**CITY OF IVANHOE**

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**January 16, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blackstone at 6:01 pm. A quorum was established. Councilmembers Fidler and Vonderlin were absent. Anna Seale, attorney, was also present. The invocation was given by Councilmember McWhorter and was followed by The Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting is being audio streamed only on YouTube.

**Communications from the Audience** (None)

**Consent Agenda Items**

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of December 19, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

* Motion made by Councilmember Gregory to approve minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tull Motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item #1 - Mayor’s Report**

* Camelot Dam:
  + The city has received TCEQ approvals on H&H analysis. Bid documents are completed and a pre-bid meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2025. Thirteen contractors were present. Bid opening will be in early February followed by a bid analysis, legal review, and award. Start dated is scheduled for early summer.
  + Camelot Lake will be drained in advance of starting work. The lakebed adjacent to the dam will need to be dry as possible as the work must be done when the area is dry.
  + The mayor has met several times with Randy Friedrich regarding the draining of Lake Camelot. He has a plan for capturing as many fish as possible and the fish will be transferred to Lake Galahad and Lake Tristan.
* Ivanhoe Dam: LJA sent the city the signature forms of TCEQ requirements. More waiting.
* Lake Tristen: The city is on-schedule to re-submit plans to TCEQ by EOM.
* Lakewood Drive: Notice to Proceed was issued January 6, 2025. The construction will be a major inconvenience to the few residents that live on Lakewood but will be glad when the work is completed. Equipment mobilization has begun.
* Millcreek: Millcreek is scheduled to be made passable prior to work beginning on Ivanhoe Dr.
* Ivanhoe Dr.: Work was set to begin on December 9, 2025, but Millcreek is not ready for detour. Texas Materials is wanting to address the rework areas before starting Ivanhoe Dr. and Millcreek.
* Texas Materials: Further delays on Ivanhoe Dr. and Millcreek are due to Texas Materials wanting to address road issues.
* Road Issues: Cracking has been observed on 22nd Street, Lake Camelot Circle and Galahad Loop. Bore samples have been submitted to LJA and it has been determined that the sub-grade was not treated properly. Texas Materials is scheduled to rework these roads before acceptance. The 12-month warranty does not begin until the city and LJA perform the final walkthrough and acceptance. The contractor is currently working on Millcreek Dr.
* Emergency Management Services will be installing smoke detectors for those in need in Ivanhoe April 26 and 27. Call EMS office to schedule.
* The city has had a franchise fee agreement with SHECO since 2012. SHECO has been absorbing the cost until January 2025. Inflation has determined that SHECO must now pass this cost through to the customer. All utility companies must pay a fee to use public land. A public hearing is scheduled on January 27, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at the community center and SHECO will explain their operations and the need for a price increase.

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

**Agenda Item #2 – Law Enforcement Activity Report**

Total Calls: Traffic Stops: 32 Traffic Citations: 24

Traffic Warnings: 16 Accident Reports: Felony Drug Arrests: 2

Code Enforcement Actions: Assists: 4 Animal Control: 5

* Chief Drumm will set up a Facebook page from the Ivanhoe Police Department to keep the public informed. IPD does not respond to Facebook posts.
* No changes have been made to golf cart traffic laws. The operator must have a valid driver's license to operate a golf cart or UTV and obey all traffic laws. A citation will be issued to the unlicensed minor and the parent for illegal operation.
* IPD now has 2 full-time officers and 4 reserve officers. IPD will be working on a fundraiser in the spring.
* Officer Daher will be attending Code Enforcement training in March.
* Beware of parking in handicap spots at Vinney’s, Lone Star Liquor and Dollar General. The fine is nearly $600.
* ATV’s, 3 and 4 wheelers, are not allow inside the city limits on public streets and rights-of-way. UTV’s are legal and must adhere to state laws. Electric bicycles are allowed and can be operated by minors.
* Chief Drumm has an open-door policy. Call 409-283-2223.

Call Tyler County Sheriff Department at 409-283-2172 for officer dispatch. Call 409-283-2223 for non-emergency issues and leave a message if no one answers. As always, call 911 for all emergencies.

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

**Agenda Item #3 – Public Works Activity Report**

1. Roads & Maintenance: See Mayor’s Report.
2. Dams: Monthly inspections on all dams are being carried out.

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

**Agenda Item #4 – Discuss/Action Planning & Zoning Activity**

Jeff Heck has resigned from the Planning and Zoning Committee.

A motion was made by Councilmember Tull to appoint Carolyn Williams as Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McWhorter and the motion passed. Councilmember Gregory abstained.

**Agenda Item #5 – Report on Tyler County Appraisal District**

* Councilmember Gregory was unable to attend the meeting but will get a copy of the minutes and present at next month’s meeting. Councilmember Gregory was unable to attend the last meeting due to work. Property appraisals will begin soon and are done in accordance with state regulations.

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

**Agenda Item #6- Consider for Discussion/Action Financial Report**

Motion made by Councilmember Gregory to approve the December 2024 financial report. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tull and motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #7 – Recess to Executive Session** (No recess.)

**Agenda Item #8 – Council Comments** (None)

**Agenda Item #9 – Adjourn Meeting**

Councilmember Gregory made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tull and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Hailey Williams, City Secretary

Approved by Council February 20, 2025

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Skip Blackstone, Mayor