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**CITY OF INGLESIDE
MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 30, 2019
6:30 P.M.**

1. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. with Mayor Ronnie Parker presiding. Council Members present: Mayor Ronnie Parker and Council Members Steve Diehl, Stewart Wilson, Ben Tucker, and Dennis Knippa (arriving at 6:52 p.m.). Council Members absent: Council Members Kody Fahrenthold and John Schack. Staff present: City Manager David Huseman, Finance Director Linnette Barker, and City Secretary Kimberly Sampson Henry. There were 2 guests present.

2. Roll Call

Council Members absent were: Council Members Kody Fahrenthold and John Schack. Council Member Dennis Knippa arrived at 6:52 p.m.

3. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding the FY 2019/2020 Budget.

City Manager, David Huseman, provided an overview of the effective and rollback tax rates and how they differ. Finance Director, Linnette Barker, explained the new Legislature that becomes affective with the next year and the maximum increase of 3.5% before it mandates an election. Mrs. Barker provided an overview of the Operating Budget and noted that additional funds are available for Council to provide direction for projects.

Council Member Wilson suggested the rebuilding of Faith Park and streets throughout the town.

Mayor Parker suggested that he would like to see TMRS paid off as soon as possible.

Council Member Wilson asked what type of funds are needed for the Houghton Project. Mr. Huseman reported the preliminary numbers indicate over \$10M; of which 2.9 will be grant funds and the rest will be either General/Utility Funds or Bond Funds. Council agreed that sectioning the town into subdivisions and fixing the wastewater, water, drainage, streets, and sidewalks in one large project is a great direction for the City.

Mayor Parker suggested that the City get on a regular schedule to increase water and wastewater rates. Only increasing the rates every ten (10) years or so, is not good business. If the City would raise the rates a little each year, then it would not be such a large increase all at once.

Council Member Diehl suggested that the staff work with Industry partners to form a long range plan to build a new Ingleside Municipal Complex.

There was discussion whether to have Department Managers at future budget meetings. Mayor Parker and Council Members Tucker and Knippa stated they didn't feel it was necessary.

Council Member Diehl asked about Ticket Writers for the Police Department and Mr. Huseman stated that the Chief was still working on that cost figure for the budget.

4. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kimberly Sampson Henry, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Mayor Ronnie Parker