

**CITY OF IVANHOE**  
**EMERGENCY MEETING**

**MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

4:00 PM

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bennett at 4:00 PM and quorum was established with all Council Members present except Councilman Herrington. The meeting was livestreamed via the city Facebook page with 7 individuals watching.

**Agenda Item #1 – Purpose of emergency meeting**

Mayor Bennett explained the emergency meeting was needed due to the deadline of 5:00 PM today for submission of a grant application which requires a Resolution of the City Council to be submitted with the application.

**Agenda Item #2 – Resolution #2021-8R Dept. of Justice grant application**

Mayor Bennett read Resolution #2021-8R in its entirety. The Resolution approves submitting the grant application of the Marshal's Department to the Dept. of Justice-Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, and authorizes the Mayor to serve as the city designated representative to sign all documents related to the grant. The grant, if approved will reimburse the city for the purchase of a Ford F-150 law enforcement truck. Cost of the truck is \$38,856 (retail \$47,240). Councilman Morris made the motion to approve Resolution #2021-8R. Councilman Craven provided the second and Council approved the motion unanimously.

**Agenda item #3 – Resolution #2021-9R requesting additional funding from TX Water Development Board**

Mayor Bennett provided background information regarding the increase in cost of material, labor and equipment since the TWDB approved the forgivable loan in 2019 for the Ivanhoe Dr. culvert replacement/size increase project. There will be additional cost for making the construction area single lane passable during the construction. The original plan for a low water crossing/bypass adjacent to the construction site is not being allowed because of its impact on a wetland area. Other options for detouring traffic around the construction site have been ruled out due to safety issues or being cost prohibitive. The intersection of Tolar Rd. and Hwy. 69 has a steep hill and limited line of sight distance for anyone trying to turn onto the highway, and the one lane bridge and gravel road is not designed for the amount of traffic it will need to carry. Night-time traffic would add another set of problems. The cost to improve Ivanhoe Dr. East and West and the section of Mill Creek Rd as a detour route is in the

neighborhood of \$600,000. Mayor Bennett explained the environmental work has been done for the project and the engineer estimates the construction time will be about 6 weeks depending on weather starting in late spring. An option the TX Water Development Board has provided is to use the funds that have already been approved and the city pay the remainder. When the TWDB authorizes the additional funding the city would be reimbursed. Mayor Bennett said the option is a no-go because the city budget does not have that amount of funding available anywhere in the budget. She then read Resolution #2021-9R in entirety. Councilman Warren made the motion to approve the Resolution. Councilman Blackstone provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a question presented via Facebook from Mr. Ray McGlaun asking how much of the bond fund was dedicated for that portion of Ivanhoe Dr. Mayor Bennett noted the question did not pertain to the Resolution and Council could not address the question. There being no other business on the emergency agenda:

#### **Agenda Item #4 – Adjourn**

Councilman Blackstone made the motion to adjourn with a second by Councilman Warren, and the meeting was concluded at 4:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Woodrome, City Secretary