

CITY OF IVANHOE

SPECIAL MEETING

FY-2021 BUDGET

MINUTES

September 29, 2020

6:30 PM

Special meeting was called to order by Mayor Bennett at 6:30 PM. Quorum established with all Council members present. The meeting was live streamed via the city Facebook page. Mayor Bennett prefaced the meeting asking for special prayer for Deputy Marshal Chuck Marshall; she had just been notified that he was in Tyler County hospital being stabilized for helicopter transport to a Houston area trauma center for what appears to be a heart attack. Councilman Vonderlin provided the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item #1 – Public comments on agenda items

None

Agenda Item #2 – Mayors comments

None

Agenda Item #3 – FY-2021 budget

Mayor Bennett presented Council with the final budget figures which includes an estimated fund balance of \$70,000 which will go in the FY-2021 budget for Capital Purchase/Equipment Acquisition. The proposed budget reflects changes resulting from the Council workshop and Public Hearing held in August and is based on the no-new tax revenue rate. The Mayor included a spreadsheet comparing the Fy-2020 and FY-2021 line item totals.

Councilman Morris provided the motion to approve Ordinance #2020-7 adopting the FY-2021 budget. Councilman Herrington made the second. In discussion following the motion Councilman Warren requested clarification on the major differences between the proposed budget presented during the August 12th Public Hearing and the version to be approved. Mayor Bennett responded the line items include increase for financial software and code enforcement/permitting software. She noted that with the increase in code enforcement activity and construction permitting there will also be costs of removing dilapidated

structures. The Property maintenance line item was increased after FY-2020 costs were much higher than anticipated (\$5,770 over the amount budgeted). The line item for street maintenance reflects a lower anticipated cost due to work already done to improve streets. The amount for labor has increased. Street maintenance is flexible due to possible emergency costs and anticipated reimbursement funds from the 2015 flood FEMA sites which continue to be worked on and filed with TX Dept. of Emergency management. Following the discussion the Mayor had a roll call vote: Councilman Warren-for, Councilman Blackstone-for, Councilman Herrington-for, Councilman Vonderlin-for, Councilman Morris-for with the motion to approve Ordinance #2020-7 adopting the budget passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 – Adoption of tax rate for FY-2021

Mayor Bennett observed that the tax rate adopted each year has been lower than the initial tax rate of .79¢ per hundred dollar appraised value set for FY-2010 until FY-2020 when the rate included the cost of repaying the street bond issue (Interest & sinking). For FY-2021 the Maintenance & Operations rate to cover the budget is proposed at the no-new-tax revenue rate of .7134¢ per hundred and the Interest & Sinking will be .1975¢ per hundred for a total of .9091¢ per hundred dollar appraised value. Councilman Warren made the motion to approve Ordinance #2020-8 adopting the tax rate .9091¢ per hundred dollar appraised value. Councilman Herrington submitted the second. Councilman Morris noted the proposed rate is almost four cents less than the rate for FY-2020. With no other comments, Mayor Bennett presented a roll call vote: Councilman Warren-for, Councilman Blackstone-for, Councilman Herrington-for, Councilman Vonderlin-for, Councilman Morris-for and the motion to approve Ordinance #2020-8 adopting the tax rate passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 – Engineering firm for General Land Office Hazard Mitigation grant application

Councilman Blackstone provided the report and recommendation from the ratings review committee for the engineer company to work on the General Land Office Hazard Mitigation program grant application. The committee consisted of himself, Councilman Warren and Mayor Bennett. The committee evaluated the response from 4 firms (Goodwin Lassiter, Schaumburg & Polk, L & S Engineer & LJA) based on points allowed on experience, capability and other criteria. The committee recommended LJA Engineering, Inc. Councilman Blackstone made the motion to approve LJA Engineering to provide engineering services for the GLO HGMP grant. Councilman Warren submitted the second. In discussion Mayor Bennett clarified that the grant application will be for land acquisition and rebuilding the retention structure of Lake Ivanhoe. Councilman Warren noted that the committee had spent over three hours in the ratings process which included calls to several of the firms to get clarification on their proposal. Following the discussion Council voted unanimously to accept the committee recommendation and award the engineering for the grant application to LJA Engineering.

Agenda Item #5 duplicate – Comments from the audience

None

Agenda Item #6 – Comments from Council

None

Agenda Item #7 – Adjourn

Councilman Herrington made the motion to adjourn with a second provided by Councilman Blackstone and the meeting was concluded at 6:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Woodrome, City Secretary