

**CITY OF INGLESIDE
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2015**

1. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Pete Perkins presiding. Council Members present: Mayor Pete Perkins and Council Members Cynthia Wilson, Oscar Adame, Dennis Knippa, and Steve Diehl. Council Member Kevin Robbins arrived at 6:38 p.m. and left at 7:06 p.m. Council Member absent: Council Member Paul Pierce. Staff present: City Manager Jim Gray, Finance Director Paul Baen, and City Secretary Kimberly Sampson. There were approximately 45 guests.

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Presentations from the Audience

Mr. Arnie Rubacaba requested to know what the regulations were regarding the demolition of buildings within our city limits. He is concerned with the possibility of asbestos being a part of the structure and not be disposed of properly.

5. Consideration and action of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 8, 2015.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 8, 2015 and was seconded by Council Member Adame. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Discussion regarding the lawsuit by the City of Ingleside against Patricia Arnold, Laura McLaughlin, William Priday, and Kevin Robbins involving re-zoning ordinances numbered 1087, 1089, 1090, and 1091.

City Manager Jim Gray stated that on Friday, September 25, 2015 Judge Whatley stated she would provide a decision within three to six weeks. Staff will notify Council as soon as a decision is forwarded to us.

7. Consideration and action regarding the possible sale of the old sewer plant land located on the South West area of town.

City Manager Jim Gray explained this is an old sewer plant site that has not been active for a long time. It is considered a brownfield and it is landlocked at this time. There is an interested party making inquiries so the staff has discussed with the City Attorney and the best option would be to advertise for sealed bids and then see what is bid. The City does not have to accept any bid, or we can accept the highest bid.

Council Member Diehl made a motion authorizing the staff to advertise for sealed bids of the old sewer plant land located on the South West area of town and was seconded by Mayor Perkins. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. Consideration and action regarding the appointment/reappointment of members to serve on the Library Board.

Mayor Perkins made a motion to appointment/reappoint members to serve on the Library Board as follows: Reappoint – Lynda Harp and Laura Williams, and Appoint – Lou Rokhol, Lana Young, Monte Spaulding, and Melissa Harris, leaving one vacant position. The motion was seconded by Council Member Wilson and approved unanimously.

9. Consideration and action regarding possible nomination(s) for a representative(s) to serve on the San Patricio County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

City Manager Jim Gray explained this is only the nomination phase and then in November we will be asked to cast a ballot of our votes.

Council Member Wilson made a motion to nominate John Curlee, Bill T. Wilson II, Dr. Ann Matula, Pete Perkins, and Dalia Sanchez; and was seconded by Council Member Knippa. The motion was approved with Mayor Perkins and Council Members Wilson, Adame, Knippa, and Diehl voting aye; and Council Member Robbins voting no.

10. Consideration and action of an Amendment to the Solid Waste and Disposal Contracted between the City of Ingleside and BFI, also known as Republic Services, to change the section regarding the Regulation of Rates.

City Manager Jim Gray stated that Republic Services has requested an amendment to their contract which will change from a blended Consumer Price/Gasoline Index to the Garbage & Trash CPI index to be effective October 2016. With this amendment, they are asking for no increase in this year's rate.

Council Member Adame made a motion authorizing the Amendment to the Solid Waste and Disposal Contracted between the City of Ingleside and BFI, also known as Republic Services, to change the section regarding the Regulation of Rates; and was seconded by Council Member Diehl. The motion was approved unanimously.

11. Receive and discuss the City's financial situation, including but not limited to its budget, revenues, expenses, assets, and debts.

Finance Director Paul Baen provided a quick overview of the August 2015 financials. The \$7,000,000 bonds previously approved by Council were received last week. The bonds must be completed within three years of approval so we will be having future agenda items to secure the list of projects.

The Finance Committee (Mayor Perkins, Council Member Adame, City Manager Jim Gray, and Finance Director Paul Baen) met last week with Linda Patterson who wrote the Public Funds Investment Act for the State of Texas and teaches the course on a regular basis. She will be available for a Workshop with the City Council on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (prior to the 6:30 Council Meeting).

Council Member Diehl questioned the dollar limits the City Manager is authorized to spend. Mr. Gray explained within the City Manager Discretionary Funds, he has a limit of \$20,000 before he must seek additional funds from Council. Other than that, it is \$50,000 or the budgeted amount, whichever is less.

Mayor Perkins recessed the meeting at 6:57 p.m. to prepare for the 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing.

