

CITY OF IVANHOE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

August 14, 2020
3:00 PM

Special meeting was called to order by Mayor Bennett at 3:00 PM. Quorum established with all Council members present. The meeting was live streamed via the city Facebook page.

Public comments on agenda items

None

Agenda Item #1 – Mayors comments

None

Agenda Item #2 – Change order for CDBG Durwood project

Mayor Bennett explained the agenda item was no longer needed as the matter had been addressed during a special Council meeting on August 13th.

Agenda Item #3 – Penalty amounts for failure to obtain permit(s)

Mayor Bennett informed Council that individuals are doing work without obtaining city permits. Only after the Code Enforcement official notices that work is being done without a valid permit and a Stop Work order sign is placed on the property will the property owner make the necessary arrangements for the permit(s). Currently there is no penalty assessed when the property owner comes in after work has already commenced. She explained there needs to be an incentive for folks to obtain the work permit prior to work commencing so the city can review the planned work and make sure it meets city codes. She asked for ideas as to the penalty amount that should be assessed when a Stop Work order is placed due to lack of obtaining a work permit. Judge Cathy Rader expressed that the penalty should be three times the amount of the regular permit fee. Councilman Vonderlin made the motion to set the penalty at three times the amount of the regular charge for a permit. Councilman Herrington provided the second. In Council discussion; Councilman Morris said he feels the penalties are fair and non discriminatory. Councilman Herrington questioned if the late permit charge is a fee or a fine. Mayor Bennett responded that the wording needs to be changed from fee to penalty. Councilman Herrington asked if the penalty would be a citation type charge. Mayor Bennett said if the property owner failed to obtain a work permit it goes through the Code Enforcement process. Councilman Herrington commented that he wants to make sure people are accountable. With no further discussion Council unanimously passed the

motion to assess a penalty of three times the original permit fee for anyone doing work that requires a permit without obtaining the permit prior to commencing work.

Agenda Item #4 –Executive session

Not required

No Agenda item #5

Agenda Item #6 – Council comments

None

Agenda Item #7 – Adjourn

Councilman Vonderlin made the motion to adjourn with a second provided by Councilman Herrington and the meeting was concluded at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Woodrome, City Secretary