

CITY OF IVANHOE
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
2020 PLANNING/CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT

MINUTES

AUGUST 19th, 2020
5:00 PM

The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Bennett at 5:08 PM with Council members Morris, Warren and Vonderlin present. Invited guest Carlos Beceiro with the Grant writing/Administration firm Grant Works joined the hearing by phone. The meeting was streamed live on the city Facebook page. There were no audience members present in the Civic Hall. 6 individuals were watching via Facebook

Agenda Item #1 – Public Hearing

Mayor Bennett prefaced the hearing with an explanation of the intent of the City of Ivanhoe to submit an application to the Texas Dept. of Agriculture for a Planning and Capacity Building Grant thru the TX Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. She read the entirety of the Public Hearing Notice which had been published in the Beaumont Enterprise to provide notice to the largest number of people in the area. The notice was also been posted on the City website, as well as at the Ivanhoe Community Center, the Ivanhoe Property Owners Association office and on the legal notices bulletin board of the City.

The Mayor then opened the floor to Mr. Carlos Rodriguez to provide details of what will be addressed if the grant application is approved to further the intent of Fair and Affordable Housing in the city. The amount available for the Planning/Capacity Building project is \$35,903, with a due date of September 1, 2020. There is a seven day comment period, which is why the public hearing is being held at this time. The portions of the Planning Grant project that have been identified as relevant to the City of Ivanhoe are the Base Planning which includes population, land use and housing studies, street condition study, water system study, wastewater system study, storm drainage system study, capital improvements study, parks and recreation, and zoning. If the grant application is approved the city will be responsible for 10% match (\$3,590.25)

Mr. Beceiro noted that several documents will need to be adopted by the city as part of the application process.

Mayor Bennett then opened the floor for public comments and question via Facebook.

There were no questions or comments presented via Facebook during or following the review of the opportunity to submit application for the Planning/Capacity Building funds.

A letter of support from the Planning and Zoning Commission (P & Z) had been submitted to Mayor Bennett and signed by Mr. Dave Raider, Chairman of the P & Z to be included in the hearing records. Mayor Bennett voiced that if no comments were received within 2 minutes she would close the hearing.

Agenda Item #2 – Conclude hearing

With no comments received, Mayor Bennett presented Resolution #2020-15R Authorizing the filing of the Planning and Capacity Building application with the Texas Dept. of Agriculture for grant funding and approving

the Mayor to act as the City's Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in all matters pertaining to such. Councilman Warren submitted the motion to approve Resolution #2020-15R. Councilman Vonderlin made the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 – Adjourn

Councilman Warren made the motion to adjourn the Public Hearing with a second by Councilman Morris, and the meeting was concluded at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Woodrome, City Secretary