

**CITY OF INGLESIDE  
MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 11, 2015**

**1. Call meeting to order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. with Mayor Pete Perkins presiding. Council Members present: Mayor Pete Perkins and Council Members Cynthia Wilson, Kevin Robbins, Dennis Knippa, Steve Diehl, Paul Pierce, and Council Member Oscar Adame arriving at 6:35 p.m. Staff present: City Manager Jim Gray, Finance Director Paul Baen, and City Secretary Kimberly Sampson. There were approximately 15 guests.

**2. Invocation**

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Presentations from the Audience**

Ms. Diane Brady thanked the Council for taking action to make changes to the Noise Ordinance.

**5. Consideration and action of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 28, 2015.**

Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 28, 2015 and was seconded by Council Member Wilson. The motion was approved with Mayor Perkins and Council Members Wilson, Robbins, Knippa, and Diehl voting aye; and Council Member Pierce abstaining.

**6. The City Council may meet in Closed Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551-071 "Consult with Attorney" concerning the lawsuit against the City of Ingleside made by Patricia Arnold, Laura McLaughlin, William Friday, and Kevin Robbins involving re-zoning ordinances numbered 1087, 1089, 1090, and 1091.**

Mayor Perkins recessed the Regular Meeting to go into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor Perkins closed the Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Council Member Robbins did not attend the Closed Executive Session.

**7. Consideration and action of the Consent Agenda items:**

**A) Approval of Ordinance # 2015-18 amending certain sections of the Ingleside Code of Ordinances dealing with prohibited noise levels in residential and other areas as detected by sound measuring device and adopting new provisions concerning the prohibition of noise and vibration levels and the regulation thereof, and further providing for effective date, reading, severance, and publication. (Final Reading)**

**B) Approval of Ordinance # 2015-19 granting a Special Permit to be allowed to place a substituting SS-1 Dilute Material in place of concrete or asphalt paving on the property located at PT Abst 292 TT Williamson, 69.26 acres and PT Abst 387 Dayland & Cattle Co. 49.74 acres located at 2269 Avenue B, and further providing for effective date, reading, severance, and publication. (Final Reading)**

Mayor Perkins made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and was seconded by Council Member Diehl. The motion was approved with Mayor Perkins and Council Members Adame, Knippa, Diehl, and Pierce voting aye; and Council Members Wilson and Robbins voting no.

**8. Consideration and action of a Resolution regarding the designation of the City of Ingleside's Official City Newspaper.**

City Manager Jim Gray explained there was only one newspaper who responded to the RFP process and that was the Coastal Bend Herald; however, just prior to this evenings meeting beginning, the Ingleside Index Editor/Publisher Brittney Hall provided a letter regretting that they cannot adjust their deadlines to accommodate our needs at this time. It was noted that the Coastal Bend Herald does meet all the standards required and the cost is what we are currently paying at this time.

Council Member Pierce made a motion to approve Resolution # 2015-12 designating the Coastal Bend Herald as the City of Ingleside's Official City Newspaper and was seconded by Mayor Perkins. The motion was approved with Mayor Perkins and Council Members Wilson, Adame, Knippa, Diehl, and Pierce voting aye; and Council Member Robbins voting no.

Council Member Knippa questioned if we could still advertise in the Ingleside Index and the staff agreed we can still do that. Council Member Pierce agreed for rare occasions that would be fine, but not for everyday publications due to the cost in the budget.

**9. First Public Hearing regarding the proposed Budget, the proposed Tax Rate, and the proposed Tax Revenue for FY 2015/2016.**

Mayor Perkins opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.

There were no speakers for or against the proposed Budget, the proposed Tax Rate, and the proposed Tax Revenue for FY 2015/2016.

Mayor Perkins closed the Public Hearing at 7:21 p.m.

**10. Discussion and direction from Council to the Staff regarding the proposed Budget and the proposed Tax Revenue for FY 2015/2016.**

City Manager Jim Gray announced that the proposed budget provided tonight is basically the same budget as FY 2014/2015 with a few minor changes; with the main changes to include a maximum \$0.61/\$100 value ad valorem tax rate, a 3% employee wage increase, an increase in medical and retirement needs, and the payment for a \$7,000,000 bonds that will be considered at the August 25, 2015 Council Meeting. He announced that Mayor Perkins and the staff attended a Conference Call Meeting with Standard and Poor's Monday and everyone is confident we will receive a favorable rating within the next week.

