

CITY OF INGLESIDE
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNSEL
MEETING APRIL 22, 2020
6:30 PM

1. Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call

The Regular City Council Meeting on April 22, 2020 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Ronnie Parker presiding. Council Members present: Mayor Ronnie Parker, Council Members Steve Diehl, Kody Fahrenthold, Stewart Wilson, John Schack, Ben Tucker and Dennis Knippa. Three city staff were present.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

3. Citizen Comments and Announcements

No citizen comments or announcements.

4. Presentations

No Presentations.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review and consideration of minutes from the April 8, 2020 regular meeting.

Council Member Fahrenthold made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schack to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting on April 8, 2020 Regular Meeting. Council Member Knippa noted his absence at the April 8, 2020 City Council Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

No consent agenda.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

No public hearings.

8. RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND ACTION ITEMS

- a.) Discuss, consider, and take action on **Resolution 2020-25**, to deny the Distribution Cost Recover Factors application proposed by AEP Texas Inc.

City Manager, David Huseman reported AEP filed a rate increase request as they did in 2019, and the city has the ability to challenge such increases. This would join the City of Ingleside with other cities to negotiate to keep rates as low as possible. Council Member Fahrenthold made a motion, seconded by Council Member Knippa to approve Resolution 2020-25, to deny the Distribution Cost Recover Factors application proposed by AEP Texas Inc. The motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote

- b.) Discuss, consider, and take action on **Resolution 2020-26**, to continue the Public Hearing to June 24, 2020, along with the current written recommendations of the Advisory Committee. Said recommendations are subject to change with further review meetings to accommodate the continuation scheduling requirements.

Council Member Diehl, commented he has been a strong proponent for impact fees. He

asked the council to slow down to look at the future. Once impact fees are set, the city would be locked in, unless amended. He suggested to task the staff to investigate impact fee issues.

Council Member Schack, commented that cities have been financially responsible with good plans. If you strip down the plans, they fail.

Council Member Diehl, commented that he agreed with Council Member Schack. The council should be cautious regarding prospective developments.

Mayor Parker, commented that more studies would cost the city. He suggested to change the impact fee structure to development fees. This would allow for the City Council to make changes.

The City Manager stated that once impact fees are adopted, they are locked in unless the amendment process is followed.

Council Member Tucker, asked if the impact fee price for single family dwelling stated in the document was correct. City Manager Huseman confirmed this. Council Member Tucker commented that he is a proponent for the Impact Fees versus the Development Fees for the reason that Impact Fees are specific as to what they can be used for. Council Member Fahrenthold, commented he feels the City should stay with Impact Fees. Council Member Diehl, commented that after hearing all Council Members, he was withdrawing his request for staff to investigate the Impact Fee issues, and reiterated that this Council cannot legislate a future Council.

Council Member Stewart, commented when he was involved with the Planning and Zoning Commission, the City Council requested a study by staff. Planning and Zoning produced the study and nothing came of it. Council Member Schack, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Diehl to approve Resolution 2020-26, to continue the Public Hearing to June 24, 2020. The motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a.) None scheduled.

All items on the agenda are for possible discussion and/or action. The Ingleside City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorneys); 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property); 551.073 (Deliberations about gifts and donations); 551.074 (Personnel Matters); 551.076 (Deliberations about security devises); and 551.087 (Deliberations regarding economic development negotiations).

10. STAFF UPDATES

- a.) Finance expenditures over \$3,000 dollars.
- b.) Finance report March 31, 2020
- c.) Department's Quarterly Reports

Council Member Schack, commented about the Human Resources report that the turnover rate in the Police Department that the percentages don't add up. He heard that the Department lost four Officers in a month. City Manager David Huseman, reported that the Police Department had not lost that many Officers in the past months. The City Manager asked if Council Member Schack was referring to sworn Officers or total employees. Council Member Schack commented an employee is an employee and he did not agree with the numbers in the report. City Manager Huseman said he stood by the

report numbers and defended the Human Resources Department. Council Member Diehl asked how many full - time employees had left in the past six months. City Manager Huseman said he could get the number for him.

d.) Project Status & Calendar

Council Member Diehl, thanked the citizens for cooperation regarding the COVID – 19 restrictions. He asked City Manager Huseman to update the citizens. City Manager Huseman commented the city took the stance to protect the city employees and citizens. Currently, plans are to be made to bring back employees in a safe, efficient manner instead of working from home or on extended leave.

City Manager Huseman reported that the right of way agreement for State Hwy 200 is done and the project is moving forward. The Avenue A project started as a repaving project from Hwy 361 to 12th Street, the Council saw fit to extend to having water, sewer, curb and gutter and was expanded to Kenney. This will go out for bid on May 5, 2020. Council Member Diehl, inquired on the Avenue A residential complex. City Manager Huseman stated the driveways have to adhere to the TXDOT curb cut rules. He said the City was looking for bids for both asphalt and concrete.

Council Member Diehl, inquired what the latest on the railroad land acquisition. City Manager Huseman stated a survey was required. Once there is a legal description, it can proceed with the real estate transfer. Council Member Schack thought an ordinance for off-site parking lot standards would be appropriate.

Council Member Wilson asked if the Senior Center was owned by the City. City Manager Huseman stated it was a leased property.

11. COUNCIL REQUESTS

Council Member Diehl, thanked the Chief of Police for the remarkable job being performed. He inquired if the City was preparing for a reopening. Mayor Parker stated that he had a conference call with the Governor and other City Mayors. He stated that Live Oak Park is now open, the baseball fields will not be reopened at this time.

Council Member Schack, commented that he would like a list of projects and what contractors are doing when workers leave town on the weekends and come back to town possibly infected. City Manager Huseman said he would get a list.

Council Member Knippa, requested that TxDot be contacted to repaint center turn lanes on FM 1069.

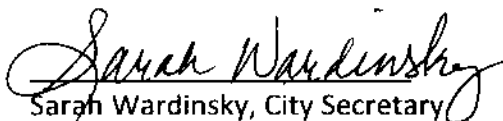
Council Member Schack and Mayor Parker updated the City Council with the current statistics on COVID -19 for the state of Texas and San Patricio County. Council Member Diehl requested the zip codes of current confirmed cases be revealed.

12. Adjourn

The Regular City Council Meeting held on April 22, 2020 was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Sarah Wardinsky, City Secretary


Mayor Ronnie Parker