

**CITY OF INGLESIDE
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 10, 2019**

1. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Ronnie Parker presiding. Council Members present: Mayor Ronnie Parker and Council Members Steve Diehl, Kody Fahrenthold, Stewart Wilson, John Schack, Ben Tucker, and Dennis Knippa. Staff present: City Manager David Huseman, Finance Director Linnette Barker, and City Secretary Kimberly Sampson Henry. There were approximately 30 guests present.

2. Roll Call

All Council Member were present.

3. Invocation

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Citizen Comments

Mr. Kelly Bowen, owner of Arrow Storage thanked the City Streets Department for fixing the potholes. Br. Bowen then reported his concerns with the Building Department. He paid his permits to build his storage facility and was later charged permit fees for fence and signage. He feels the staff tell him different things each time he comes to ask for something new. Mr. Bowen stated had he known this, he wouldn't have built here.

Presentations:

6. Presentation of Proclamation recognizing July 2019 as Parks and Recreation Month.

Mayor Parker read the Proclamation recognizing July 2019 as Parks and Recreation Month and presented it to the Parks Staff who were present: Mariana Rodriguez, Robert Vana, and Samantha Cass.

Mayor Parker Moved Agenda item # 15 forward.

15. Discussion, consideration and action of drainage of Mooney Lane.

John Michael of Hanson Professional Services presented to the Council the aerial photos from 1950, 1956, 1961, 1985, 2003, and 2017 as well as the Topo map from 1989. The maps indicate ponds and swamp areas on the North Side of Mooney in the area of two homes currently having issues with flooding. The 1961 map showed Mooney had an East and West end, but no middle due to the water crossing that area. The 1985 aerial shows Mooney as a completed street, but also showed wet area on the North side. The drainage plans from the mid-1980's showed they wanted to connect the ponds; however, that plan hasn't been implemented. The culverts under Mooney lane were placed prior to 1985 to help equalize the water from each side. This portion to the North side of Mooney is a "bowl" for the area. The culverts will flow North until the "bowl" is full, then the culverts will flow South. It was suggested that maybe future permits should include a statement about drainage to ensure that any citizen developing property is aware this whole area has drainage concerns.

Council Member Wilson asked if the utility easement between Mooney and Beasely could be used for drainage. Mr. Michael stated a utility easement doesn't allow for drainage.

Mr. James Coulter stated he plans to get a permit and build a pond on the back of his property, and use that dirt to build up the front of his property. He stated he wants the City to drain the stagnant water off of his property and then promise to keep the water off of him in the future. Mayor Parker noted that even with the pond, once it is full, the water is going to run across the front of these properties.

Council Member Schack asked if there was a way to move the water from the North side of Mooney to the large pond between Mooney and Morgan, and then move it on South/East toward the Bay. The Topo map indicates the end of Mooney is 24 ft above sea level, the house is at 16 ft and the ridge of the bowl is at 20 ft. There would need to be about a 7-8 ft drop to the pond to make this work. He said if the elevation levels are less than 20 ft. already, this plan won't work. Mr. Gerard Gutierrez stated his pad is at 20 ft, but the rest of his property is lower than 20 ft. Council Member Schack stated anything at the bottom of the "bowl" is still going to flood in wet seasons.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to survey the culverts, neighbors, ponds, and area to see if a drainage plan can be made to help these individuals and was seconded by Council Member Schack. The motion was approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda: (All of the following items are considered to be self-explanatory by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion; there will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member requests.)

N/A

Public Hearings:

Mayor Parker Opened the Public Hearings at 7:49 p.m.

- 7. Public hearing regarding unsafe structures to make a determination if the structure listed below meets the minimum standards of adopted codes or shall be demolished and removed from the property as per Section 18-299 of the Ingleside City Code:**

Owners: Juan G. Martinez

Lots 11, 12, and 17' of 13, Block 22, RJ Williams Subdivision

Otherwise known as 2498 Avenue C

Ingleside Code Enforcement Officer, Karisma Luke, explained that a new lien holder has been found and staff is asking that this item be tabled until September 2019.

There were no other speakers for or against 2498 Avenue C structure.

