

City of Ingleside
AMENDED Minutes
 Regular City Council Meeting
 June 8, 2021
 6:30 PM

1. Call meeting to order

The Regular City Council Meeting on June 8, 2021, was called to order at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor Ronnie Parker presiding.

2. Roll Call

Council Members present: Council Member Diehl, Council Member Pruitt, Council Member Wilson, Council Member Schack, Council Member Tucker, Council Member Salinas, and Mayor Parker. There were approximately 10 City staff members, and approximately 15 guests in attendance.

3. Invocation

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Citizen Comments

Mayor Parker, moved to item 9 of the agenda, due to citizen comments being specifically regarding item 9.

9. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding the Municipal Setting Designation (MSD) – WMH Corpus Land Acquisition I, LLC.

Martha Habluetzel, 3508 Avenue A, made three (3) citizen comments via email.

Jacqueline Habluetzel Heinrich, made a citizen comment via email.

Page Hall, of 202 Sunset, made a citizen comment via email.

John and Connie Mircovich 158 Woodhaven, Ingleside on the Bay, Texas, made a citizen comment via email.

Spring Beckman, 2562 County Road 1974 (aka Tinsley Lane), Aransas Pass, Texas, made a citizen comment via email.

Charles and Rita Hardy, made a citizen comment via email.

Wilanne Stewart and Diana Hill, 1547 and 1557 Mooney Lane, made a citizen comment via email.

Nancy Lubbock, made a citizen comment via email.

Courtney Shane, made a citizen comment via email.

Oscar Adame, 2747 Avenue E, made a citizen comment.

Martha Habluetzel, 3508 Avenue A, made a citizen comment.

David Habluetzel, 3508 Avenue A, made a citizen comment.

Council Member Schack, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Salinas, to rescind the Municipal Setting Designation (MSD), and send required notifications in a timely manner. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding Emory Bellard Channel and Outfall.

Melanie Gavlik, of Hanson Professional Services, commented that with the recension of the Municipal Setting Designation (MSD), the easements from Wildcat and Exxon may no longer be available, and the drainage project going from Emory Bellard to the Humble Ditch may not be able to go through those properties.

Council Member Schack, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Diehl, to have Hanson Professional Services reach out to EDA grant for drainage options. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding an Ordinance establishing the value of the exemption from Ad Valorem Taxes for a portion of the appraised value of residential homesteads owned by individuals who are disabled or are 65 years of age or older.

Mayor Parker, commented that the City of Ingleside currently has an \$8,000.00 exemption for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled. The city can raise this amount up to \$25,000.00.

Council Member Diehl, asked City Manager, Linnette Barker, what the impact of raising the exemption amount would be, and the timeline if action was taken. City Manager, Linnette Barker, commented that currently there are 622 Ingleside residents that have applied through San Patricio County for the 65 years of age or older exemption, and if the exemption was increased to \$15,000.00, it would take \$61,990.00 off the tax roll, and if increased to \$25,000.00, it would take \$103,317.00 off the tax roll. If adopted before July 1, 2021, it can go in for the 2021 tax year.

Council Member Wilson, made a motion, to increase the exemption to \$25,000.00.

Council Member Schack, commented about "frozen taxes", and asked why the city could not freeze taxes for homesteads owned by individuals who are 65 years of age or older.

Council Members, had much discussion regarding the exemption amount and freezing of taxes.

Council Member Wilson, withdrew his motion.

Mayor Parker, made a motion, to approve Ordinance 2021-9 to the second reading, with an exemption amount of \$25,000.00, with the capability of limiting the tax ceiling, on residential homesteads owned by individuals who are disabled or are 65 years of age or older.

Council Members, had further discussion, regarding Mayor Parker's motion.

Council Member Pruitt, seconded the motion, to approve Ordinance 2021-9 to the second reading, with an exemption amount of \$25,000.00, with the capability of limiting the tax ceiling on residential homesteads owned by individuals who are disabled or are 65 years of age or older. The motion passed unanimously

Executive Session:

18. The City Council may meet in Closed Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.072, Deliberations about Real Property, to discuss, deliberate, and consider the following item – Possible purchase of property.

Mayor Parker, closed the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Parker, opened the Executive Session at 7:23 p.m.

Mayor Parker, closed the Executive Session at 7:59 p.m., and opened the Regular City Council Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Action Items:

19. Discussion, consideration, and action of the item(s) discussed in Executive Session.

Council Member Diehl, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Tucker, to direct staff to proceed on land negotiations as discussed, to report back to the Council. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Items:

14. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding a Resolution for the City of Ingleside Donation Policy. (Tabled at May 25, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting)

Council Member Schack, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Diehl, to table the item. The motion passed unanimously.

