

CITY OF INGLESIDE
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2021
6:30 PM

1. Call Meeting to order

The Regular City Council Meeting on September 28, 2021, was called to order at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor Pro tem Schack presiding.

2. Roll Call

Council Members present: Council Member Diehl, Council Member Wilson, Council Member Tucker, Council Member Pruitt, Mayor Pro tem Schack, and Council Member Salinas via Zoom Meeting.

3. Invocation

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments

Presentations:

6. Presentation of Mayoral Proclamation recognizing World Teachers' Day.

Mayor Pro tem Schack, presented Superintendent of Ingleside Independent School District, Troy Mircovich, a mayoral Proclamation recognizing World Teachers' Day, proclaiming October 5, 2021, World Teachers' Day. Superintendent Mircovich, accepted the Proclamation in honor of all teachers of the Ingleside Independent School District.

7. Presentation of Mayoral Proclamation recognizing Moda Midstream for contributions to the City of Ingleside.

Mayor Pro tem Schack, presented a Mayoral Proclamation and Keys to the City to Moda Midstream, LLC CEO Bo McCall, COO Javier Del Omo, and CFO Jonathan Ackerman.

Mayor Pro tem Schack, called for a five-minute recess for refreshments.

8. Presentation by Gustavo Lopez, Emergency Health & Safety Specialist with Chemours, on the Coastal Plain LECP Ready Safe Notification system.

Gustavo Lopez, Emergency Health & Safety Specialist with Chemours, presented a slide show regarding the Coastal Plain LECR Ready Safe notification system.

Council Member Diehl, inquired if the city had reverse alert in the city as well. Chief Burr, confirmed the city uses IInfo as well. Council Member Diehl, commented citizens should sign up for CBCAN.org.

Consent Agenda:

9. Discussion, consideration, and action of an Ordinance, to rezone the hereinafter described real property from its present classification of R-1 (Single Family Residential) & C-2 (General Commercial) to C-2 (General Commercial): Property ID# 65203 2.31 acres out of ABST 185 W M McDonough Subdivision Ingleside, Texas. (Second Reading)

Council Member Diehl, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve the Consent Agenda, Ordinance 2021-16. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing:

N/A

Action Items:

10. Discussion, consideration, and action of a Resolution, regarding a 4.13% solid waste fee rate increase by Republic Services, effective October 1, 2021.

Council Member Tucker, asked if there was a Republic Services representative present. Isabel Valdez, Utility Office Manager, presented the rate increases for residential and commercial. Mayor Pro tem Schack, commented it was a .71 cent a month increase for residential services. Council Member Pruitt, commented if the service will improve, as he receives several complaints. Isabel Valdez, Utility Office Manager, commented they have had trucks break down, and are waiting on new trucks, due to the chip shortage, and if a residence is not serviced, they can call the city to make sure they receive a pick up the following day. Council Member Pruitt, commented he would like it to be monitored closely.

Council Member Diehl, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to approve Resolution 2021-39, a 4.13% solid waste fee rate increase by Republic Services, effective October 1, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion, consideration, and action to accept a donation from Third Coast Disc Golf in the amount of \$2000, to install silver tees at Live Oak Park Disc Golf Course.

Toby Clarkson, of Third Coast Disc Golf, commented they would donate the materials, build the forms, and place the forms. The city would be responsible for placing the mesh reinforcement and pouring the concrete. Third Coast Disc Golf, would appreciate if the project could be completed prior to the next tournament on October 30, 2021.

Council Member Tucker, inquired if these tournaments bring out of towners to local hotel rooms, which Toby Clarkson confirmed it does. Council Member Tucker, commented it was a great use

of our city parks, a win-win situation. Council Member Diehl, urged Third Coast Disc Golf to reach out to the Assistant City Manager, Jodi Carr, regarding HOT Funds.

Council Member Tucker, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pruitt, to accept the donation from Third Coast Disc Golf. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding the approval of a Special Use Permit for the Halloween Parade.

