

**CITY OF INGLESIDE
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

1. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Luis Lamas presiding. Council Members present: Mayor Luis Lamas and Council Members Ben Tucker, Bill Underbrink, Oscar Adame, Ronnie Parker, John Schack. Council Members absent: Council Member Dennis Knippa. Staff present: City Manager Melissa Byrne Vossmer, Finance Director Paul Baen, and City Secretary Kimberly Sampson. There were approximately 5 guests.

2. Roll Call

3. Invocation

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Citizen Comments

Mr. Pete Perkins stated that the drainage from Swan Lake is blocked again and needs to be cleaned. He also stated that the aluminum vs. steel electrical boxes are an issue and the City needs to consider some type of leniency.

Mr. Willie Vaden stated there are already scammers in the area and the City needs to provide some type of badges to help protect the public.

Mr. Stewart Wilson thanked Council Member Adame for all he did as EMC and his connections with Kiewit to help get this City where it is today, so soon after Hurricane Harvey.

Mrs. Donna Garcia thanked the PD, neighbor helping neighbor, and Council Member Adame for his leadership during the disaster.

Mr. Chris Taylor stated he appreciated the visibility/availability of Council Member Adame as EMC.

Mr. Chris Lamas thanked all of the volunteers and Elected Officials for working as one big team and stated we need to keep pulling together and put differences aside because the recovery road is a long ways to completion.

Presentations:

6. Staff and/or resources to provide briefing of the current emergency operations with regards to the recovery of Hurricane Harvey.

City Manager Melissa Byrne Vossmer thanked everyone for all of the hard work: first responders, staff, volunteers, Kiewit, AEP, McCallen staff, DPS, National Guard, Leon Valley, Cleburne, and the numerous others assisting us. As of 10:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 31, 2018 almost all Ingleside residents and businesses had power. The few that don't have other electrical issues that are being addressed.

Finance Director Paul Baen stated that due to the amount of devastation, FEMA has increased their 75% assistance to 90% assistance. At this time we are focusing on getting the green debris picked up to prevent fire hazards and at the same time we are working with TCEQ for all the necessary permits for all types of debris removal.

City Secretary Kimberly Sampson provided an update regarding the three (3) distribution centers. Since we have moved away from the main location at the Bay Vista Shopping Centers and have begun working with the local Churches to distribute items and thereby being better organized with specific items at each location, but water will be at every location.

Cody Williams with Small Business Association (SBA) explained that once an individual applies with FEMA and there is still an unmet need, hat SBA is here to offer low interest rate loans with one-year deferred payments. They are located at the Bay Vista Shopping Center from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. every day of the week.

Public Hearings:

7. Public Hearing for the Proposed FY 2017/2018 Annual Budget and Tax Rate.

Mayor Lamas opened the Public Hearing at 6:55 p.m.

There were no speakers for or against the FY 2017/2018 Annual Budget and Tax Rate.

Mayor Lamas closed the Public Hearing at 6:56 p.m.

Action Items:

8. Discussion, consideration, and action of an Ordinance amending the Traffic control Device Inventory Schedules by amending Section 62.47 (School Zones); and providing for publication and effective date.

Council Member Schack made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-19 amending the Traffic control Device Inventory Schedules by amending Section 62.47 (School Zones); and providing for publication and effective date; and was seconded by Council Member Adame. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. Discussion, consideration, and action of a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Ingleside to assist citizens in the recovery of damages caused during the declared disaster, otherwise known as Hurricane Harvey, to wit; Recreational Vehicle (RV) use as dwelling during declared emergency.

Interim Building Official Carey Dietrich explained that while residents are repairing their homes, there is a temporary need for Recreational Vehicle (RV) at their residents. Staff is requesting that the Council allow the staff to permit the use of the RV's at the residents for up to 90-days after approval of resolution for those volunteers that are here to help their friends/family repair their homes, allow staff to grant an extension if there is an active permit for repairs; and secondly for those homes that are uninhabitable, that they can reside in an RV with an approved repair/remodel permit for a maximum of 6-months with a possible extension by the staff's approval. This is an effort to help the public without having to go through the Special Permit process that takes a minimum of 45 days.

Council Member Adame made a motion to approve Resolution # 2017-25 by the City Council of the City of Ingleside to assist citizens in the recovery of damages caused during the declared disaster, otherwise known as Hurricane Harvey, to wit; Recreational Vehicle (RV) use as dwelling during declared emergency; and was seconded by Mayor Lamas. The motion was approved unanimously.

10. Discussion, consideration, and action related to the Proposed FY 2017/2018 Annual Budget

City Manager Melissa Byrne Vossmer stated that even though our vision has changed due to Hurricane Harvey, we still need to approve the budget and we don't have time to make all of the adjustments prior to the approval. Staff is recommending that we approve the budget and tax rate as presented and perform amendments as needed as we go through the FY 2017/2018. Some of the CIP items, such as Public Works equipment, is still needed; but other CIP requests may not be deemed appropriate this FY. This will have to be a case by case basis. This disaster will allow us to get a better hold on our list of needs vs. wants. Mrs. Vossmer stated that the Public Works equipment and the communications systems will be a priority as we move forward.