Presentations:

6. Mayoral Proclamation in honor of Jane Ward.

Mayor Parker, presented a Mayoral Proclamation, honoring Jane Ward, for her dedication and contributions to the City of Ingleside.

Public Hearing:

7. A Public Hearing, regarding unsafe structures to make a determination if the structures on the property located at PT LT 13, BLK 84, McCampbell Subdivision, otherwise known as 2447 McCullough, Ingleside, San Patricio County, Texas meet the minimum standards of adopted codes or shall be demolished and removed from the property as per Section 18-299 of Ingleside City Code.

Ingleside City Code Enforcement Officer, Laura Sawicki, presented the timeline of the violations regarding the property at 2447 McCullough, Ingleside, Texas.

Action Items:

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Council Member Wilson, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Tucker, to authorize the demolition. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding 2021/2022 Tax Rate and potential Special Meeting.

City Manager, Linnette Barker, commented HB 1869 is a no new City Hall, no new Library bill, sitting on the Texas Governor's desk to be signed. If the City chooses to take on a tax note for a new City Hall, it would have to be approved by September 1, 2021. If not, it must be taken to the voters.

No action was taken regarding 2021/2022 Tax Rate and potential Special Meeting.

13. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding Gexa Energy Ancillary Services during the February 2021 winter storm event. (Tabled at May 25, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting)

Finance Director, Dawn Tarr, commented she was waiting to hear back from legal counsel.

Council Member Diehl, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to table the item. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Discussion, consideration, and action of an Ordinance revision to amend Chapter 46, to reflect the bulk pickup schedule, previously approved by City Council, and to require that carts be removed after servicing.

Cindy Wilson, of 2635 San Angelo, made a citizen comment pertaining to item 15.

Oscar Adame, of 2747 Avenue E, made a citizen comment pertaining to item 15.

Steven Loving, of 2549 McCullough Lane, made a citizen comment pertaining to item 15.

Council Member Schack, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Tucker, to pass Ordinance 2021-10 to the second reading, amending Chapter 46, solid waste article – collection, providing the time required to remove carts be changed to 8:00 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Discussion, consideration, and action of the City Council Minutes, dated May 25, 2021.

Council Member Schack, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the City Council Minutes, dated May 25, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Discussion, consideration, and action on City of Ingleside Health Insurance Renewal.

Human Resource Director, Anna Kucera, presented the proposed changes to City of Ingleside Health Insurance Renewal, which includes a 3% increase.

Council Member Schack, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pruitt, to approve the renewal, to include an increase in coverage for short term disability. The motion passed unanimously.

Other:

20. Reports from Staff

- a) Expenditures over \$3000
- b) Monthly Financials
- c) Other Updates

Council Member Salinas, asked if Hanson Engineering's invoices were within budget, and where is the tracking for such costs. City Manager, Linnette Barker, commented they could meet to go over certain line items.

Council Member Pruitt, commented regarding air conditioner replacements, and asked if there was a current air conditioner maintenance program. City Manager, Linnette Barker, commented that as of this year, the city is under a maintenance program.

Council Member Diehl, requested a report on the 5% water rate increase line item.

21. Requests from Council

Council Member Wilson, commented on a house at Avenue B and 4th Street that looks like it is about to fall down. Director of Building and Planning, Carey Dietrich, commented the owner has applied for a demolition permit. Council Member Wilson, commented there is a house at San Angelo and Oklahoma that looks like it is falling down. Director of Building and Planning, Carey Dietrich, commented she will look at it.

Council Member Diehl, thanked Public Works regarding cleaning the ditches after the last rains.

Council Member Diehl, requested staff to look into the rate of drainage within the city. Council Member Diehl, commented staff should look into the drainage at Todd Circle, and commented the engineering should have been done already.

Council Member Pruitt, commented that he received calls regarding the baseball field gates still remained locked.

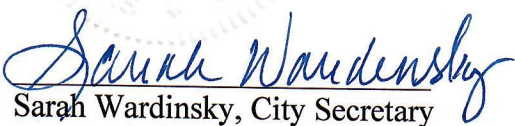
Council Member Schack, inquired to the camera situation at the baseball fields. City Manager, Linnette Barker, commented there is currently no WiFi in that area, and IT is looking into this.

Council Member Tucker, requested an update by email regarding Hwy. 200. City Manager, Linnette Barker, commented the update will be in July.

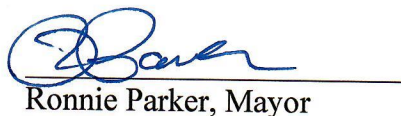
22. Adjourn

Mayor Parker, adjourned the Regular City Council Meeting at 9:06 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sarah Wardinsky, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Ronnie Parker, Mayor