

**CITY OF INGLESIDE
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2016**

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, Steve Diehl, and Paul Pierce. Council Members absent: Council Member Kevin Robbins and Dennis Knippa. Staff present: City Manager Jim Gray, Finance Director Paul Baen, and City Secretary Kimberly Sampson. There were approximately 50 guests.

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Recognition of Gonzalo Elizondo, Jr. (Chalo) for his 35 years of service with the City of Ingleside.

Mayor Perkins presented a plaque to Gonzalo Elizondo, Jr. (Chalo) for his 35 years of service with the City of Ingleside and the Council Members each acknowledged him and congratulated "Chalo" for his many years of service.

5. Mayor Peter Perkins' award for Training and Leadership Excellence and the City of Ingleside's Award of Leadership in recognition of Mayor Perkins receiving this award for five consecutive years.

City Manager Jim Gray explained that due to at least 72-hours of CEU credits in one year, Mayor Perkins has been awarded the Certified Municipal Official award and due to receiving this certification five years in a row, he has also been presented with an Award of Excellence. Mayor Perkins also presented the City with the Award of Leadership for their commitment to continuing education for elected officials.

6. Presentations from the Audience.

Mr. Foster Edwards, the new Executive Director of San Patricio County Economic Development Corporation (SPEDC), introduced himself to the Council and stated he is excited to work with all the communities in San Patricio County. He has known Mayor Perkins and City Manager Jim Gray through various events and programs in the Coastal Bend area.

Mr. Raul Sanchez, the Project Manager for the Oak by the Bay Apartments, introduced himself to the Council and explained the delay in work and assured everyone they would begin again within four-weeks. They have been provided verbal approval from Plains Capital Bank and area only waiting for the paperwork to be circulated to all parties for signatures. Once construction begins again, they will should be completed within approximately 17 months.

7. Consideration and action of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 9, 2016.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 9, 2016 and was seconded by Council Member Pierce. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. Consideration and action of an Ordinance granting a Special Permit to temporarily be allowed to reside in a Recreational Vehicle (RV) while preparing to submit permit application to begin the process of building a home on her property located at Lt 4B, Block D, Burton and Danforth Subdivision, also known as 1547 Morgan Lane and further providing for effective date, reading, severance, and publication. (Final Reading)

Council Member Wilson questioned this Ordinance being for the period while attempting to prepare plans and asked if they would still be allowed to live in their trailer during construction. Building Official John Davis stated they property owners would be allowed to reside in their RV during construction for six months.

Mr. Bill Underbrink questioned if there is a system in place to follow up on the special permits, because in prior years this has not occurred. Mr. Davis stated that some of the old Ordinances do not have term limits on them. The Special Permits allowed within the last seven or eight years have term limits and the automatic reminders are in the computer system to automatically notify the staff to check up on these individual property owners.

Property Owner, Debra Rowe stated that she and her husband have now decided on a specific builder and they are working with the engineer regarding their plans at this time.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve Ordinance # 2016-05 granting a Special Permit to temporarily be allowed to reside in a Recreational Vehicle (RV) while preparing to submit permit application to begin the process of building a home on her property located at Lt 4B, Block D, Burton and Danforth Subdivision, also known as 1547 Morgan Lane and further providing for effective date, reading, severance, and publication; and was seconded by Council Member Adame. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. Consideration and action of the Beautification Committee Report.

Council Member Wilson explained that originally the Council committed \$25,000 for the painting and updates of the Humble Recreational Facility. The lowest bid for painting a single color inside and outside of the facility was \$22,000 alone. Not to mention the minor repairs and replacement of some of the lights and awnings needed. The committee has met and is requesting additional funds for various items: the addition of a large sign on the outside so people will know what the building is, new awning that goes all the way to the end of the building, additional lighting of the sidewalk area, different colors in the meeting room area vs. the children's area, new entryway doors, new counter tops, a pull down screen for slide shows, etc. We estimate these additional needs to be approximately another \$25,000 and we are requesting the funds be committed from the City Council Reserve Funds.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve an additional \$25,000 for the additional updates to the Humble Recreational Facility and was seconded by Council Member Pierce. The motion was approved unanimously.

City Manager Jim Gray also introduced the new Parks and Events Coordinator Mariana Garcia to the Council Members.

10. Consideration and action to appoint a new member to serve on the Beautification Committee.

Council Member Diehl stated that while working with the Beautification Committee and Ms. Lana Young regarding the Humble Center, he feels she would make a better Committee Member due to her knowledge and background.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to appoint Ms. Lana Young to replace him on the Beautification Committee and was seconded by Council Member Adame. The motion was approved unanimously.

11. Consideration and action to appoint members to serve on the Charter Review Committee.

Council Member Pierce stated that since the Charter states this is to be done in July every four years, he does not feel comfortable making this decision until July.

