

**CITY OF INGLESIDE
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 8, 2016**

The City Council may meet in closed executive session as allowed by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code with respect to any matter set forth below.

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 Members absent: Council Member Kevin Robbins and Paul Pierce. Staff present: City Manager Jim Gray, Finance Director Paul Baen, and City Secretary Kimberly Sampson. There were approximately 25 guests.

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Presentations from the Audience

Mrs. Sue Coleman thanked the Police Departments Facebook page for reminding people to protect their animals during the upcoming bad weather. She also requested rumble strips on Tiner Lane to deter speeding. And she requested a \$0.20/month addition to the monthly utility billing for a spay/neuter program for indigent residents.

Carlos Vela, local President of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), stated he wanted to follow up with the City Council regarding their request to have no Smoking on public places (restaurants, bars, etc.). SADD is recruiting more adult supporters for this cause and has started another on-line petition that has more detailed demographic questions.

5. Consideration and action of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 23, 2016.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 23, 2016; and was seconded by Council Member Adame. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Consideration and action authorizing the staff to enter into an Access Agreement with Rudy S. and Dawn Jaime to use the 50' ROW adjacent to their property extending to McCullough Lane. (Tabled from 2/9/16)

City Manager Jim Gray explained that Surveyor Jerry Brundrett has provided an email that states the written legal description is correct and the original aerial photo is incorrect. The Tax Office has since corrected the aerial photo prior to the February 9, 2016 Council Meeting. The proposed agreement includes that any improvement to this ROW would be at Mr. Jamie's (or whomever the current property owner is) expense. At this time Mr. Contreras does not want to be included in this agreement. Both Mr. Jaime and Mr. Contreras were in the audience and agreed to these statements.

Council Member Diehl made a motion authorizing the staff to enter into an Access Agreement with Rudy S. and Dawn Jaime to use the 50' ROW adjacent to their property extending to McCullough Lane; and was seconded by Council Member Adame. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Consideration and action regarding a potential need of additional funds for the completion of SH-200.

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Mayor Perkins recessed the regular meeting to meet in closed executive session as allowed by Chapter 551.071 to Consult with Attorney at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Perkins closed the executive session and reconvened the regular meeting at 7:12 p.m.

(This was discussed in Open Session later in the meeting. Nobody from the Public or the Staff left the Council Chambers between the time of discussions.)

8. Consideration and action to award the bid for the Westlake Drainage Project.

John Michael of Naismith Engineering stated there were two bids and they recommend award to the low bidder, Garrett construction in the amount of \$309,994.00. He explained this project is between two homes and therefore will be a slow project in order to not damage the homes. We will be onsite throughout the process to make sure the construction workers are careful. They will be working with the construction company to consider laying the new drainpipe on top of the old pipe instead of replacement and see if that will be less labor intensive and save about \$100,000. Once the final agreement is reached with the Construction Company, it can be brought back to Council for final review.

Mayor Perkins made a motion to award the bid for the Westlake Drainage Project to Garrett Construction not to exceed \$309,994 and for the final contract to be brought back to Council for final approval and was seconded by Council Member Diehl. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. Consideration and action to award the bid for the Miscellaneous Sidewalk and ADA improvements.

John Michael of Naismith Engineering explained that when seeking bids, we requested it for the unit price per square foot so the City has the flexibility to list the sidewalks at a later date. The City has requested TxDOT to install sidewalks along SH-361 and if that is approved, that would allow more work within the City. Along SH-361 the sidewalks would be required to be five-foot wide; however, in other areas of the City we can make the sidewalks four-foot wide and every 200 feet install a wheelchair turnabout area. The proposed sidewalks include areas that have existing sidewalks that need to be repaired only and totally replaced, as well as areas that currently have no sidewalks. The only areas not included were where extensive ditch work would be required. A map can be brought to Council for review at the next meeting.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to award the bid for the Miscellaneous Sidewalk and ADA improvements to Gourley Contractors not to exceed \$271,728.50 and was seconded by Council Member Knippa. The motion was approved unanimously.

10. Consideration and action to award the bid for the San Patricio County Drainage District's work to be performed on Avenue A.

Roy Heistermann who is a Project Consultant for Naismith Engineering stated there were five bids received for this project and he recommends the award to the lowest bidder, Garrett Construction. This is no cost to the City because it will be paid for from the San Patricio County Drainage District's funds.

Mayor Perkins made a motion to award the bid for the San Patricio County Drainage District's work to be performed on Avenue A to Garrett Construction not to exceed \$137,300 and was seconded by Council Member Adame. The motion was approved unanimously.

11. Consideration and action of the Water Tower Lease Agreement with Rockport Wi-Fi.

Council Member Diehl questioned if this was the same contract approved by the City of Aransas Pass. Finance Director Paul Baen stated that was the base of the agreement.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve the Water Tower Lease Agreement with Rockport Wi-Fi and was seconded by Council Member Knippa. The motion was approved unanimously.