Mayor Pro tem Schack, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Diehl, to approve the request for Special Use Permit. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding park dedication or payment in lieu of for a new subdivision.

Assistant City Manager, Jodi Carr, commented according to a city Ordinance, when there is a new subdivision development, the developer must either dedicate park land or payment in lieu of. Assistant City Manager, Jodi Carr, commented part of the development butts up to Live Oak Park. Council Member Wilson, commented there are plenty of parks at this time, and the city has a hard time keeping up with the maintenance of the current parks. Council Member Diehl, commented he did not recall this coming up in the past, and what would the cash payment be for, and are there monies in the past that were not collected. Building and Planning Department Office Manager, Cassie Bell, commented it had been collected in the past, with the Cove development as an example. Council Member Diehl, requested research to be done for past developments. Assistant City Manager, Jodi Carr, commented the Building Official has previously been involved in the process. Mayor Pro tem Schack, commented he liked the option of the land that butts up to Live Oak Park, and if there is a chance of negotiation of the land to square up Live Oak Park, in lieu of a park or payment. Assistant City Manager, Jodi Carr, commented she was not sure the city could dictate where the park goes in a development. Building and Planning Department Office Manager, Cassie Bell, read aloud the pertinent Ingleside City Code. Council Member Diehl, commented this has not once come up in the past. Assistant City Manager, Jodi Carr, commented the code doesn't state who makes the determination, and the Building Official would have made the determinations in the past. Assistant City Manager, Jodi Carr, commented she believed the developer would prefer to pay in lieu of a park. Council Member Diehl, inquired who assumes liability of the park, with Assistant City Manager, Jodi Carr, commenting the park would be going to the city. Council Member Tucker, commented if the developer wants to make a payment, that money could be earmarked for the maintenance of current city parks. Council Member Wilson, inquired how much per acre this is on the tax roll for. Assistant City Manager, Jodi Carr, commented there is a formula used to come up with the amount of \$16, 892.00.

Council Member Tucker, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Diehl, to accept a payment in the amount of \$16, 892.00, in lieu of a new park. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Discussion, consideration, and action on acceptance of the HOT Fund Post Event Report Form from the Chamber of Commerce for the Ribs and Rods event.

Barbara Gregg, Executive Director of Ingleside Chamber of Commerce, presented the HOT Fund Post Event Report Form regarding the Ribs and Rods event.

Council Member Diehl, inquired if this met all the terms needed, confirmed by Assistant City Manager Jodi Carr. Council Member Ben Tucker, commented it states four (4) hotel rooms were booked regarding the event. Barbara Gregg, Executive Director of Ingleside Chamber of Commerce, explained the procedure to track how many rooms were booked. Council Member Salinas, commented to reach out regarding coordination with other sporting events.

Council Member Tucker, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pruitt, to accept the HOT Funds Post Event Report Form regarding the Ribs and Rods event. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Discussion, consideration, and action of an Ordinance adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Ingleside, Texas for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022; estimating the revenue for said Fiscal Year; appropriating for the purposes stated the sums set forth in said Budget; and directing the City Manager to make necessary entries upon the books and accounts for the city to show the appropriation and allocations herein provided. (Second Reading)

Council Member Diehl, commented this was a demanding budget process.

Council Member Diehl, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adopt Ordinance 2021-19, adopting the Annual Budget for the City of Ingleside, Texas for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022; estimating the revenue for said Fiscal Year; appropriating for the purposes stated the sums set forth in said Budget; and directing the City Manager to make necessary entries upon the books and accounts for the city to show the appropriation and allocations herein provided. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Discussion, consideration, and action of an Ordinance, amending the City of Ingleside Personnel and Policy Handbook, Section 7 Benefits, adding Section 7.A.1. Benefits coverage for City Retirees. (Second Reading)

Council Member Diehl, commented for clarification, this Ordinance would be for employees with 10 years of service, and age sixty-two (62) years or older.

