

**CITY OF INGLESIDE
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 14, 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: Finance Director Linnette Barker, and City Secretary Kimberly Sampson Henry. There were approximately 50 guests present.

2. Roll Call

All Council Members were present.

3. Invocation

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Citizen Comments

Randi Vince, with the South Texas Family Planning and Health Corporation, provided handouts and information to the Council and Public regarding their free counseling for ages 18-64. She gave an overview of the other services their clinics provide.

IISD Superintendent, Troy Mircovich, thanked the City and the Streets Department for the work on the end of Mustang Drive. He thanked the Police Department for the Teachers Supplies; it was a great success and very appreciated. Mr. Mircovich updated the Council regarding the concerns the School District is having retaining teachers. Even though the State Legislatures have boasted about their efforts to get all teachers 5%-10% increases across the board, because Ingleside is considered a "Property Wealthy" district, IISD didn't get these funds. The starting pay for teachers in Gregory/Portland IISD is \$57,000 compared to Ingleside ISD at \$45,000. Student population is down, our funds from the State are down, and he requested the development of housing to help increase the student population.

Mr. Daniel Mireles asked when the mulch would be available for the public again and he questioned why the homestead exemption for property taxes is so low for Ingleside.

Presentations:

6. Introduction of the Staff recently employed and promoted by the City of Ingleside.

City Secretary, Kimberly Sampson Henry, explained that the new Library Clerk, Jayne Atokuku-Vitz is not available on Wednesday evenings and invited everyone to visit the Library to meet her.

Economic Development Director, Jodi Carr, introduced herself and provided a brief background.

Police Chief, Tammy Burr, introduced the recently promoted School Resource Officer, Katha McAlister.

7. Presentation of Ingleside Police Department and Tri-County EMS to recognize Patrol Officer Katha McAlister for her giving assistance to an expectant mother.

Police Chief, Tammy Burr, and Tri-County EMS Director, Carrie DeLeon, presented a Certificate of Commendation to Patrol Officer Katha McAlister and Certificate of Bravery to eleven-year old Chelsea for their roles in helping Chelsea's mother when giving birth at home.

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:

N/A

Action Items:

8. **Discussion, consideration and action of a Resolution of the City council of the City of Ingleside, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to execute the Interlocal Agreement for E9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services with the Coastal Bend Council of Government.**

Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve Resolution # 2019-33 of the City council of the City of Ingleside, Texas, authorizing the City Manager to execute the Interlocal Agreement for E9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services with the Coastal Bend Council of Government; and was seconded by Council Member Knippa. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. **Discussion, consideration and action of an Ordinance of the City of Ingleside, Texas, amending the FY 2018/2019 Capital Fund Budget to allocate capital funds up to \$42,000 for cameras at the Public Safety building, Public Works, and the Library and to allow staff to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder. (Single Reading)**

Parks and Facilities Manager, Mariana Rodriguez, explained only two (2) bidders responded and Echelon HTS, Inc was \$283.37 more than Alarm Security, but Echelon has a longer (three (3) year) warranty than Alarm Security and Echelon actually came to the site to prepare bids. Staff recommends awarding the bid to Echelon HTS, Inc.

Council Member Schack made a motion to approve Ordinance # 2019-21 of the City of Ingleside, Texas, amending the FY 2018/2019 Capital Fund Budget to allocate Capital Funds up to \$42,000 for cameras at the Public Safety building, Public Works, and the Library and to allow staff to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Echelon HTS, Inc.; and was seconded by Council Member Tucker. The motion was approved unanimously.

10. **Discussion, consideration and action of an Ordinance of the City of Ingleside, Texas, amending the 2018/2019 General Fund, and the Asset Seizures and Forfeiture Fund Budget for a total of \$152,878 for the Car Video, Body Worn Cameras, and Mobile Data Terminal Upgrade for the Ingleside Police Department. (Single Reading)**

Council Member Schack questioned if this equipment is the best equipment for our staff. Police Chief, Tammy Burr, stated since she started with the City she has been researching and discussing with the end-users (the police officers) and she has not completed her review.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to table this agenda item and was seconded by Council Member Wilson. The motion was approved unanimously.

11. **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. (Tabled from 7/10/19) (First Reading)**

Police Chief, Tammy Burr, stated that although she is not a traffic control engineer, she doesn't believe these stop signs were necessary; however, the construction in the area does not help with the assessment of the situation.

IISD Superintendent, Troy Mircovich, explained in the mornings and throughout the day the stop signs on Avenue J are not for or against the traffic. It is the afternoon when parents are picking

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up their children that the signs are helpful. However, the after school activities are where the stop signs appear to be making traffic an issue on Avenue K. Mr. Mircovich noted that over 70% of the students are bussed to/from school and 100% of the bus pickup and drop offs are now on private school drives and off of the streets.