12. Consideration and action of the Pony League Contract for the period of March 1 through May 31, 2016.

City Manager Jim Gray stated that although we requested the number of enrolled children, that is unknown at this time. Staff has met with both Pony League and Little League together to discuss their needs for lighted fields. Both Leagues stated that for two years they have not had lighted fields and therefore they had planned on doing that again this year by scheduling only day games.

The Pony League will complete their season by May 31, 2016 and the construction for the renovation of Live Oak Park's fields can begin at that time. Pony League understands they will not have any fields for the Fall of 2016 and they stated they have another field they can use for that season. Both Pony League and Little League understand that Spring 2017 season will have both leagues using the two fields at Live Oak Park.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to table this agenda item until March 22, 2016 in order to have Pony League representative present at the Council Meeting and was seconded by Council Member Knippa. The motion was approved unanimously.

13. Receive the Fire Department Annual Report for January through December 2015.

Ingleside Volunteer Fire Chief RJ Thomas provided an overview of the Fire Department Annual Report and the new Officers.

Council Member Diehl suggested that the Fire Department look into a mobile repeater to be on the scene of incidents.

Council Member Adame thanked the Volunteers for their hard work and congratulated them for being such a successful department.

Since no Citizens or Staff have left the Council Chambers since agenda item # 7, Council Member Diehl requested we return to that agenda item for open discussion.

7. Consideration and action regarding a potential need of additional funds for the completion of SH-200.

Council Member Diehl stated he has concerns that the City has spent funds for more than just Phase I of this project. He understood that we would only work on one Phase at a time and therefore we would only be out \$500,000 at a time until TxDOT reimbursed the City. Another area of concern was the change in engineering fee rates.

City Manager Jim Gray stated that due to the fact that Phase I is still not complete (because we are waiting on the Corp of Engineers last report), the staff and engineers did start on Phase II and III trying to expedite the process by working simultaneously. The rate change by the engineer firm was an oversight that it was not brought to Council for discussion.

John Michael of Naismith Engineer stated that there had not been a rate increase in several years and there was a rate increase in 2012. They only review their rates every 3-5 years and then notify all parties. The rate change does not affect the total not to exceed contract previously approved.

Council Member Diehl stated that the City was never intended to pay for the SH-200 project construction. He feels we need to slow down until we get Phase I funds reimbursed.

Council Member Wilson requested a timeline of events. Mr. Michael explained this was originally discussed in 1988 and has been an on again, off again, on again project ever since then. The LRA was able to get it restated again and this AFA agreement with TxDOT has allowed it to get even closer to a reality. The commitments from Cheniere were able to help expedite the process as well. He explained how the current situation has been slowed by changes within TxDOT and we are now awaiting the report from the Corp of Engineers before we can get the NEPA clearance. Phase II – the design phase – shouldn't take more than 60-

days to complete. Then TxDOT is planning to do a letting of the contract sometime this summer.

Council Member Diehl reiterated again that he feels we should not be expending Phase II and III funds until each prior Phase is completed. He is also concerned that this project may not be able to move forward if Cheniere does not donate their land or provide the additional cash for the project we need to complete the roadway.

Finance Director Paul Baen stated that some type of action is needed in order for the auditor to complete the audit. At this point, it is anticipated that an additional \$427,000 will be needed to complete the AFA agreement with TxDOT, which includes the acquisition of ROWs.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to commit an additional \$427,000 from the CIP funds with the stipulation that these funds not be expended without further Council authorization; and was seconded by Council Member Adame. The motion was approved unanimously.

14. Receive the Departmental Reports for the month of February 2016.

There were no questions from the Council regarding the February 2016 Departmental Reports.

15. Staff Reports

City Manager Jim Gray stated he has no reports from the staff.

16. Requests from Council Members

Council Member Diehl asked what the final date for SH-200 was and City Manager Jim Gray stated in order for TxDOT to have the funding secured for the construction, they need to let the contract by Fall 2016.

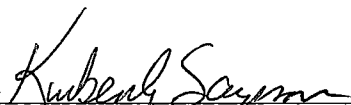
Mayor Perkins requested a future agenda item to discuss the Emergency/General Notification System.

Council Member Adame asked where the Staff and Engineers were with regards to the Street Project Map and Mr. Gray stated they are hoping to bring that back to Council soon.

17. Adjourn

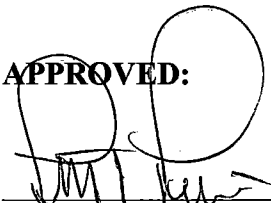
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

ATTEST:



 Kimberly Sampson, City Secretary

APPROVED:



 Mayor Pete Perkins