

**CITY OF INGLESIDE  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 8, 2019  
6:30 P.M.**

**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, Ben Tucker, and Dennis Knippa. Council Members absent: Council Member John Schack. 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**

Council Member Schack was absent.

Council Member Tucker arrived at 6:35 p.m.

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

Tri-County EMS Interim Director, Mrs. Carrie DeLeon, presented their proposed budget to the City Council. They are asking for a \$50,040.00 increase over last year, for a total of \$183,900.00. Their reasoning is due to the Hospital and Nursing Home shutting down in Aransas Pass and that has been a large decrease in revenues. They have reduced their staff and used some of the reserve funds to help make up the difference in their short fall.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve line item 10-500-472 to be \$183,900 for Tri-County EMS; and was seconded by Council Member Wilson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ingleside Chamber of Commerce (CoC) incoming Chairman, Preston Bailey (Representative of Moda Midstream) presented their proposed budget to the City Council. They have requested a 5% increase over the prior year for a total of \$131,985.00.

Council Member Diehl questioned the mechanisms to confirm people are staying in local hotels and if zip codes of event attendees were being captured. CoC President, Jane Gimler stated they do not have those mechanisms in place.

Mayor Parker questioned why the Annual CoC Banquet is being held in Corpus Christi this year. Ms. Gimler stated the cost to hold the banquet in this area is too costly and they have individuals that have donated the cooking, the space, and a bus for people to get back and forth to the event.

Council Member Tucker questioned if the move from the City Parks Building to the new space across from Whataburger has been positive and Ms. Gimler agree it has increased their visibility and more people are stopping by the office.

There were other questions about their events and Council Member Diehl requested that the City Staff get a current report of Hotel/Motel expenditures from the CoC.

Finance Director, Linnette Barker, provided an overview of the City's proposed FY 19/20 budgeted projects and the funding needs. Including looking at Tax Notes to assist with the Houghton Subdivision Project. Discussions were had regarding the new staffing

positions, and the re-organization of the Parks/Building Maintenance staff moving back into the Public Works Department.

A handout of the Houghton Subdivision Project was provided, this project includes new water lines, sewer lines, underground storm water drainage, curb and gutter, and streets in the area of town expanding from Mustang Drive to West Main and from Coach Emery Bellard Drive to Avenue B. The estimated total is \$11,300,000 with the funding sources being as follows:

EDA Grant	\$ 500,000
CDBG-DR Grant	\$1,900,000
HMGP Grant	\$ 150,000
2018 Bonds available	\$ 975,000
2015 Bonds available	\$ 612,000
Street reconstruction Funds available	\$ 215,000
Street Maintenance Sales Tax Fund	\$ 746,000
(Combination of the following three)	\$6,202,000
New 2020 Bond issuance	
Utility Fund Retained Earning	
General Fund Balance	

Mayor Parker suggested sidewalks be added into the Houghton Subdivision Project. Discussion was had regarding the tax notes needed for the Houghton Subdivision Project and that it would be brought back to Council for approval.

Council Member Fahrenthold requested the staff talk with IISD regarding the SRO position. If the School can keep their half of the funds without having to send back to the State, he would like to see the City fund the SRO position at 100%. Council Member Fahrenthold suggested even if the Salary Survey is still being conducted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Contractor, that the PD be considered for raises because Officers are leaving to go to other entities for more base wage. There was additional discussion regarding the use of drug seizure funds and how many new vehicles budgeted.

With regards to the Fire Department, Council Member Fahrenthold questioned why the full time clerical staff was being reduced to part time. It was explained that this was originally a PT position that was increased to FT with emergency management duties; however, it was reduced back to PT with this budget since emergency management duties are not part of that role at this time. Council Member Fahrenthold stated he felt the Fire Department needs a FT Secretary.

It was also noted that the various bills for electricity, phones, internet, cloud, etc. are being broken out between the various departments in order to have a truer cost per department.

**4. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
Kimberly Sampson Henry, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
Mayor Ronnie Parker