

# CITY OF IVANHOE

## Community Development Block Grant

### Public Hearing Minutes

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

6:00 PM

Mayor Bennett opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 PM, with in person audience members observing social distancing and mask requirements. Besides the Mayor, present for the public hearing was C. D. Woodrome, City Secretary and residents Mr. Randy Bright and Mr. Lee Ferguson.

#### **Agenda item #1 – 2021/22 TX. Community Development Block Grant public hearing**

Mayor Bennett noted for the record the notice of the Public Hearing had been published in the Tyler County Booster in the January 21<sup>st</sup> edition, but was republished in the Beaumont Enterprise on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The notice was also posted on the door to the Ivanhoe Buck Priest Community Center, the City Hall legal notice bulletin board and the City of Ivanhoe Facebook page.

She explained the competition based CDBG grant program is for infrastructure improvements that serve predominantly low to moderate income residents. The federal Dept. of Housing & Urban Development has determined that the City of Ivanhoe as a whole is 57.38% low to moderate income households. Specific areas of the city (if chosen for the grant funds) will have to be surveyed. For this CDBG cycle the total funds allocated to the Deep East Texas Council of Governments is \$2,805,231. For the cities and counties that are approved in the competition the maximum grant amount per entity is \$350,000. The grant requires a 10% match from the entity (which can be in-kind work done by the entity). The competitive grants are rated by a review panel of 24 individuals from around the state. Due to the city having received 3 CDBG grants (for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Durwood street improvement and the FAST grant for a new fire truck) in the last 6 years points will be deducted from the Ivanhoe application. The city will be submitting a grant application regardless. The Mayor then asked for comments and/or questions from the audience. Discussion occurred regarding the condition of the streets in the “old” (original Ivanhoe) portion of the city, and the now non-existent Lake Ivanhoe after it had to be breached following Hurricane Harvey due to safety issues. Mayor Bennett explained the city is responsible for street maintenance throughout the city. The Ivanhoe Lake area and dam belongs to the Ivanhoe Property Owners Improvement Association (IPOIA). A grant application is in the works for acquisition of the Ivanhoe Lake and dam property by the city. Until that property can be purchased from the IPOIA, the city cannot do anything with the property. With no other comments or questions the Mayor moved to the next agenda item.

#### **Agenda item #2 - Adjourn**

Mayor Bennett concluded the hearing at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Woodrome, City Secretary

Approved by Council May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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Cathy Bennett, Mayor