Council Member Diehl suggested the Police Chief do a traffic study on Avenue J and bring back to the second meeting in September. Council Member Knippa suggested a traffic study be completed on the whole city instead of doing it piece by piece.

Council Member Fahrenthold stated he did his own study of the area and he said there are no speeders on Avenue I. He's not sure how the Stop Signs will or won't affect the area, but he is willing to monitor.

Council Member Schack made a motion to move to a second reading the 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; and was seconded by Council Member Diehl. The motion was approved unanimously.

12. Discussion, consideration and action of an Ordinance amending the Traffic Control Device Inventory Schedules by amending Section 62-47 (School Zone): and providing for publication and an effective date. (First Reading)

Police Chief, Tammy Burr, explained this would allow for the school speed zones to be all day all over town with the only exception being TxDOT's roadway which is Main Street/FM 1069.

Council Members Tucker and Schack didn't see a need for the school speed zones all day if the students are in school and can only get out of school when signed out by an adult.

Council Member Fahrenthold stated as a law enforcement officer that it alleviates confusion for the public and the officers as to the time of day. Mayor Parker agreed if it saves one child's life, it is worth it.

Council Member Diehl questioned the purpose of all day school speed zones. Mayor Parker responded to slow the traffic around where the children are located. Council Member Diehl stated there are more children on the streets after 7:00 p.m. than during the school day. Council Member Schack suggested the Council consider the whole town be 20 mph if that is the goal. Council Member Diehl suggested to allow time for the Chief of Police to do a comprehensive traffic study of the whole city and see the results.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to table this Ordinance until the second meeting in September 2019 allowing the Police Chief an opportunity to complete a traffic study and was seconded by Council Member Fahrenthold. The motion was approved unanimously.

13. Discussion, consideration and action of an Ordinance amending the City's Traffic Control Device Schedule in order to add and remove certain School Zone Signs throughout the City Limits. (First Reading)

Council Member Diehl made a motion to table this Ordinance until the second meeting in September 2019 allowing the Police Chief an opportunity to complete a traffic study and was seconded by Council Member Tucker. The motion was approved unanimously.

14. Discussion, consideration and action of an Ordinance amending Chapter 54 Subdivisions Article III Plats, Division 2 Minor Plats, Sec. 54-91 through 54-94 Ingleside Code of Ordinances, to amend Section 54-91 through 54-94 to clarify provisions for Minor Plats, Amending, and Vacating Plats. (1st Reading)

Building Official, Carey Dietrich and contract Engineer, Carl Crull, presented the changes to the Minor Plats Ordinance.

Council Member Schack requested there be an amendment to include an engineered drainage plan of plats less than a certain amount of acres. Mrs. Dietrich explained the drainage plan is not

necessary until a development is being considered. Since she became the Building Official in 2017, she has been very aggressive with all development.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to move to a second reading the Ordinance amending Chapter 54 Subdivisions Article III Plats, Division 2 Minor Plats, Sec. 54-91 through 54-94 Ingleside Code of Ordinances, to amend Section 54-91 through 54-94 to clarify provisions for Minor Plats, Amending, and Vacating Plat; and was seconded by Mayor Parker. The motion was approved with Mayor Parker and Council Members Diehl, Fahrenthold, Wilson, and Knippa voting aye; and Council Members Schack and Tucker voting no.

15. Discussion, consideration and action of an Ordinance amending Ingleside Code of Ordinances Chapter 66, Utilities, Section 66-87 and Section 66-251 and providing for effective date, reading, severance, and publication. (First Reading)

Utility Supervisor, Isabel Valdez, provided an overview of the three different scenarios requested by Council at a previous meeting.

Council Member Diehl suggested that the Council be specific what the increase was for and thereby commit it to the \$22M bonds for a new Wastewater Treatment Plant. There was additional discussion regarding when the bond payments would be due if completed in phases.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to pass to a second reading the Ordinance amending Ingleside Code of Ordinances Chapter 66, Utilities, Section 66-87 and Section 66-251 and providing for effective date, reading, severance, and publication specific to Scenario A that removes the 2,000 gallons from the base rate and will be a 5% increase; and was seconded by Council Member Knippa. The motion was approved unanimously.

16. Discussion, consideration and action of an Ordinance of the City of Ingleside, Texas, amending the 2018/2019 General Fund Budget to increase Attorney Fees by \$75,000. (Single Reading)

Council Member Schack made a motion to approve Ordinance # 2019-22 of the City of Ingleside, Texas, amending the 2018/2019 General Fund Budget to increase Attorney Fees by \$75,000; and was seconded by Council Member Diehl. The motion was approved unanimously.

