

Councilman Vonderlin made the motion to adjourn with a second by Councilman Herrington and the meeting was concluded at 5:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Woodrome, City Secretary