

CITY OF IVANHOE

PUBLIC HEARING-JUVENILE CURFEW

MINUTES

November 12th,2020

6:00 PM

The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Bennett at 6:03 PM with all Council members present. The meeting was streamed live on the city Facebook page. There were 2 audience members present in the Civic Hall.

Agenda Item #1 – Public Hearing-Review of the effects of Ordinance #2018-3 Establishing a curfew for minors

Mayor Bennett prefaced the hearing with an explanation that per Local Government Code 370.002 the Council must review the city ordinance at least every three years to determine if the regulation is relevant, if changes are needed or if the ordinance should be allowed to expire. She then turned the floor to City Marshal Terry Riley for additional comments. Marshal Riley informed Council that he had discussed the curfew for minors with other neighboring law enforcement departments who also have to review their curfew ordinance every few years. He explained that Ivanhoe adopted the ordinance shortly after Hurricane Harvey as a method of curtailing late night walking on city streets by minors who should be home.

Agenda Item #2 –Council comments

Mayor Bennett reviewed the time frame that the curfew is in effect at the request of Councilman Blackstone and Councilman elect Mr. John Craven. Councilman Herrington clarified that with schools having both in person and virtual learning during the coronavirus pandemic, the hours imposed by the curfew pertain to youth whether they are studying at home or at school. Councilman Warren commented that the ordinance was written as a response to issues that came up and after dark it is difficult to tell the age of someone walking on city streets. Mayor Bennett then opened the floor for public comments and questions.

There were no questions or comments presented via Facebook. She noted that Council would act on the curfew ordinance during the regular Council meeting following the public hearing and if anyone wished to comment or present a question regarding the curfew they would be able to do so during the regular meeting.

Agenda Item #3 – Adjourn

Councilman Herrington made the motion to adjourn the Public Hearing with a second by Councilman Warren, and the meeting was concluded at 6:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Woodrome, City Secretary