17. Discussion, consideration and action of a Letter of Agreement with McKibben, Martinez, Jarvis, and Wood, LLP regarding the U.S. Bank Trust as Trustee of the American Homeowner Preservation Trust Series 2015 A+ v. The City of Ingleside with regarding to the demolition of 2498 Avenue C.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve the Letter of Agreement with McKibben, Martinez, Jarvis, and Wood, LLP regarding the U.S. Bank Trust as Trustee of the American Homeowner Preservation Trust Series 2015 A+ v. The City of Ingleside with regarding to the demolition of 2498 Avenue C; and was seconded by Council Member Fahrenthold. The motion was approved unanimously.

18. Submission, consideration and action of the 2019-20 Annual Budget (Operating and Capital) reflecting City Council direction and further actions with regards to the proposed 2019-20 Annual Budget.

Finance Director, Linnette Barker, explained there is no "Civic Center Fund" in the proposed budget and that there would be a future agenda item to remove the \$220,000 from the FY 2018/2019 budget.

Council Member Diehl reiterated he is not against the Chamber of Commerce (CoC) at all, but is trying to make sure we are using the Hotel/Motel Funds in a State Appropriate manner. These funds are very restrictive and they haven't been monitored appropriately for some time. He emailed the CoC President some questions and the President has not only not responded, but put the list of questions out to the whole CoC Board. The Incoming Chairman, Preston Bailey, of MODA did call and talk with Council Member Diehl; however, the questions have still not been answered. The City needs the tools to better review and monitor of the use of the Hotel/Motel funds. It was noted that questions asked by Council Member Wilson haven't been answered either.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to do a general contract with the CoC for \$25,000 and then do an event based contract for each event they, or anyone else, want to use Hotel/Motel Tax Funds for; and was seconded by Mayor Parker.

Council Member Schack disagreed and there was additional discussion regarding what items should and should not be allowed by Statute and what items are considered as overhead costs.

Chamber of Commerce Chairman, Kelly Sheppard, stated that the Board of Directors did meet today and the responses to the questions asked should be forthcoming.

Council Member Diehl withdrew his motion.

Council Member Schack noted that with so many changes with staff being moved around, it is difficult to compare. Mrs. Barker stated she would do a comparison with explanations.

Council Member Diehl questioned where are the funds for the Street Committee to pick streets? Mrs. Barker explained those funds are part of the Houghton Subdivision Project. A new Memorandum from the City Manager was provided at the Council chairs to include the Sidewalks as requested at the previous budget meeting. Also provided at the Council chairs were the updated Organizational Charts requested at the previous budget meeting.

Council Member Diehl questioned the timelines of the Salary Survey. City Secretary, Kimberly Henry, explained the timelines of the whole project (Organizational Overview, Job Descriptions, and Salary Survey) along with delays due to Hurricane Harvey and changes in Management that dated back from Spring of 2017 to current with the Salary Survey being completed sometime November or December 2019.

19. Discussion, consideration and action regarding the setting of the public hearings for the proposed tax rate for 2019 and direction to staff with regards to the FY 2019-20 Budget. Staff recommends that the maximum tax rate to be considered for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 be set at \$0.6477 which is below the effective tax rate of \$0.647718.

Council Member Schack suggested since we are going to commit water rate increases to the \$22M bonds for a new Wastewater Treatment Facility that we also try to commit any increase in ad valorem for those same bonds as well.

No action was taken at this time and a Special Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, August 29, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. for the Council to discuss the proposed tax rate and the setting of the public hearing dates.

Executive Session:

N/A

Other:

20. Reports from Staff

- A. **City of Ingleside expenditures** – there were no questions from the Council.
- B. City Secretary, Kimberly Henry, announced that the CDBG-DR Public Notice was posted on the front of City Hall and on our City Website on July 17, 2019 and has been posted there continuously since then as required for the grant.
- C. Finance Director, Linnette Barker, asked that the Council Members leave their budget books at their stations so staff can make copies of the changes and insert into their budget books.

21. Requests from Council Members for Future Agenda Items.

Council Members Diehl and Tucker requested a future agenda item for an Ordinance for no cellular phone usage in Ingleside.

Mayor Parker requested a future agenda item to appoint the new Economic Development Director as the City's representative to the SPEDC Board.

Council Members Schack, Knippa, Wilson, and Diehl requested the staff return to using had copy Council Packets instead of the computers.

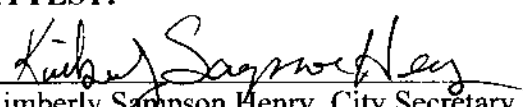
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Council Member Knippa requested the Police to increase patrol along FM 1069 between Ingleside and Aransas Pass due to individuals using the center turn lane for passing.

22. Adjourn

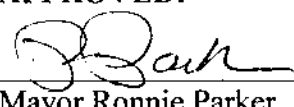
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kimberly Sampson Henry, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Mayor Ronnie Parker