

CITY OF IVANHOE

STREET WORKSHOP MINUTES

March 30th, 2021

4:30 PM

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM, with the workshop being livestreamed via YouTube & Facebook video. Quorum established with all Council present except Councilman Craven. Invited guest Mr. Wayne Sweet with Gulf Coast Construction was present to answer street construction questions.

Agenda item #1 – Discussion of street work and right of way maintenance

Mayor Bennett summarized the \$2 million bond that was passed in 2019 which was for the city match on the \$8 million FEMA grant. That grant never materialized but the grant application was subsequently transferred to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and no city match is required. The map that indicated streets that were to be rehabilitated with the grant does not include Camelot Dr. nor Charmaine Dr. East. Council discussion included the street work in FY-2020 when the city utilized approximately \$750,000 for street rehab work on the paved portion of Chanticleer and Charmaine South. There was also work done with funds funneled through Tyler County from Hurricane Harvey mitigation (16th, 17th, 19th and Lakeview Circle) and a TX Community Development Block Grant (TX CDBG) to complete Durwood Dr. Councilman Morris and Mr. Sweet had driven the streets that are being considered for rehab work in FY-2021. Mayor Bennett noted that the workshop is to start the conversation on street work and any decision will be made at the April regular Council meeting.

Public Works Coordinator David Marshall commented that he is not sure Camelot Dr. is in bad enough shape that it needs to be rehabbed; the edges are what need work. Following additional Council discussion Mr. Sweet was asked to look at 27th St. for an estimate that Council can review at the April Council meeting.

Agenda item #2 – Discussion of 2021/22 TX Community Development Block Grant projects

Mayor Bennett provided Council with information from the grant writer/admin. firm on the 2021/22 CDBG program; the grant amount has been increased from \$275,000 to \$350,000. Starting this year there is a 10% city match required for CDBG grants which means the city has to commit \$35,000. If a project serves the entire city no survey is required since the city has a 57.3% low to moderate income per Housing & Urban Development guidelines. If a project is for specific area (street work) the residents along the street will have to be surveyed for household income to make sure the work benefits the low to mod. income requirement. The city has received three CDBG grants in the past six years which will count against the city on the point scale given by the state rating committee, but if the city doesn't apply there is no chance of getting the grant. Council discussion was to complete the streets in the Camelot 2 section (22nd, 21st, 20th and 18th St.) since those streets already have an existing survey. A decision will be made at the April Council meeting.

Agenda item #3 - Adjourn

Councilman Morris made the motion to adjourn, followed by a second from Councilman Blackstone and the meeting was concluded at 5:13 PM

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Woodrome, City Secretary

Approved by City Council April 15th, 2021

Cathy Bennett, Mayor