**CITY OF IVANHOE**

**TX CDBG GRANT PLANNING**

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

**APRIL 21, 2022**

**6:00 PM**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bennett at 6:01 pm. Mayor Bennett, Councilman Blackstone and Councilman Craven were present so a quorum was not established. City Attorney Brad Elrod was present. 18 individuals were in the audience Mayor Bennett opened the floor to Carlos Beceiro from GrantWorks, Inc. to present an overview of his findings and recommendations via telephone for the public hearing as previously scheduled. Mayor Bennett noted that GrantWorks, Inc. had submitted two large binders for the Comprehensive Plan 2022-2032 that councilmembers need to review. Mr. Beceiro explained that this is the final public hearing for Texas Community Block Grant #720044, and presented a summary of the findings and recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan:

* Housing: Participate in housing programs. Consider constructing affordable housing, such as possible low-income multi-family units. Use code enforcement to remove substandard structures.
* Land Use: Encourage land development of unimproved lots. Continue with flood control plans and enforcing subdivision ordinances. Promote self-assessment and yard cleanup with Yard of the Month.
* Water: Well site. Install waterline on Charmaine Dr. South. Install waterline on Ivanhoe Estates Dr. Seek grants for Southwest Water Company to rehabilitate additional waterlines.
* Drainage: Ivanhoe reservoir and dam. Durwood Dr. and Charmaine Dr. South. Public sewage.
* Streets: All streets need maintenance or to be replaced in 4 phases ranging from $806,000 to $1,661,000 per year.
* Parks & Lakes: Turn all parks and lakes over to the city to acquire grants to maintain and improve.
* Population: Census indicates the number of residents in Ivanhoe is shrinking and the population will have a slight decline over the next 10 years.

Mayor Bennett commented that the Census figures show 1350 people for 2020, but that is incorrect. The city population increased during covid as property owners moved from metropolitan areas and worked remotely. She concluded the Public hearing at 6:32 pm.

In an informal session following the Public Hearing, Mayor Bennett presented and read a Proclamation of April as being Child Abuse Awareness Month in Ivanhoe including Sunday April 24th as “Blue Sunday” to increase awareness of the need to protect children from abuse. In the Proclamation it was noted that there were 45 confirmed victims of child abuse or neglect in Tyler County last year with 8 of those children having to be removed from the home to protect them from further abuse or neglect.

Mayor Bennett recognized Tina Self, Chairwoman of the Tyler County Children’s Welfare Board, and Terry Allen, Past Chair who were at the meeting for the Proclamation. Mayor Bennett expressed appreciation to the Children’s Welfare Board and the volunteers who investigate child abuse and neglect in the county.

Mayor Bennett concluded the informal session by reminding those present and watching via the city YouTube live feed that early voting would be starting soon for the May 7th election that includes the Woodville ISD school bond and state Constitutional amendments. The Primary runoff election for local and state contested races will be May 24th. She urged everyone to get the information they need pertaining to the ballot issues and then vote.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Woodrome, City Secretary

Approved by Council May 19, 2022

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Cathy Bennett, Mayor