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**CITY OF INGLESIDE
MINUTES
SEPCIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 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, and Ben Tucker. Council Members absent: Council Members John Schack and Dennis Knippa. Staff present: City Manager, David Huseman, Finance Director, Linnette Barker, and City Secretary, Kimberly Sampson Henry. There were approximately 5 guests present.

2. Roll Call

Council Members present: Mayor Ronnie Parker and Council Members Steve Diehl, Kody Fahrenthold, Stewart Wilson, and Ben Tucker.

Council Members absent were Council Members John Schack and Dennis Knippa.

Mayor Parker moved item # 5 forward.

5. Presentation, consideration and possible action regarding the Ingleside Development Corporation (IDC) budget and Work Plan request for 2019-20.

IDC President, Rene' Contreras presented the Work Plan/Budget for the FY 19/20. This plan includes \$50-75,000 for a Parks Master Plan and \$870,000 towards those Parks improvements.

City Manager, David Huseman, noted they are working on making different tiers for the Façade Improvement Grant Program and those will be brought forward to Council for final approval.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve the Ingleside Development Corporation (IDC) budget and Work Plan request for FY 2019-20; and was seconded by Council Member Fahrenthold. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Discussion, consideration and action of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Ingleside, Texas authorizing representation in IRS matter and delegating authority to execute Form 2848 IRS Power of Attorney.

Council Member Fahrenthold made a motion to approve Resolution # 2019-40 of the City Council of the City of Ingleside, Texas authorizing representation in IRS matter and delegating authority to execute Form 2848 IRS Power of Attorney; and was seconded by Mayor Parker. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. First Public Hearing regarding the proposed Budget, the proposed Tax Rate, and the proposed Tax Revenue for FY 2019/2020.

Mayor Parker announced he was opening the Public Hearing at 6:42 p.m. for the 2019 Tax Year for proposed Budget, the proposed Tax Rate, and the proposed Tax Revenue for the City of Ingleside. A proposed tax rate of \$0.682515 per \$100 of valuation. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective tax rate or rollback tax rate, and state law requires two public hearings to be held before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The next public hearing will be held on September 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

At a Special Meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2109 at 6:30 p.m. at Ingleside City Hall, 2671 San Angelo St., Ingleside Texas, the City Council will vote on the proposed tax rate.

Mr. Mike Morgan asked questions regarding the tax rate and comparisons to current budget year. Mr. Morgan stated he felt the increase was too much.

Mayor Parker closed the public hearing at 6:47 p.m.

6. Discussion, consideration and action of the proposed Budget, the proposed Tax Rate, and the proposed Tax Revenue for FY 2019/2020.

City Manager, David Huseman responded to the questions asked during the public hearing and explained the legislative wording. Mr. Mike Morgan asked why the increase in property taxes. Mr. Huseman explained the various projects being planned for the FY 19/20 with the main project being the Houghton Subdivision which is the oldest infrastructure in the city. Mr. Jose Salez suggested speed bumps or something to slow people down as they drive through the Houghton Subdivision. They speed now with poor street conditions and the improved streets will only encourage faster speeds.

There was additional discussion regarding the need for a revised Hotel Motel Tax application process. Mr. Huseman stated he is working on an application for an event based program.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to strike the line item 605 from the Hotel Motel line items; and was seconded by Council Member Wilson.

Council Member Diehl amended his motion to move the funds to Marketing Line item within the Hotel Motel line items and was seconded by Council Member Wilson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Huseman reminded the Council they previously requested the staff move forward with the Salary Survey; however, we do have several people leaving due to other jobs offering a higher wage. Staff suggested a partial increase for Patrol Officers and to bring the full time staff to a minimum of \$15/hour with any other adjustment being made at the time of the Salary Survey. Council Members agreed that Ingleside has been a training ground for officers for many years and the increase in wages could help in retaining these individuals. The City Manager will put something together and bring it back to Council for consideration. Council Member Fahrenthold encouraged differential pay and for special services such as bi-lingual, etc.

Council Member Diehl asked the Police Chief if there were any other needs within the Police Department. Chief, Tammy Burr stated staff is always welcome. Mr. Mike Morgan questioned the number of officers for our population.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to include an additional patrol officer in the FY 19/20 budget; and was seconded by Council Member Fahrenthold. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council Member Diehl asked about the different programs Human Resource is trying to implement and if there are sufficient funds to do so. Items such as Certification Pay, GED, Tuition Reimbursement etc. There are policies in place; however, there is no funding at this time.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to add \$15,000 for a City Manager's Employee Discretionary Fund to allow the City Manager to provide appreciation to the staff for their work; and was seconded by Council Member Fahrenthold. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was additional discussion regarding needs within the Fire Department for bunker gear, small tools, and the fact that the Fire Department is working on the specs for a new brush truck that will eventually be brought to Council for consideration this next year.

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Additional discussion was had regarding Capital Improvement Program; infrastructure needed to encourage R-1, Lift Stations, streets, sidewalks, water, and sewer. It was noted that the Impact Fee needs to be updated and the timeline for updating that program will be brought back to a future council meeting.

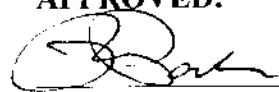
7. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kimberly Sampson Henry, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Mayor Ronnie Parker