

City of Ingleside
Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
July 27, 2021
6:30 PM

1. Call Meeting to order

The Regular City Council Meeting on July 27, 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 and approximately 28 citizens.

3. Invocation

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations:

6. Presentation of the Ingleside Little League Minor Softball All Stars, 2021 Texas East State Champions.

Mayor Parker, presented the Ingleside Little League Minor Softball All Stars, 2021 Texas East State Champions, congratulating them and presenting a 2021 Texas East State Champions sign to be posted at the Benny Diegel Sports Complex.

5. Citizen Comments

Gerard Gutierrez, 1614 Mooney Lane, made a citizen comment recognizing city crews have been doing a good job, homeowner responsibilities regarding ditch clean up, and property rights.

Public Hearing:

7. A Public Hearing concerning an application filed by Tracy Long, to re-plat the following property for the purpose of developing a subdivision at: 20.965 acres of land embracing all of LTS 13 & 14 BLK K Burton & Danforth Subdivision to Hidden Valley Subdivision located on 6th Street, Ingleside, Texas in San Patricio County.

Mayor Parker, closed the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:38 p.m. to proceed to the Public Hearing.

Tracy Long, 1840 4th Street, commented the re-plat was for the purpose of developing a subdivision, consisting of 58 lots, each lot to be ¼ acre or larger, in coordination with Hogan Homes. Tracy Long, commented he would be selling some of the lots. The drainage system goes to a retention pond tied in with Hogan Homes retention pond. This subdivision will increase the tax base. The streets will be concrete.

There was no one speaking against.

Mayor Parker, closed the Public Hearing at 6:42 p.m. to return to the Regular City Council Meeting.

Teresa Flores, of Ingleside Independent School District and Ingleside Development Corporation, made comments regarding quality of life, reminding those citizens want a swimming pool, and to take care of what we have. Teresa Flores, commented regarding transportation for seniors to the Senior Center, the Splash Pad has been out of order the majority of the summer, the new

playground equipment is not accessible, and the book exchange box has not been installed at N. O. Simmons Park.

Council Member Diehl, asked Linnette Barker, City Manager, to make statements of fact. Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented the splash pad is scheduled for maintenance on Friday, and the playground equipment installation was set back due to rain. There will be a grand opening regarding the playground equipment the first part of August.

Action Items:

8. Discussion, consideration, and action of a Resolution, for a re-plat affecting the following property: 20.965 acres of land embracing all of LTS 13 & 14 BLK K Burton & Danforth Subdivision to Hidden Valley Subdivision, City of Ingleside, San Patricio County Texas. (Single Reading)

Council Member Wilson, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Diehl, to approve Resolution 2021-33, to re-plat the following property: 20.965 acres of land embracing all of LTS 13 & 14 BLK K Burton & Danforth Subdivision to Hidden Valley Subdivision, City of Ingleside, San Patricio County Texas.

Council Member Tucker, inquired if as many trees would be preserved as possible, which was confirmed by Tracy Long. Council Member Tucker, inquired if the sidewalks would be concrete, which was confirmed by Tracy Long. Council Member Tucker, commented he did not see the retention pond on the plan, which Tracy Long pointed out on the drawings. Council Member Tucker, commented to have the drainage follow the natural flow, and commented it will be a wonderful addition to the city.

Council Member Schack, commented he wants to see the drainage plan before one house gets built.

Mayor Parker, commented the drainage plan is available to view at the City Building Department. Council Member Schack, commented if he goes to the Building Department tomorrow, he would be able to view the drainage plan, which was confirmed. Council Member Diehl, commented that he asked staff regarding the drainage, and the area for the subdivision is one of the few areas of the city that does not have drainage issues.

The motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion, consideration, and action of a Resolution, to re-plat the following property: LT 1 BLK 1 Oleander Subdivision to LT 1A & 1B BLK 1 Oleander Subdivision, also known as 2102 & 2110 Mooney Lane, City of Ingleside, San Patricio County Texas. (Single Reading)

Council Member Diehl, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to reconsider Resolution 2021-31. The motion to reconsider Resolution 2021-31 passed, with Council Member Diehl, Council Member Wilson, Council Member Tucker, Council Member Salinas, and Mayor Parker voting aye, and Council Member Pruitt and Council Member Schack voting nay.

Mayor Parker, commented Resolution 2021-31 was denied at the last Regular City Council Meeting, dated July 13, 2021, was not in compliance with state statute. Council Member Schack, commented he denied the resolution because in his opinion, it was a flagged lot.

Council Member Diehl, commented you can deny a plat, but you must put in writing the reason(s) for disapproval. Council Member Diehl, commented that once a replat is approved, it will not come back if a single-family residence is being built at a later date. Council Member Diehl, commented this is incumbent upon staff to look down the line regarding drainage.

Council Member Diehl, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Tucker, to approve Resolution 2021-31, to approve to re-plat the following property: LT 1 BLK 1 Oleander Subdivision to LT 1A & 1B BLK 1 Oleander Subdivision, also known as 2102 & 2110 Mooney Lane, City of Ingleside, San Patricio County Texas.

Council Member Schack, commented he would be voting against it, because he considers it a flagged lot, not liked by the fire department and police department. Council Member Schack, commented you can't have a house built hidden behind another house, and would ask the Ordinance prohibiting flagged lots be brought back to council.

Council Member Wilson, commented he would vote for the replat, but we got rid of flagged lots.

The motion to approve Resolution 2020-31, to approve to re-plat the following property: LT 1 BLK 1 Oleander Subdivision to LT 1A & 1B BLK 1 Oleander Subdivision, also known as 2102 & 2110 Mooney Lane, City of Ingleside, San Patricio County Texas, passed, with Council Member Diehl, Council Member Pruitt, Council Member Wilson, Council Member Tucker, and Mayor Parker voting aye, and Council Member Schack and Council Member Salinas voting nay.

10. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding City of Ingleside Goods & Services Contract with Ingleside Chamber of Commerce.

Barbara Gregg, Ingleside Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, presented the proposed Goods & Services Contract extension between the City of Ingleside and Ingleside Chamber of Commerce with the terms of October 2021 thru September 2023. Council Member Schack, recommended bring this back to Council with the current Goods & Services Contract included for reference. Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented it would be brought back at the next Regular City Council Meeting.

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

11. Discussion, consideration, and action of an Ordinance, to repeal Ordinance 2020-33, enacted September 9, 2020 amending Chapter 22 – Business Regulations, Article III Food Establishments, Division 1 – Generally, Sec. 22-51 Adoption of Texas Food Establishment Rules, and Division 2 – Permits, Sec. 22-61 Application for Permits and Fees, through Sec. 22-63 Mobile Food Vendor Allowed Areas of Operations and Division 3 – Regulations, Sec. 22-71 Review of Plans, Ingleside Code of Ordinances. (First Reading)

Council Member Schack, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pruitt, to approve Ordinance 2021-13 to a second reading, repealing Ordinance 2020-33. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding authorization by the City Manager to allow Steven Loving, San Patricio County Fire Marshal, to act on behalf of the City of Ingleside for fire inspections and fire investigations.

Council Member Schack, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pruitt, to authorize Steven Loving, San Patricio County Fire Marshal, to act on behalf of the City of Ingleside for fire inspections and fire investigations on an interim basis.

Council Member Wilson, commented this could be the time to go out for combination Emergency Management Coordinator/Fire Marshal. Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented she could bring back a job description for Council's review.

The motion passed unanimously.

13. Discussion, consideration, and action of an Ordinance, amending the 2020/2021 General Fund Budget to add additional appropriations for the Municipal Court Building at 2867 Avenue J, Ingleside, Texas. (Single Reading)

John Shrier, Building Inspector II, asked for direction from Council, regarding the fencing at the Municipal Court, as he heard the usage of the building might change. If the usage remains a Municipal Court only, the budget amendment would not be needed, as other funding is available.

