**CITY OF IVANHOE**

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**February 15, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blackstone at ­­­­6:00 pm. A quorum was established with all council members present. Shawn Figari, the attorney, was also present. The invocation was given by Councilmember Warren and was followed by The Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting is being audio streamed only on YouTube.

**Communications from the Audience**

There being no further comments, the mayor proceeded to the Consent Agenda Items.

**Consent Agenda Items**

Mayor Blackstone asked if there were any objections to the Consent Agenda Item(s).

* Minutes of Regular Council Meeting January 18, 2024
  + Councilmember Warren made the motion to approve the above minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gregory and the motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #1 - Mayor’s Report**

* CDBG-MIT $11.4M, Local Funds $116K, Flood & Drainage Grant on Ivanhoe, Tristan & Camelot Dams: Victoria Dia is working with LJA. All properties had been approved by the IPOIA. Ten separate closing packages will need to be prepared. An additional $5,000 for Camelot Park is being considered due to the amount of damage that will incur and for the IPOIA to make improvements.
* CDBG-MIT-SUPP $7.9M Streets, Flood & Drainage Improvements Grant for Various Project Sites: NTP
* CDBG-MIT-MOD $1.9M Roadway & Drainage Improvements Grant: Expires in 2025, but can apply for an extension, if necessary. Waiting on contract.
* GLO-RCP $300K Resilient Communities Project Comprehensive Plan: This is for a plan only, not construction.
* 2021 Contract Community Development $300K Grant, Local Funds $15K, for 22nd St: Half of the project is TDA and half is GLO. TDA will be finished before GLO. Langford said that this presentation counted as the first meeting. Mapping will include topographical and elevations, but not power lines. A press release has already been prepared and will update as needed. Mention that Savvy Citizen is a free application that the city may want to consider.

See Langford Community Management’s presentation. This agenda item is for information only, no action taken.

**Agenda Item #2 – Report of Grant Updates**

See Langford Community Management’s presentation. This agenda item is for information only, no action taken.

**Agenda Item #3 – Law Enforcement Activity Report for January 2024**

Total Calls: 52 Traffic Stops: 44 Traffic Citations: 18

Traffic Warnings: 29 Assists: 5 Arrests: 2

This agenda item is for information only, no action taken.

**Agenda Item #4 – Municipal Court Activity Report for January 2024**

* The court collected $4,233.00 for the month of January 2024.

This agenda item is for information only, no action taken.

**Agenda Item #5 – Public Works Activity Report for January 2024**

1. Roads & Maintenance

* Public works is still ahead of contractors.
* Issues with traffic control are being handled.
* Routine maintenance work orders are being completed within 2 weeks.
* Material is being delivered on time.

1. Dams

* Lake Charmaine Dam: Valve was installed on February 21, 2024. Geotech is drilling to determine volume of voids. The lake is being lowered and kept at a level to avoid any possible breaching until repairs can be determined and repairs can be prioritized.
* Information on other dams is unchanged from last month. All dams are being monitored for weight load compliance.

This agenda item is for information only, no action taken.

**Agenda Item #6– Discuss/Action Planning & Zoning Activity**

Nothing to report for this month. Rewrites of several ordinances will be presented next month.

This agenda item is for information only, no action taken.

**Agenda Item #7 – Discuss/Action Planning & Zoning Commission Appointments**

Councilmember Williams made the motion to appoint Laurie Sims as Chairperson, Carla McCauley as Vice Chairperson and Valerie Weber as Secretary of the Planning & Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Herrington and the motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #8 – Report on Tyler County Appraisal District**

No meeting was held in January.

**Agenda Item #9 – Discuss Grants for General Polie Department Equipment**

* Grant writers have been located to write grants for small police forces.
* ATS Tactical has a sizeable grant fund pool. No matching funds.

Councilmember Herrington made the motion to initiate a dialog to start process. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McWhorter and the motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #10 – Discuss/Action Changing Speed Limit on Camelot Dr.**

Councilmembers discussed changing the speed limit on Camelot Dr. from Ivanhoe Dr. to Mayberry from 30 MPH to 40 MPH.

Councilmember Herrington made the motion to leave the speed limit at 30 MPH. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Warren and the motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #11 – Discuss/Action Entering into an Agreement with Texas Water Utilities, L.P. for Suspension of Water Services in the Event a Customer’s Septic System is in violation of Applicable TCEQ Guidelines and/or City Ordinances**

Councilmember Gregory made the motion to enter into an agreement with Texas Water Utilities, L.P. for suspension of water services in the event a customer’s septic system is in violation of applicable TCEQ guidelines and/or city ordinances. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McWhorter and the motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #12- Financial Report for January 2024**

The financial documents including bank and TX CLASS statements were sent to Council on February 5th. The accountant financial reports and reconciliation details for each account were emailed to Council as soon as they arrived. The other items to report for the month:

The State Comptroller direct deposited $9,357 on February 9th for sales & use taxes that were collected in December and reported to the comptroller in January. Last year same month: $8,894.

January Ad-valorem taxes were received February 7th, totaling $373,267 with $307,757 going to Maintenance & Operations, and $65,510 for the Interest & Sinking fund. The calculated balance of unpaid taxes, penalties and interest for Ivanhoe North has remained at $5,301.

Pledged securities at Citizens State Bank total $190,905 above the $250,000 FDIC insurance giving the city a cushion of $372,098 above our deposits. Our TX CLASS interest rate has remained in the 5.2% range through the month.

That being said, the accountant monthly report for January arrived February 12th and was sent out on February 14th. The totals for the various department budgets are correct. The bank statements have been reconciled, and I believe that the January financials can be approved.

Councilmember McWhorter made the motion to approve the Financial Report for January 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gregory and the motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #9 – Recess to Executive Session**

Recess to Executive Session: N/A

**Agenda Item #10 – Council Comments**

None

**Agenda Item #11 – Adjourn Meeting**

Councilmember McWhorter made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Warren and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Hailey Williams, City Secretary

Approved by Council March 21, 2024

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Skip Blackstone, Mayor