

**CITY OF INGLESIDE  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 8, 2019**

**1. Call meeting to order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Ronnie Parker presiding. Council Members present: Mayor Ronnie Parker and Council Members Ben Tucker, Kody Fahrenthold, and Dennis Knippa. Council Members absent: Council Member Oscar Adame, Pete Perkins, and John Schack. Staff present: City Manager David Huseman, Finance Director Linnette Barker, and City Secretary Kimberly Sampson Henry. There were approximately 5 guests present.

**2. Roll Call**

Council Members Oscar Adame, Pete Perkins, and John Schack were absent.

**3. Discuss and consider water and wastewater rates and fees.**

**The City has been approved for a loan for the development and construction of a \$22 million dollar waste water treatment facility. Staff and consultants will present an historical account of rates and fees from 1970 to present. The presentation will also include a discussion of the impact of debt service for the new treatment facility on future rates and fees. No ACTION is requested by staff.**

Andrew Friedman with SAMCO Capital was present to explain the difference between the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Loan vs. the traditional Bond process and rates. The current TWDB rate is at 0.94% vs. the average bonds for the public sector is at 2.59%. This would be an annual savings of \$201,048, which over 30 years is \$6,031,455. The TWDB loan is callable any time after the 10 years. Mr. Freidman provided a timetable for the issuance of the Certificates of Obligation (C of O's) with the TWDB to be finalized prior to the expiration date of the TWDB Loan Commitment of August 31, 2019.

Melanie Gavlik with Hanson Professional Services provided an overview of the Current Utility Rates, Historical Cost Analysis (Revenues vs. Expenses), Water and Wastewater Billing, average for monthly billing for residential, commercial, and industrial customers. She provided a current version of a proposed rate increase to pay for the TWDB Debt Services, and the timeline of events.

Other than direct pass through of SPMWD rates, since 2002 there has only been two water rate increases; 2006 and 2008. The only wastewater rate increase being in 2008. The current version of the proposed rate increase is to the wastewater rate only. Council and Staff will begin looking at different options available. New rates are not required to be put into effect until the C of O's are issued, which is currently scheduled for July 2019.

As this was informational and to provide some feedback to the Staff, there is no action required. The Staff will bring back several other options to the Council for review in the near future.

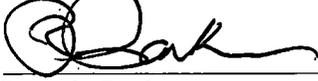
**4. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Kimberly Sampson Henry, City Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
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Mayor Ronnie Parker