Council Member Parker agreed we need to move forward conservatively with the proposed budget but he stated the Public Works equipment is 30 years outdated and the City of McCallens standby equipment is better than our day to day equipment. He stated we need to keep Public Works CIP projects ongoing and Mayor Lamas agreed.

Council Member Adame made a motion to move forward with the Proposed FY 2017/2018 Annual Budget as presented and was seconded by Mayor Lamas. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 11. Consideration and action of an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Ingleside, Texas authorizing the issuance of "City of Ingleside, Texas Tax Notes, Series 2017", levying an annual ad valorem tax, within the limitations prescribed by law, for the payment of the obligations; matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the obligations; authorizing the execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and a Purchase and Investment Letter; complying with the Letter of Representations previously executed with the Depository Trust Company; and providing an effective date.**

Finance Director Paul Baen explained the purposes of the Tax Notes Series 2017 will be as follows: (1) constructing, acquiring, purchasing, renovating, equipping, enlarging, and improving the City's solid waste system; (2) constructing drainage improvements; (3) constructing, acquiring, purchasing, renovating, equipping, enlarging, and improving the City's swimming pool, including a Splash Pad; (4) constructing, acquiring, purchasing, renovating, equipping, enlarging, and improving the City's utility system; (5) the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment, machinery, landscaping, land, and rights-of-way for authorized needs and purposes related to the aforementioned capital improvements; and (6) the payment of professional services related to the design, construction, project management, and financing of the aforementioned projects.

Financial Advisor Mark McLiney with SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc. stated he was sorry we were going through this; however, the good side is that due to previous and current Council, the City does have a funds set aside for such an emergency. Additionally due to the City of Ingleside's good financial responsibilities, the bids that were provided to 2-weeks ago are still being honored at their original rates. He provided a handout with information from the four bids received and recommended the lowest overall bid of First National Bank Texas with a rate of \$1.29% and purchaser's Costs of \$1,500 be approved.

Mayor Lamas made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-20 by the City Council of the City of Ingleside, Texas authorizing the issuance of "City of Ingleside, Texas Tax Notes, Series 2017", levying an annual ad valorem tax, within the limitations prescribed by law, for the payment of the obligations; matters incident and related to the issuance, sale, and delivery of the obligations; authorizing the execution of a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement and a Purchase and Investment Letter; complying with the Letter of Representations previously executed with the Depository Trust Company; and providing an effective date: and was seconded by Council Member Underbrink.

Council Member Parker questioned if this would affect future bonds in 2018 that the City may take to the voters and Mr. McLiney stated it would not affect the City's ability to still take bonds to the voters for approval.

Council Member Tucker questioned if we should alter the needs of these Tax Notes to the current Emergency. Mr. McLiney stated it is too late to change the purpose of the Tax Notes, but in about 6-9 months if there is a need, the City can do another "Callable Note" to assist with the FEMA reimbursements pending. The interest rate may be a little higher due to the need, callable, and the market at the time, but that is an option. The City of Marble Falls took about five years to get full reimbursement from FEMA, so this may be a need in the future.

The motion to accept Ordinance 2017-20 was approved unanimously.

12. Discussion, consideration, and action of a Resolution to continue the declaration of the State of Emergency due to continued widespread severe damage resulting from Hurricane Harvey continues to affect the area.

City Manager Melissa Byrne Vossmer explained this Resolution is to allow the State of Emergency to continue for 90-days.

Council Member Adame made a motion to approve Resolution # 2017-26 to continue the declaration of the State of Emergency due to continued widespread severe damage resulting from Hurricane Harvey continues to affect the area for 90-days; and was seconded by Council Member Tucker. The motion was approved unanimously.

Executive Session:

N/A

13. Requests from Council Members

Council Member Adame thanked everyone that has helped throughout this process. The first responders (paid and volunteers), the City Staff, and the Interim Police Chief; they have all been there 100% and most going 3-4 days without much sleep at all. Kiewit is still assisting us with supplies and fuel as needed. Great job by all.


Council Members Schack, Adame, and Underbrink requested a future agenda item to review the City Manager's 6-month evaluation.

Mayor Lamas stated everyone is doing an outstanding job and we have asked that the donations stop, but those that are already on their way, we will accept. He also noted that the Humble Center is being considered for Recovery and Information Center.

14. Adjourn

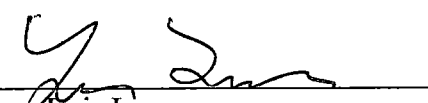
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:



 Kimberly Sampson, City Secretary

APPROVED:



 Mayor Luis Lamas