

CITY OF IVANHOE
EMERGENCY MEETING

MINUTES

AUGUST 7th, 2020

11:00 AM

Mayor Bennett called the emergency meeting to order and explained the Special meeting was scheduled & posted for this time but the agenda did not specify the day of the meeting when it was posted. In order to meet the deadline to get information to Tyler County Commissioners Court for meeting Monday morning the emergency meeting had to be posted. Quorum established with all Council members present except Councilman Herrington. Councilman Vonderlin was at a doctor appointment but joined the meeting by phone.

Agenda Item #1 – Mayor comments

Mayor Bennett reminded those attending the meeting by FaceBook that the US Census will not send a reminder letter to anyone who has a postal box address, and it is very important for everyone to be counted. In Ivanhoe it is especially important to be counted where it counts.

The Mayor said she was informed that the second death in Ivanhoe due to coronavirus had occurred earlier in the week; a total of 4 in Tyler County now.

There have been several requests from residents to be allowed to hold a garage/yard sale. Due to the safety of the community, occasional sales permits are temporarily not being issued. Councilman Morris commented that unfortunately some folks do not abide by the social distancing and mask requirements and it results in the city having to implement safety measures.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval for Tyler County to award bid and commit “75979” grant funds

Mayor Bennett clarified that the “75979” (Hurricane Harvey) street work will be done thru Texas General Land Office grant funds being funneled thru Tyler County. The City needs to approve the contractor bid on the work to be performed and authorize the County to approve the contract with Gulf Coast Construction and to commit the grant funds. Councilman Morris made the motion to do so. Councilman Warren provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

As part of the contract a change order needed to be approved whereby the City Public Works crew will do the ditch drainage and replacement culvert work to save grant funds for actual street work. Councilman Blackstone made the motion to approve change order #1 with Gulf Coast Construction. The Updated

contract amount is \$204,308.45. Councilman Warren submitted the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #3 – Proposed FY-2021 budget adjustments

Mayor Bennett reminded Council and the audience that a Public Hearing on the proposed FY-2021 budget is scheduled for August 12th. If any changes need to be made please let her know so they can be incorporated into the proposed budget prior to the Council meeting on August 13th. She determined that a quorum of the Council would be available for the hearing on August 12th to start at 5:30 PM.

Councilman Warren asked for clarification on the increase in expense for the Tyler County Appraisal District charge for appraisals over the current year. If the Appraisal District is keeping the same budget, why is the city having to pay \$6,000 more? Mayor Bennett said she would present the question to the Chief Appraiser. She noted that setting the budget for 2021 is really difficult with a month and a half remaining in the current year and trying to calculate what, if any, fund balance carryover would occur. Having another month to develop the proposed budget would provide a clearer expectation of the ad-valorem and sales tax income as well.

Agenda Item #4 – Update on various street projects

Public Works Coordinator David Marshall informed Council that he had inspected Charmaine South from a golf cart earlier that morning. He is satisfied with the condition of the base that is waiting for the asphalt top to be applied by LD Construction later this month.

Mayor Bennett noted that payment had been made to Mason Construction for the work on Chanticleer and Charmaine South but 10% was held back until issues with Chanticleer are resolved. The city has requested a fog seal to penetrate and seal locations where the contractor had performed several patches in the road and the edge of the pavement. She voiced concern about the street work on the TX Water Development Board forgivable loan project that might be delayed into the fall and cooler weather prohibiting work.

Councilman Morris replied that he had talked with one of the contractors and had been reassured that asphalt can be put down into December as long as the surface temperature is above 40 degrees.

Councilman Herrington questioned if the city would have the drainage work completed in time for the contractor to start on schedule for the overlay work on 16th, 17th, 19th and Lakeview Circle. Mr. Marshall responded that the city crew has started work on the drainage and replacement culverts. Barring any weather delays, the crew should be finished by the time the contractor moves in after Labor Day. The agenda item was for information only, no action was taken by Council.

Agenda Item #5– Executive session

Not required

Agenda Item #6 – Council comments

None

Agenda Item # – Adjourn

Councilman Warren made the motion to adjourn with a second by Councilman Morris and the meeting was concluded at 11:32 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Woodrome, City Secretary