**CITY OF IVANHOE**

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**August 21, ,2025**

**6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blackstone at 06:00 pm. A quorum was established with all members present. The city attorney, Anna Seale, was 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 July 17, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

* Motion made by Councilmember McWhorter to approve minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fidler and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of Special Council Meeting of July 31, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

* Motion made by Councilmember Vonderlin to approve minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fidler and the motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #1 - Mayor’s Report**

***Construction Update***

* Ivanhoe Dr. is complete. Shoulder edging and turn lane stripes and arrows are done. Texas Materials will be starting work on September 15, 2025 to rebuild Ivanhoe Dr. from Camelot intersection to Charmaine Dr. E.
* Lake Ivanhoe Dam’s contract has been awarded and reviewed by the engineering firm to make sure all requirements are properly documented. As soon as documents are received from engineering firm, they will be forwarded to Legal. The city will then conduct a preconstruction meeting to determine start date and lead time for the project.
* Camelot Dam construction is well underway.

***Miscellaneous Updates***

* Budget Workshop scheduled for August 28, 2025.
* Budget approval and role call scheduled for September 12, 2025.
* Budget adoption scheduled for September 10, 2025.

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

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

Total Calls: 64 Traffic Citations: 10 Traffic Warnings: 6

Arrests: 2 (Felony & Narcotics Agency Assists: 4

* Complaints will not be addressed by posts made on social media.
* 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.
* Keep dogs on a leash or behind a fence. The city is experiencing more animal sitings without owners. Dogs must have current rabies vaccination. Dogs will be quarantined for 10 days at the owner’s expense and the owner will be issued a citation.
* You must have a valid driver’s license to operate a golf cart or side x side. Citations are being issued to underage drivers and their parents.
* Speed limit signs are not a suggestion. Main streets, e.g. Ivanhoe Dr., Lakewood Dr., Durwood Dr., and Millcreek Dr. are posted at 30 MPH. All others are 25 MPH, except Camelot Dr. over Charmaine Dam is 20 MPH. Monitor your speeds.

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

* Roads & Maintenance: See Mayor’s Report.
	+ Work Orders Completed: 9
	+ Work Orders Pending: 11
	+ Work Orders in Progress: 4
	+ Culverts Installed: 4
	+ Ditches Excavated: 7
	+ 5.5 tons of reclaimed material at a cost of zero to the city.
	+ 59.4 tons of limestone base
	+ 0 amount of asphalt used
	+ All the above is for the culvert and headwall installation. Culverts are complete. Headwall installation has begun with 4 of 13 sites completed. Each headwall requires 2 to 4 80 lb bags of concrete. The remaining 9 sites should be completed by end of September. LJA and Texas Materials is completely satisfied with their progress.
	+ For the month of July 2025, 3 employees worked 14 days for a total of 171 hours and placed 1,375 bags of 80 lb concrete or 110,000 lbs or 55 tons of concrete were placed by hand. That is 7,850 lbs per day of concrete placed. Outstanding job. This does not include how many feet of rebar driven into the concrete bags.
	+ A mowing plan dividing Ivanhoe into 4 regions will be implemented.

* Dams:
	+ Monthly inspections are being conducted.
	+ Dams need to be sprayed with herbicide, platforms repainted, and re-caulked.

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

**Agenda Item #4 – Report on Planning & Zoning Commission Activity** (None)

**Agenda Item #5 – Report on Tyler County Appraisal District** (None)

**Agenda Item #6 – Consider for discussion/action financial report- July 2025**

All financial documents and bank statements were sent to Council on August 15th, including the accountant financial reports and reconciliation details for each account.

\* The State Comptroller direct deposited $8,133 on August 8th for sales & use taxes that were collected in June and reported to the comptroller in July. Last month the sales tax deposit was $7,787.

\* July Ad-valorem taxes were received August 6th totaling $20,743 with $17,693 going to Maintenance & Operations, and $3,050 for the Interest & Sinking fund. We received a $102 payment for Ivanhoe North.

\*Texas Class interest rates remained around 4.2% through another 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 July financials can be approved.

Motion made by Councilmember Fidler to approve the July 2025 financial report. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tull and the motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #8 – Executive Session**

* Recessed: 6:25 pm
* Reconvened: 6:39 pm

No action taken.

**Agenda Item #9 – Council Comments** (None)

**Agenda Item #10 – Adjourn Meeting**

Councilmember McWhorter made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion seconded by Councilman Tull and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 06:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Hailey Williams, City Secretary

Approved by Council September 17th, 2025

Skip Blackstone, Mayor