- 8. Public hearing regarding non-conforming use to make a determination if the structure below meets the minimum standards of adopted codes or shall be demolished and removed from the property as per Section 78-93 of the Ingleside City Code:**

Owners: Michael S. Honeycutt

Lots 5 and 6, Block 3, RJ Williams Subdivision

Otherwise known as 2758 Avenue D

Ingleside Code Enforcement Officer, Karisma Luke, explained there have been no utilities to this resident for over one (1) year. There is a City Lien filed for the Tax suit. Staff is recommending this be removed from the list of list of allowable non-conforming use and issue an order to have the non-conforming use structure removed from the property.

There were no other speakers for or against the 2758 Avenue D structure.

Mayor Parker closed the Public Hearing at 7:54 p.m.

Action Items:

- 9. Discussion, consideration and action to make a determination if the following structure meets the minimum standards of adopted codes or shall be demolished**

and removed from the property as per Section 18-299 of the Ingleside City Code - Owner: Juan G. Martinez at Lots 11, 12, and 17' of 13, Block 22, RJ Williams Subdivision, Otherwise known as 2498 Avenue C. (Item 7 above)

Council Member Diehl made a motion to table this agenda item until September 11, 2019; and was seconded by Council Member Fahrenthold. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 10. Discussion, consideration and action to make a determination if the following structure meets the minimum standards of adopted codes or shall be demolished and removed from the property as per Section 78-93 of the Ingleside City Code - Owner: Michael S. Honeycutt at Lots 5 and 6, Block 3, RJ Williams Subdivision, Otherwise known as 2758 Ave D. (Item 8 above)**

Council asked staff if the owners don't move the structure within the 30-day's notice, where will the City move it to. Building Official, Carey Dietrich, state if the owner doesn't remove it, it will be demolished.

Mayor Parker made a motion that the following structure does not meet the minimum standards of adopted codes or shall be demolished and removed from the property as per Section 78-93 of the Ingleside City Code - Owner: Michael S. Honeycutt at Lots 5 and 6, Block 3, RJ Williams Subdivision, Otherwise known as 2758 Ave D; and was seconded by Council Member Diehl. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 11. Discussion, consideration and action of an Ordinance amending Chapter 18 Buildings and Building Regulations Article X. Floodplain Managements, Sec. 18-351 General Provisions – Ingleside Code of Ordinances, to amend Section 18-351 to reflect the new firm effective date of December 20, 2019. (First Reading)**

Council Member Schack made a motion to move to a second reading the Ordinance amending Chapter 18 Buildings and Building Regulations Article X. Floodplain Managements, Sec. 18-351 General Provisions – Ingleside Code of Ordinances, to amend Section 18-351 to reflect the new firm effective date of December 20, 2019; and was seconded by Council Member Tucker. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 12. Discussion, consideration and action of an Ordinance repealing Ordinance # 1024 enacted February 8th 2011 amending the City's Traffic Control Device Schedule to remove from it, the North and South Bound Stop Signs on Avenue J at the intersections of 2nd Street and 3rd Street. (First Reading)**

Mr. Steve Spiegelhoff stated he lives near the intersection of Avenue J and 3rd Street. When Avenue J was opened up from First Street to N.O. Simmons Park, their street became a thorough fare to get to the park. It also assist with traffic getting away from Avenue K to get away from the Elementary School.

Council Member Schack stated that Avenue K and Big Oak have both increased in traffic due to Avenue J Stop Signs. He feels this is causing more of a safety hazard for the children/families playing after school sports around the campus.

Police Chief Burr agreed the Stop Signs being placed on Avenue J for the purpose of slowing traffic was against the Uniform Traffic Code, but without a true Traffic Study, it is unknown what is needed. Council Member Knippa requested that the whole City be surveyed before making any decisions. Mayor Parker and Council Member Fahrenthold agreed the signs should not be removed until a traffic study could be done.

Council Member Diehl noted that the 200 unit apartment complex being built at 1st Street and Avenue J will increase the traffic on Avenue J. He questioned if the traffic study should be done now or wait until after the apartments are in place.

Council Member Wilson suggested more Police Staff with the growth of the City and therefore they could be more active.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to table until two regular meetings (August 14, 2019); and was seconded by Council Member Fahrenthold. The motion was approved with Mayor Parker and Council Members Diehl, Fahrenthold, Wilson, Tucker, and Knippa voting aye; and Council Member Schack voting no.

