**CITY OF IVANHOE**

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**WORKSHOP #2 MINUTES**

June 22nd, 2022

4:00 PM

Mayor Bennett called the workshop into session at 4:03 PM. Quorum established with all Council present. The workshop was livestreamed on the city YouTube, there was no audience present.

**Agenda item #1 – Review & discuss Comprehensive Plan developed by GrantWorks for 2022-2032**

Mayor Bennett had previously requested each Council member to review assigned chapters of the Comprehensive Plan and present the chapter in an attempt to speed up the review.

Streets:

Councilman Morris informed Council that the Comprehensive Plan does not reference maintenance of streets since the Public Works Dept. is taking care of maintenance within the existing budget each year. As he reviewed the Plan Phase 1 covers a considerable number of feet for street repairs in the 2022 to 2024 years which will have to be changed based on where grant work takes place over the next couple of years. Councilman Blackstone commented that the city will not be able to follow the Plan exactly, that it will need to be modified as work is done which Councilman Morris concurred with. City Secretary/Treasurer observed that the Plan contains unrealistic costs for street improvements, but it provides a roadmap for future work and having the Plan in place provides “ammunition” for future grant applications. Councilman Morris concluded the chapter review saying there is a lot of information covered in the Plan and over the 10 years it will be an excellent guide.

Recreation & Open Spaces:

Councilman Herrington informed Council the chapter provides general information and the demographics appears to be a bit off. The main challenge is that the bulk of the parks and open spaces in the city belong to the Ivanhoe Property Owners Improvement Association. The Plan will lead to discussion points with the Association for future mutual goals and objectives. He noted the city can support the Association with Parks & Open Spaces but the proposed work is outside the authority of the city and concluded that it will be a collaborative strategy.

Thoroughfares:

Mayor said there is some confusion over who was to be the lead for reviewing the chapter. She noted that future development of thoroughfares is consistent with established standards and requirements. There is future consideration of a second entrance/exit to the city. The county is looking to improve County Road 1205 (Tolar Rd.) especially for emergency ingress/egress. The main points of the Plan are OK for providing guidance for thoroughfares.

Capital Improvements:

Councilman Herrington summarized the chapter explaining that it ties in with the other sections. On Capital Expenditures for water utility, the guidance is not functional for the city at this time since the water system is privately owned. On wastewater projects Councilman Herrington expressed his opinion that the level and scope is not doable now, but at a future point the matter will become a priority. He concluded the review saying the Plan is a living document that will be revised as the city moves forward, and funding availability will be a defining part of the equation.

Funding Sources:

Councilman Warren explained the chapter looks at the various sources of revenue rather than normal sources such as sales tax and property tax. Councilman Herrington observed that food trucks are becoming a big thing for cities and various festivals and events provide a cohesive schedule that leads to growth and health of a community. Councilman Craven addressed use of the lakes as a big draw. Councilman Warren noted that events on the lakes would need to be coordinated with the IPOIA to benefit both. Councilman Craven said the city should also look at an alcohol ordinance pertaining to events. Councilman Warren agreed that allowing alcohol sales brings in revenue, with Councilman Blackstone commenting that it ties into entertainment/enjoyment of the event at the same time.

Mayor Bennett said the chapter reviews have provided some good direction and opened up ideas, then called for a summary of the Comprehensive Plan from Council:

Councilman Herrington-Recommended extracting all the goals into a document for Council to pull out and refer to. If there are financial items that do not fit the city reality the Plan can be reconfigured by GrantWorks that do work. An example of the budget of $2 million being changed to $600,000.

Councilman Craven-The housing section was broken out really well. Some changes to the codified ordinance will be needed such as a temporary alcoholic beverage permit.

Councilman Morris-On Streets and Drainage the Plan does provide a good plan for roadwork over the 10 year time frame.

Councilman Blackstone-Look at the Comprehensive Plan as a living document.

Councilman Herrington-Consider bringing the resources of GrantWorks and LJA Engineering together, even if it is to develop a supplemental to the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilman Warren-The Comprehensive Plan is a good document. The Council should review the Plan on a quarterly basis to stay on track. The framework is here and can be worked for the betterment of the city, and incorporate changes as necessary.

Mayor Bennett commented that the city is at a good place in its development with the $11.4 million grant for the dams, the $7.9 million grant for streets & drainage, and the $1.9 million grant thru the DETCOG GLO-MOD program. The engineers are being brought into the conversation so there is no duplication or overlap with the multiple projects underway. Will need to look at future projects that fit the criteria of the comprehensive plan which is something that is going to happen quickly.

**Agenda item #2 – Adjourn**

Councilman Blackstone made the motion to adjourn the Workshop. Councilman Herrington submitted the second and the meeting was concluded at 5:10 PM. Mayor Bennett polled the Council for availability for another Workshop to review the remaining items in the Comprehensive Plan. She then set the next Workshop for June 22nd at 4 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. Woodrome, City Secretary

Approved by Council July 28th, 2022

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Cathy Bennett, Mayor