City Secretary Kimberly Sampson explained that due to the difficulty of getting five people to meet regularly and the amount of time it takes to cover the whole Charter and research other charters, the Committee and staff needs more time than to start in July and have a potential draft ballot items due for review by City Council and legal Counsel by the end of September of the same year in order to have an election the following May. Having served on a previous Charter Review Committee, Mr. Bill Underbrink stated he agrees that the Committee needs to start earlier than July and he feels there is no violation of the Charter by starting earlier, it is just saying no later than July of every four years.

Council Member Pierce made a motion to table this agenda item until July 2016 and was seconded by Council Member Diehl.

After additional discussion regarding the need to begin earlier than July, Council Member Pierce amended his motion to table until after the May 2016 Election; and was seconded by Council Member Diehl. The motion was approved with Mayor Perkins and Council Members Adame, Diehl, and Pierce voting aye; and Council Member Wilson voting no.

12. Consideration and action authorizing the Mayor to prepare a letter to Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) requesting sidewalks along SH-361.

City Manager Jim Gray explained that in a recent conversation with the new TxDOT Regional Engineer he received favorable inclination that they would consider sidewalks along SH-361. They have requested a letter from the City Council specifying their request.

Council Member Diehl made a motion authorizing the Mayor to prepare a letter to Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) requesting sidewalks along SH-361; and was seconded by Council Member Pierce. The motion as approved unanimously.

13. Consideration and action of the Election Contract with the San Patricio County Elections Administrator, Ingleside Independent School District, and San Patricio County Municipal Water District.

City Secretary Kimberly Sampson stated this is the standard contract with the County to provide equipment for the election. Because Aransas Pass is contracting with Aransas County, San Patricio County has enough equipment to support this year's election. The only additional cost may for additional mail ballots. Staff recommends approval.

Mayor Perkins made a motion to approve the Election Contract with the San Patricio County Elections Administrator, Ingleside Independent School District, and San Patricio County Municipal Water District and was seconded by Council Member Wilson. The motion was approved unanimously.

14. Receive and discuss the annual Racial Profile Report for the period of January 1 through December 31, 2015.

Council Member Pierce inquired about question number 12 that 16 of 2099 stops there was prior knowledge of Ethnicity before the traffic stop was made. He stated in years past he has always questioned why this number was zero and this year there are 16.

15. Receive the Departmental Reports for the month of January 2016.

Council Member Pierce questioned where Paladin Trailer Park is and City Manager Jim Gray explained that it is the Trailer Park on SH-361 near Avenue A.

Council Member Wilson inquired if there was any isolation regarding the Microsystem in our water system. Mr. Gray explained that due to our staff working on multiple possible corruption areas throughout the event, there is no way to be 100% sure of any potential area.

Council Member Diehl questioned what else we would be expecting from Kendig Keast since the Master Plan and Mr. Gray stated that part of the contract with Kendig Keast is to review our Zoning Regulations. Kendig Keast has made suggestions and the staff area reviewing those suggestions at this time. They will be brought to a future Council Meeting for review with staff's recommendations.

16. 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 an overview of the City's financial situation and explained the investments being made through Frost Bank based on Patterson and Associates suggestions. As the quarterly portfolios are prepared, we will bring those to Council. At this point, the City has received 73% of the ad valorem taxes. The audit is due the end of March, 2016.

17. Staff Reports

City Manager Jim Gray requested that any Council Members interested in attending the TML Region 11 Meeting scheduled for April 28, 2016 in Rockport to contact the City Secretary's office. Mr. Gray also provided a list of the candidates who have filed applications for their names to appear on the May 7, 2016 Election.

18. Requests from Council Members

Mayor Perkins questioned if there was any news on the Swan Lake Drainage issues and City Manager Jim Gray stated that the bids will be received just prior to our next Council Meeting and the Drainage District will be presenting those to the Council for review.

Council Member Diehl stated that he feels the City's notification to the public for items such as the recent water event needs to be improved upon.

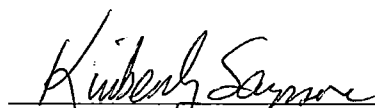
Council Member Adame asked what was going on with the Jaime and Contreras properties and the ROW that was on the February 9, 2016 agenda. Mr. Gray stated there were still some additional questions being answered for Mr. Contreras and then it would be brought back to Council for action.

Council Member Wilson questioned where we are regarding the SH-200 project. Mr. Gray stated the staff is working on the Titles and Appraisals. We are still looking to receive donated property from Cheniere and Wildcat.

19. Adjourn

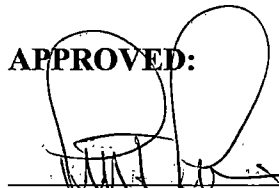
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:78 p.m.

ATTEST:



 Kimberly Sampson, City Secretary

APPROVED:



 Mayor Pete Perkins