Mayor Parker, commented how much would it cost to link the Municipal Court Building with a Police Department sub-station.

Council Member Wilson, commented this building was remodeled to be Municipal Court, and now there is recommendation for adding a sub-station for the Police Department. He commented he did not want to spend much more money on the building, as it could be reused as a different type building in the future. Council Member Schack, commented citizens have reached out to him regarding a positive police presence at the park.

Mayor Parker, commented the court volunteered to move to the remodeled building to give the Police Department more room, and eventually the city will have to build a new Fire Department and Police Department at N. O. Simmons Park, as well as a City Hall, with land already donated.

Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented there have been issues at N. O. Simmons Park, and does not like the idea of the fence in a park setting. Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented that a police presence might be helpful. Council Member Pruitt, inquired how much more money would be needed to add a sub-station to the new Municipal Court. Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented they could share the facility. Council Member Diehl, commented he is trying to figure out who designed the building. No one can tell him who designed the building. Council Member Diehl, commented he liked the idea of having a police presence at N. O. Simmons Park, and inquired there were cameras monitoring the park at Police Dispatch. Council Member Diehl, inquired what the City Manager would recommend. Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented she would like to see a sub-station; however, it was designed for a Municipal Court. Mayor Parker, asked if it is made a sub-station, would there be enough room for all officers needed. Tammy Burr, Chief of Police, commented there would only be a few officers using it to file reports. Council Member Schack, commented officers could rotate at the sub-station. Council Member Diehl, commented if it becomes a Municipal Court/sub-station, would there be a need for a fence. John Shrier, Building Inspector II, made the recommendation of a combination facility.

Cindy Wilson, 2635 San Angelo, made a citizen comment regarding the design of the Municipal Court building.

Council Member Schack, commented he is frustrated that projects and/or contracts come to the Council incomplete, and some return for additional funds.

Council Member Diehl, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Schack, to proceed with the court move with a stipulation, to be worked through by the Judge, City Manager, and Police Chief, to work out a policy of security co-using the building as Municipal Court/Police Department sub-station, without a fence. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding approval and authorization for the Finance Director to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Public Accounting Firms to perform the annual audit for fiscal years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

Council Member Diehl, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Tucker, to approve and authorize the Finance Director to Request for Qualifications for Public Accounting Firms to perform the annual audit for fiscal years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Discussion, consideration, and action of a Resolution to disapprove an amendment of the San Patricio County Appraisal District, proposing to amend 2021 Budget by retaining surplus funds from 2020 San Patricio CAD Operations and then committing those funds to the district's litigation reserve account. (Single Reading)

Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented if approved by the majority of San Patricio County taxing entities, the City of Ingleside's portion would be at a rate of 4.66% of \$394,943.00, approximately \$18,360.00. Council Member Schack, commented he would like to see the breakdown for San Patricio County.

Council Member Schack, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pruitt, to approve Resolution 2021-34, disapproving an amendment of the San Patricio County Appraisal District, proposing to amend 2021 Budget by retaining surplus funds from 2020 San Patricio CAD Operations and then committing those funds to the district's litigation reserve account. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding the Little League Fields at Benny Diegel Sports Complex.

Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented she received a request by Little League to keep the fields locked, assuring the City Manager, they would post signage to call for the fields to be unlocked at a citizen's request. Council Member Pruitt, commented he looked at the fields, and they were not that bad, and raking can fix footprints and a bike track. Council Member Pruitt, commented that the fields are paid for by the citizens of Ingleside, and they aren't maintaining the softball field. Council Member Schack, commented he agreed with Council Member Pruitt. Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented a gate had to be installed where the opening currently is, due to Little League rules. Council Member Diehl, commented the fields belong to the citizens and should not be locked.

Council Member Pruitt, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to leave the fields unlocked. The motion passed, with Council Member Diehl, Council Member Pruitt, Council Member Wilson, Council Member Schack, Council Member Tucker, and Mayor Parker voting aye, and Council Member Salinas, abstaining.

