

**CITY OF INGLESIDE  
MINUTES  
SEPCIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 9, 2019  
3:00 P.M.**

**1. Call meeting to order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. with Mayor Ronnie Parker presiding. Council Members present: Mayor Ronnie Parker and Council Members Steve Diehl, Kody Fahrenthold, Stewart Wilson, John Schack, and Dennis Knippa. Council Members absent: Council Member Tucker. Staff present were: City Manager David Huseman, City Secretary Kimberly Sampson Henry. There were 3 guests present.

**2. Roll Call**

Council Member Tucker was absent. All other Council Members were present.

**3. Discussion, consideration and action of an Ordinance of the City of Ingleside, Texas, prohibiting the use of designated groundwater from beneath certain property located within the City of Ingleside and supporting Certification of a Municipal Setting Designation by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; providing a penalty clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date. (Final Reading) (Tabled from 10/23/19 and 11/13/19)**

City Manager, David Huseman introduced everyone on the video conference: Dr. Kenneth Tramm as the Environmental Consultant for Exxon along with Chris Moore and Alana Getz of TCEQ.

Mayor Parker questioned if this Ordinance releases Exxon from any of their clean up responsibilities. Ms. Getz stated this is a voluntary clean up and whether this MSD is approved or not, it does not affect what Exxon is doing.

Council Member Diehl questioned what is the purpose of the Ordinance and how does it affect the City. Ms. Getz and Dr. Tramm reported the only purpose is an additional level of notification to any future property owner that they should not drill a well for potable water.

Mayor Parker asked TCEQ what their recommendation is. Mr. Moore stated TCEQ has no preference, most City's prefer this control/enforcement option to help them protect the future public. It was asked if this Ordinance isn't approved, if it creates a liability to the City in the future and TCEQ stated it is unknown.

Following the video conference additional discussion was had by Council and Staff. Mayor Parker stated he felt this Ordinance would be an additional level of notification to anyone in the future in addition to the TCEQ and/or Deed restrictions. Council Member Schack stated people look at zoning, not Ordinances. Council Member Knippa and Fahrenthold still questioned if we pass the Ordinance and then a future staff member doesn't realize there is an MSD in place, if the City would be liable.

Building Official, Carey Dietrich explained that anytime someone wants to drill a well for public use, they have to get a permit through the County; however, if it is for private use, they come to the Building Department for a permit.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to deny the Ordinance and was seconded by Council Member Schack. The motion was approved unanimously.

**4. Adjourn**


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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

  
Kimberly Sampson Henry, City Secretary

  
Mayor Ronnie Parker