

CITY OF IVANHOE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
December 19, 2024
6:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blackstone at 6:00 pm. A quorum was established. Councilmember McWhorter was absent. Anna Seale, attorney, was also 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 (None)

Consent Agenda Items - Minutes of Special Council Meeting of November 14, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

- o Motion made by Councilmember Gregory to approve minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tull. Motion carried unanimously.
- e Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of November 2, 2024 at 6:00 pm.
 - o Motion made by Councilmember Gregory to approve minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Fidler. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #1 - Mayor's Report

- Camelot Dam: LJA has sent the engineering documents to Landford. TCEQ has approved the design. The city is ready to go out for bids. Pre-bid date is scheduled for January 9, 2025. Bid opening is scheduled for February 3, 2025,
- Ivanhoe Dam: Documents have been resubmitted to TCEQ. Pre-bid announcement will be made soon. The first pass on documents is complete.
- Tristen "S" Turn: LJA still working on a more cost-effective design that TCEQ will accept.
- Sir Henry & Millcreek: The city paid Entergy \$6,000 to move the electric pole on Millcreek and anticipated having work performed this week. Work is scheduled to start on December 2, 2025, before 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.
- Lakewood Dr.: Notice to proceed issued for January 6, 2025.
- Brazos Transit is now serving all of Tyler County and us providing transportation, Call Tyler County Emergency Management for more information.
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

Agenda Item #2 — Law Enforcement Activity Report

Total Calls: 32

Traffic Stops: 42

Traffic Citations: 24

Traffic Warnings: 18

Accident Reports:

Arrests:

Code Enforcement Actions:

Assists:

Animal Control: 5

A new officer will be hired in January. The city is still short of one officer, but between the new hire and reserve officers the city will be covered. A meet and greet will be scheduled this Spring.

Chief Drumm recognized Captain Jim Zachary. Captain Zachary started his law enforcement career in 1974 and has been a law enforcement officer for 43 years and 9 months. He serves as the city's court bailiff, performs intense background checks and serves in other capacities as required. In 1995, Captain Zachary achieved Master Peace Officer status but was never formally recognized. Today, Captain Jim Zachary was presented with his long overdue Master Peace Officer Certificate. Special thanks to Captain Zachary for his years of dedication and service.

Call Tyler County Sheriff Department at 409-283-2172 for officer dispatch. Call 409-283-2223 for nonemergency 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

A. Roads & Maintenance: See Mayor's Report.

B. Dams: Monthly inspections on all dams are being performed.

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

Agenda Item #4 — Discuss/Action Planning & Zoning Activity

- No P&Z meeting was held in November.

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

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.

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

Agenda Item #6 — Discuss/Action of Options Available to Retire the Police Department's Tahoe • Chief Drumm's Recommendation: Tahoe has over 200,000 miles and is not worth the city paying for the necessary repairs. The Explorer has 64,000 miles and needs a new transmission. The Explorer is worth replacing the transmission and the money from the sale of the Tahoe will pay for the transmission. Also, police equipment can be transferred to Explorer.

- Motion made by Councilmember Tull to approve the recommendation as presented. Motion seconded by Councilmember Vonderlin. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #7- Consider for Discussion/Action Financial Report

All financial documents and bank statements were sent to Council on Dec. 13th, including the accountant financial reports and reconciliation details for each account.

* The State Comptroller direct deposited \$6,948 on Dec. 13th for sales & use taxes that were collected in October and reported to the comptroller in November. Last month the sales tax deposit was \$7,389.

*November Ad-valorem taxes were received Dec 6th totaling \$44,909 with \$36,271 going to Maintenance & Operations, and \$8,638 for the Interest & Sinking fund. We received no payment for Ivanhoe North. The calculated balance of delinquent taxes stands at \$346,929 as of Nov 31st, which is the aggregate amount from 2010 to present.

*Texas Class interest rates started off at about 4.7% at the beginning of the month and decreased to 4.5% by the end of the month. There is nothing new to report with CSB.

After reviewing the totals for the various departments, budgets are correct. The bank statements have been reconciled, and I believe November financials can be approved.

- Motion made by Councilmember Gregory to approve the November 2024 financial report. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tull. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 — Recess to Executive Session (No recess.)


Agenda Item #9 — Council Comments (None)

Agenda Item #16 — Adjourn Meeting

Councilmember Gregory made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fidler and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Hailey Williams, City Secretary

Approved by Council January 16, 2025


Skip Blackstone, Mayor