Council Member Diehl is concerned with the letting of \$7,000,000 in bonds without exact projects specified. Mr. Gray stated that although the projects are not listed by exact street names or exact items within the park, the preliminary list provided does specify the following items totaling \$7,800,000 in projects:

Live Oak Park	\$2,200,000
Drainage	\$4,100,000
Streets	\$1,200,000
Sidewalks	\$ 300,000

Although these dollar figures can be changed a little, they need to remain somewhat close to the original numbers discussed in the Council Meetings as well as presented to the potential investor.

Council Member Diehl questioned if the Contractual Services had been removed from the Finance Department and Mr. Gray agreed it had been removed. He also requested that next year the staff consider going out for bids for health insurance companies to see if we can get a better rate.

Council Member Pierce questioned the difference of approximately \$600,000 in the budget numbers. Finance Director Paul Baen explained the difference is between the original draft budget presented to Council in early July (prior to receiving the certified tax rolls) vs. the current draft budget presented this evening (now that we have a certified tax roll).

Staff also presented the binder for the FY 2016-2020 Capital Improvements Program and welcomed any questions from Council. Mr. Gray reminded the Council that as \$500,000-\$700,000 in projects were chosen each year some items are shifted to the following years.

No adjustments were requested by Council at this time.

**11. Consideration and action regarding the setting of Management Goals for the FY 2015/2016 and the salary for City Manager, Jim Gray. The City Council of the City of Ingleside may hold a closed executive session for the purpose of evaluating the achievement of the FY 2014/2015 Management Goals and the associated salary of City Manager, Jim Gray pursuant to Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) of the Texas Government Code.**

Mayor Perkins recessed the Regular Meeting to go into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

Mayor Perkins closed the Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Council Member Pierce requested that future attachments when discussing the City Manager include a copy of his contract and a history of his wage and stipend increases.

Council Member Pierce made a motion to set the following goals:

- 1) Continue fiscal responsibility with the budget to keep the city moving forward;
- 2) Complete and implement a new Master Plan with an emphasis on development of single-family residential housing units in Ingleside;
- 3) Without delay, inform Council Members of important occurrences that transpire within Ingleside and the Region;
- 4) Fully implement a comprehensive sanitary sewer inspection program; and
- 5) Continue with SH-200 program and find funding sources to complete the design and construction specifications.

Additionally he proposed a 4% increase in base salary and an increase of \$75/month in car allowance (bringing the monthly car allowance to \$500/month). The motion was seconded by Council Member Knippa and approved unanimously by the Council.

## 12. Receive the Departmental Reports for the month of July 2015.

Council Member Pierce thanked the Animal Control Department for the favorable statistics regarding animal adoptions and the Police Department for the increased enforcement.

Council Member Pierce noted that even though the numbers are slowly growing, the Utility Department is definitely showing an increase in customers.

## 13. Staff Reports

City Manager Jim Gray provided the following updates:

- The construction of the Seaside Apartments is further along than the Oaks by the Bay Apartments. Seaside Apartments has some roughed in plumbing and is preparing to build the roadway. The Oaks by the Bay Apartments has had a couple of set-backs, but they are preparing to move forward again.
- The Comprehensive Master Plan schedule of events was presented to Council and it was announced that the contract staff will be at the September 8, 2015 Council Meeting.
- Ingleside Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2015. Please RSVP to the City Secretary's office if you plan to attend.
- Staff is planning to have an agenda item at the next Council Meeting regarding the Streets and Sidewalks to consider for the Bond projects. Please forward any suggestions to the staff so we can prepare that for discussion. Council Member Wilson suggested Arkansas Sidewalks be considered.

## 14. Requests from Council Members


Council Member Adame suggested that the staff consider the drainage needs on the streets being worked on prior to the new sealcoat being added so the large equipment doesn't damage the newly re-paved streets. He further noted that the carpet grass in the ditches is within the City's ROW; therefore, if the carpet grass is damaged, it is not the staff's responsibility to replace it.

Mayor Perkins asked for an update regarding what the Drainage District is doing at Avenue A near Swan Lake.

## 15. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kimberly Sampson, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Mayor Pete Perkins