

CITY OF IVANHOE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 18, 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, except Councilmember Warren. A council position is currently vacant. A quorum was established. No attorney was present. The invocation was given by Councilmember Gregory and was followed by The Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting is being audio streamed only on YouTube.

Communications from the Audience - Agenda & Other Items: (None)

Proclamations/Resolutions/Orders

Proclamation Declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month (Tyler County Child Welfare Board). The mayor encourages everyone to wear blue on April 28 in support of Child Abuse Prevention.

Consent Agenda Items

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

- Minutes of Special Council Meeting March 12, 2024
 - Councilmember McWhorter made the motion to approve the above minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gregory and the motion passed unanimously.
- Minutes of Regular Council Meeting March 21, 2024
 - Councilmember Gregory made the motion to approve the above minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Williams and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #1 - Mayor's Report

- The city spent \$27,000 on ground penetrating radar to identify the voids in Charmaine Dam and were setting a prioritize plan in place to repair just before the 12+ inches of rain on April 9 and subsequent 8+ inches of rain which caused the closure of Tristan Dam low water area. These GPR reports are no longer valid as more voids have been created by the rushing water. The city is in contact with the proper authorities and is seeking financial assistance to make the necessary emergency repairs or replacement of Charmaine Dam. No funds are available from TDEM or TEM for Charmaine Dam at this time. The city has sent letters to US Rep. Brian Babin and Texas Rep. Trent Ashby to elevate the disaster and the need for financial assistance. Texas is included in a 4-state area and has to meet a \$52 million in damages. Other Texas areas have been hit harder by the inclement weather.
- County assistance has been requested to help with other street repairs due to the washouts by providing dump truck, motor grader and manpower for 90 days. Public Works is acquiring dry materials. This is the first time in Ivanhoe history that Tyler County has provided assistance.
- Mayor Blackstone has signed a contract with Tyler County, County Judge Powers and County Commissioner Blackshear to pave part of Ivanhoe Dr.

- CDBG-MIT \$11.4M, Local Funds \$116K, Flood & Drainage Grant on Ivanhoe, Tristan & Camelot Dams: Millcreek Dr. to Sir Henry Dr., north of Lake Galahad, will be partially paved per the grant specifications. The 10 parcels of land purchased from the IPOIA have been recorded with TCAD and construction will begin in the next few months. Lake Tristan easement has been surveyed at a cost of \$7,700. SHECO to move electrical pole.

Agenda Item #2 – Law & Code Enforcement Activity Report for March 2024

- Law Enforcement

Total Calls: 37	Traffic Stops: 48	Traffic Citations: 26
Traffic Warnings: 26	Accident Reports: 0	Arrests: 1
Agency Assists: 6		

Tahoe auction closed on Friday, March 29, 2024, and the reserve amount was exceeded at \$5,100. The Humvee is being auctioned next and bids will close on Friday, April 19, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

Call 409-283-2223 for non-emergency issues and leave a message if no one answers. As always, call 911 for all emergencies.

- Code Enforcement

Total Number of 2024 Cases	20
Number of Cases on Hold	2
Number of Active Cases	19
Number of Cases Closed	1

Comments:

An agreement has been signed with Southwest Water Company to turn off the water access to properties that are repeatedly in noncompliance with TCEQ septic requirements.

Code Enforcement is currently working on health and safety issues which have been ongoing for a year or more and have been given a deadline of May 30, 2024 to comply before further action is taken.

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

Agenda Item #3 – Municipal Court Activity Report for March 2024

- The court collected \$5,030.50 for the month of March 2024. The city's portion is \$2,816.18.

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

Agenda Item #4 – Public Works Activity Report for March 2024

A. Roads & Maintenance

- Contractors are working on various projects. Public Works is installing culverts ahead of contractors to keep up with progress.

B. Dams

- See Mayor's Report.

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

Agenda Item #5– Discuss/Action Planning & Zoning Activity: Nothing to report.)

Agenda Item #6 – Report on Tyler County Appraisal District (Nothing to report.)

Agenda Item #7 – Discuss/Action Resignation of Councilmember Herrington & Nomination/Appointment of Councilmember for Remaining Term

Councilmember Gregory nominated Lloyd Omsberg to fill the remaining vacant council seat term. The motion was seconded by Williams and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 Discuss/Action Disaster Aid Request (See Mayor's Report.)

Agenda Item #9 – Discuss/Action to Approve Hiring Carson Gilley and Marshall Dunman as Laborers for Public Works

Councilmember Gregory made the motion to approve the hiring of Carson Gilley as a laborer for the Public Works Department. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Williams and the motion was passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #10 - Financial Report for March 2024

(Insert Financial Report)

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

Agenda Item #17 – Recess to Executive Session (No executive session.)

Agenda Item #18 – Council Comments (None)

Agenda Item #19 – Adjourn Meeting

Councilmember Williams made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gregory and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Hailey Williams, City Secretary

Approved by Council May 24, 2024



Skip Blackstone, Mayor