

## CITY OF IVANHOE

### TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION

#### HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAM PUBLIC HEARING

#### MINUTES

AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

5:15 PM

The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Bennett at 5:20 PM with Council members Morris and Herrington present. The meeting was streamed live on the city Facebook page. There were no audience members present in the Civic Hall. 9 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 or applications to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for one or more grant applications related to Presidentially Declared Disasters associated with 2015 floods (DR-4223 and DR-4245), 2016 floods (DR-4266, DR-4269 and DR-4245) and Hurricane Harvey (DR-4332). 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 had 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 public comments and question via Facebook.

A Facebook comment was received about low audio level on the live stream. The technical difficulty was corrected.

City Secretary C. D. Woodrome then reviewed the Texas General Land Office information for the Hazard Mitigation Grant program which is funded thru the federal Housing and Urban Development Community Development and Revitalization program. The GLO is charged with providing slightly under \$4.3 billion in Mitigation funding with 50% that will need to be spent within 6 years and 100% spent with 12 years. The grants are competition based but do not require “tie-back” to damage that occurred during the disasters. Funds must be used to mitigate identified hazards to public health and safety. Since the funds are being dispersed by HUD, there is a requirement that areas served by the grant funds if approved must benefit at least 51% low to moderate households (the entire city of Ivanhoe has a 57% low to moderate income rating). There is no required match by the city, however the city can allocate local funds to any project which will increase the rating and thereby the chances of being awarded grant funds.

There were no questions or comments presented via Facebook during or following the review of the opportunity to submit application(s) for the GLO-CDBG-HMGP funds. Mayor Bennett voiced that if no comments were received within 2 minutes she would close the hearing. No additional comments were received.

#### **Agenda Item #2– Adjourn**

Councilman Herrington made the motion to adjourn the Public Hearing with a second by Councilman Morris, and the meeting was concluded at 5:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Woodrome, City Secretary