Mayor Perkins reconvened the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

12. Public Hearing to present the planned improvements for State Highway (SH) 200, from SH 361 to FM 1069 in San Patricio County, Texas, and to receive public comment.

Mayor Perkins opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

Texas Department of Transportation staff present: Paula Sales-Evans, Christopher Amy, Mike Chaves, Gabriel Lopez, Michelle Khatib. Naismith Engineering staff present were: John Michael, Don Morrow Terald (Terry) Smith, Mary Kay Skoruppa, and Marcus Luna.

Ms. Paula Sales-Evans read the required notices for the Public Hearing.

Mr. John Michael provided an overview of the Public Hearing process; how to submit questions tonight and after the meeting, deadlines for the questions is October 9, 2015, tables in the back with additional R.O.W. information, the need for a Court Reporter, when the compiled data will be available for public review, and other general information.

Mr. Don Morrow explained this is a City/State joint venture. It was originally discussed in the late 1980's. The R.O.W.'s to be acquired will allow for four 12ft lanes and two 10ft shoulders. Phase I will only consist of two 12ft lanes and two 10ft shoulders and the project will be expanded as the traffic demands increase. The purpose of SH-200 is to allow Commercial and Industrial traffic to be removed from the downtown area of Ingleside. Mr. Morrow provided historical data regarding this project and showed maps regarding the different proposed locations. He explained why the final proposal was chosen and which property owners this will affect. TxDOT expects the construction of Phase I to be \$9,350,000. He went over the projected timelines and they expect to be able to let the contract sometime in March or April of 2016. The construction period would be eight to ten months from that date.

Mr. Terry Smith noted that the Environmental Assessment is available at City Hall in the City Secretary's office for anyone to review. The purpose of this project is to remove hazardous traffic and general traffic congestion from the center of Ingleside. He provided required statements involving no displacement of the public, no adverse effects, no historical property involved, minimizing the effect on habitats, any Wetlands to be approved by the Corp of Engineers, no impact on noise concerns do to no homes within the required footage, etc. Mr. Smith provided maps of the area depicting the route over the existing brownfield area and explained the sampling process and how areas would be mitigated if necessary. Everyone was encouraged to sign-in at the entrance if they haven't already done so and to complete a comment card in order to be heard during this Public Hearing.

Mr. John Michael again went over the regulations for speaking at this public hearing and where and how to send any questions/comments following tonight's meeting. All mail must be post marked by October 9, 2015.

There were no comment cards in the box and there were no requests to make comment.

It was noted that the transcript by the Court Reporter of this meeting will be made available along with all of the question/comments cards following the October 9, 2015 deadline.

Mayor Perkins closed the Public Hearing at 7:34 p.m.

13. Staff Reports

City Manager Jim Gray asked that any Council Member planning to attend the Chamber of Commerce Installation Banquet on October 17, 2015 needs to RSVP with the City Secretary. The Joint Meeting with Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled for October 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. The Community Clean Up Day is set for October 24, 2015. Staff has spoken with Aransas Pass regarding their clean-up programs but so far they have only provided the free dumpsters like we do. The staff is planning to have a discussion regarding drainage at the October 27, 2015 meeting.

14. Requests from Council Members

Council Member Knippa stated he feels there is a good attendance of the Master Plan Meetings and questioned what other advertisements were being done. City Secretary Kimberly Sampson stated they are advertised in the quarterly newsletter, there is a notice on the water bills that are going out tomorrow and then a notice will be put in both newspapers the week prior to the next meeting. Additionally there will be notices on future water bills.

Council Member Diehl asked that the staff address the questions raised during Audience Presentations regarding the demolition of hazardous materials; he asked for a future agenda item regarding the spay/neuter of young animals; that the trees be trimmed near the speed limit sign on the East end of Sunray Road so it is more visible; and a future agenda item regarding the video taping of Council Meetings. City Secretary Kimberly Sampson stated the staff has already has it planned for the October 13, 2015 Council Meeting.

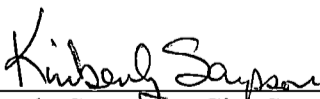
Council Member Adame asked for a future agenda item regarding the Entry Way sign and water line to that sign.

Council Member Wilson asked the staff to look into a National Drug Drop-Off day to be in Ingleside.

15. Adjourn


There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

ATTEST:



 Kimberly Sampson, City Secretary

APPROVED:



 Mayor Pete Perkins