17. Discussion, consideration, and action of the City Council Minutes, dated June 22, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting, and July 13, 2021, Regular City Council Meeting.

Council Member Schack, commented to amend the minutes of the City Council Minutes of June 22, 2021, adding the drainage grants, and to delete the right of way has not been acquired.

Council Member Pruitt, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Salinas, to approve the City Council Minutes, dated June 22, 2021, with amendments proposed by Council Member Schack, and the City Council Minutes, dated July 13, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Parker, closed the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:59 p.m., to proceed to Executive Session after a 5-minute recess.

Executive Session:

19. The City Council may meet in Closed Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, to discuss, deliberate, and consider the following item – City Manager goals and other personnel matters.

20. The City Council may meet in Closed Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultations with Attorney, to discuss, deliberate, and consider the following item – Contract Negotiations.

Action Items:

Mayor Parker, closed the Executive Session at 9:38 p.m., and proceeded to the Regular City Council Meeting at 9:41 p.m.

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

Council Member Schack, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Diehl, to authorize the City Manager to proceed with the SGR contract negotiation and assessment as discussed. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Discussion, consideration, and possible action with regards to staffing levels on various departments of the City of Ingleside.

Council Member Schack, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pruitt, to direct the City Manager to accept her proposed organization chart, minus the Director of Administrative Services, and to combine the Assistant City Manager with the Economic Director.

Cindy Wilson, 2635 San Angelo, made a citizen comment regarding concerns of the library.

Mayor Parker, commented there had not been reports from the library for the last year due to COVID-19, and could not remember the last time he had seen the reports Cindy Wilson spoke of.

Council Member Schack, commented with the proposed staffing changes, combining Event Personnel, Library and Senior Center, and Latchkey fading away, the Director can pull personnel where they are needed. Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented regarding the request for senior transportation, the Senior Center will get more help, and have a van.

The motion to direct the City Manager to accept her proposed organization chart, minus the Director of Administrative Services, and to combine the Assistant City Manager with the Economic Director, passed unanimously.

Other:

22. Reports from Staff

- a) Expenditures over \$3000
- b) Quarterly Reports
- c) American Rescue Plan Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Update
- d) Other Updates

Council Member Schack, inquired what happened to the big, expensive electric bill. Dawn Tarr, Finance Director, commented it is still in negotiations, and the City Attorney is looking at it.

Council Member Salinas, inquired if we are still pursuing another electricity provider. Dawn Tarr, Finance Director, commented there is a consultant that can negotiate with providers that will be coming to Council.

23. Requests from Council

Council Member Diehl, commented to look for any moneys allocated this year that have not been spent, including positions, and bring back to Council. Council Member Diehl, requested to be put on the next agenda, regarding reevaluation of the current contract in regards to engineering contractual services, with proposals and options.

Council Member Schack, commented for staff to have two (2) months to review codification updates to the City Charter.

Council Member Pruitt, commented regarding the playground at Live Oak Park, there is not a shade structure. John Shrier, Building Inspector II, commented it was installed, but damaged, and will be replaced, and the shade structures over the dugouts will be installed soon.

Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented the N. O. Simmons swing set was to be put on engineered wood fiber, which is problematic. She recommended the pour and play surface, but it is expensive.

There were various discussions by Council Members.

Mayor Parker, commented he requested an agenda item on the next Regular City Council Meeting, that all contracts are signed by the City Manager, not Department Heads.

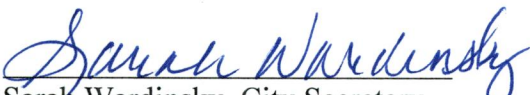
Council Member Diehl, would like the total cost to get N. O. Simmons Park, fully open and operational.

Council Members, gave the City Manager permission to move forward with the pour and play surface at N. O. Simmons Park, bringing it back to Council for final approval.

24. Adjourn

Mayor Parker, adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

ATTEST:


Sarah Wardinsky, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Ronnie Parker, Mayor