13. Discussion of School Zones to consider changing to "Safety All Day" concept from 7:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Patrol Captain, Robert Luna, presented the idea of a "Safety All Day" concept to have School Zones be all day long instead of a morning shift and an afternoon shift. Some communities are adopting this so there is less confusion for the public as to what time of day it is and therefore running the risk of speeding during the morning or afternoon shift. He provided them a photo of the suggested locations of signs and crosswalks.

Council Member Diehl made an motion to bring this back in Ordinance format as presented; and was seconded by Council Member Fahrenthold.

Council Member Tucker questioned if the students are in school all day, why do we need the traffic slowed down all day. Captain Luna responded to reduce the confusion of the public as to what time of day the zone is in place.

Council Member Schack agreed to the Primary and GJM campuses; however, he felt the campuses along Mustang didn't need the all-day zones.

Mr. Kelly Bowen suggested there be no parking along the streets where children run out from between the cars.

The motion to bring this back in Ordinance format was approved with Mayor Parker and Council Members Diehl, Fahrenthold, Wilson and Knippa voting aye; and Council Members Schack and Tucker voting no.

14. Discussion, consideration and action to award a contract for the Car Video, Body Worn Cameras, and Mobile Data Terminal Upgrade for the Ingleside Police Department.

Patrol Captain, Robert Luna, explained that through an RFP process he has received bids from three (3) sources for Car Video, Body Worn Cameras, and Mobile Data Terminals (MDT); Digital Ally, Axon, and Panasonic. His recommendation is to use Panasonic since they can provide all three (3) systems being requested. Staff needs 11 MDTs, 11 Vehicle Cameras, and 24 Body Cameras. The cost estimate from Panasonic is \$198,000 and then \$7,000/year for maintenance. Staff has applied for a grant; however, we will not know until September 2019 if we are awarded that grant. This is an eligible expenditure for our Drug Seizure Funds and we have additional funds within our departmental budget. Additional funds would be needed from the General Fund.

Council Member Diehl agreed he preferred to have a completely integrated system.

Noting that Axon is very popular among police departments, Council Member Knippa asked where they were in the mix. Captain Luna stated that Axon started with Tasers, moved to body cameras, and their next thing is vehicle cameras; however, they have not progressed as far as Panasonic.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to award the contract to Panasonic for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 with staff to bring back an Ordinance to appropriate the funds as necessary; and was seconded by Council Member Fahrenthold. The motion was approved unanimously,

16. Discussion, consideration and action of an Ordinance of the City of Ingleside, Texas, amending the 2018/2019 Capital Fund for approval and appropriation of a Temporary Animal Control facility. (Tabled from 06/25/19)

City Manager, David Huseman, stated this a 12-month lease with Ricardo Trevino of the kennels on his property, formerly known as Lakeside Kennels, located on Morgan Lane. The cost is \$55,000 for the year and would provide time for the City to plan how we want to proceed with a facility of our own. The day to day maintenance of the facility would be on the City; however, the major items such as heating/air conditioning will still be maintained by the owner.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-18 of the City of Ingleside, Texas, amending the 2018/2019 Capital Fund for approval and appropriation of a Temporary Animal Control facility; and was seconded by Council Member Wilson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Executive Session:

N/A

Other:

17. Reports from Staff

- A. **City of Ingleside expenditures** – There were no questions from Council
- B. **City Manager's Monthly Report** – There were no questions from Council
- C. Staff asked Council to let them know who was planning to attend the TML Annual Conference in San Antonio scheduled for October 9-11, 2019.

18. Requests from Council Members for Future Agenda Items.

Council Member Diehl requested a complete comprehensive update of SH-200 and the \$4M needed for construction.

Council Member Diehl requested an update regarding the water and wastewater rates and the Impact Fees.


Council Member Knippa requested the City Manager to direct staff to study the streets of Indian Trail, 6th Street, and others for meeting the Uniform Traffic Code.

Council Member Diehl requested that staff request input from IISD Superintendent, Troy Mircovich regarding items that will affect the schools.

19. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kimberly Sampson Henry, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Mayor Ronnie Parker