Mayor Pro tem Schack, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Pruitt, to adopt Ordinance 2021-20, amending the City of Ingleside Personnel and Policy Handbook, Section 7 Benefits, adding Section 7.A.1. Benefits coverage for City Retirees. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding the extension of Emergency Paid Sick Leave.

Human Resource Director, Anna Kucera, presented the Emergency Paid Sick Leave was to expire September 30, 2021.

Mayor Pro tem Schack, commented if an employee has used their eighty (80) hours, the extension would only pertain to employees that had not used the entire eighty (80) hours. Mayor Pro tem Schack, commented there was a reason it is expiring. Human Resource Director, Anna Kucera, commented she researched 270 cities in Texas, and very few are extending the Emergency Paid Sick Leave.

There were various conversations by Council Members, to include vaccination availability.

Mayor Pro tem Schack, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Tucker, to let the Emergency Paid Sick Leave expire, as of September 30, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding approval of Interlocal Cooperation Contract for Tobacco Enforcement Program through the Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University.

Chief of Police, Tammy Burr, commented the department was awarded \$2,500 to help stop retailers selling tobacco products to minors, and the success of the program last year. Council Member Tucker, commented it was well worth it to protect children. Chief of Police, Tammy Burr, commented the state is paying this grant to the city.

Council Member Tucker, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Salinas, to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract for Tobacco Enforcement Program through the Texas School Safety Center at Texas State University. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Discussion, consideration, and action concerning the acceptance of the Live Oak Park signage being donated by the Ingleside High School.

Project Manager, John Shrier, presented the option for the Live Oak Park signage.

Mayor Pro tem Schack, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Diehl, to approve option #3, with the rodeo font and the text to be on two rows. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding the Cooperative Agreement Department of Defense Firefighter Property Program through the Texas A & M Forest Service and the Ingleside Volunteer Fire Department for a 1995 Stewart Stevenson M1078 Cargo Truck.

Fire Chief, Steven Loving, presented the approved grant. Council Member Diehl, commented the city will invest approximately \$15,000 in the vehicle, and the City Manager will be consolidating budget amendments in the future and presenting them quarterly, with the exception of emergency budget amendments. Council Member Tucker, commented the vehicle will be returned if it becomes inoperable. Mayor Pro tem Schack, commented we receive the truck, and the city will pay approximately \$15,000.00 to outfit the vehicle. Fire Chief, Steven Loving, confirmed this.

Council Member Diehl, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give staff direction to proceed with the acceptance of the 1995 Stewart Stevenson M1078 Cargo Truck. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro tem Schack, closed the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:56 p.m. to proceed to Executive Session.

Executive Session:

21. 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 – Cove Park.

Mayor Pro tem Schack, closed the Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. to return to the Regular City Council Meeting.

Action Items:

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

Mayor Pro tem Schack, made a motion, seconded by Council Member Diehl, to direct the City Manager to proceed with Cove Park. The motion passed unanimously.

Other:

23. Reports from Staff:

- a) Expenditures over \$3000
- b) Other Updates

Mayor Pro tem Schack, inquired who was Catamaran Management, and for staff to get back with him.

24. Requests from Council

Council Member Diehl, requested staff to give a presentation between now and next budget review, of Public Works on the utilization of equipment versus man hours, to include maintenance records, and how they are kept.

Council Member Diehl, requested regarding hydrant testing in the evenings, as the children in the neighborhoods enjoy it, and cleanup of the hydrants.

Council Member Diehl, commented per Chapter 3.06 of the City Charter, any council member having three (3) unexcused meetings, must be reviewed by Council, and requested a Special City Council Meeting on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to cover that administrative base, to go into Executive Session, and hope the mayor is fine. This was seconded by Council Member Wilson. Council Member Salinas, was concerned, as Mayor Parker has missed several meetings.

25. Adjourn

Mayor Pro tem Schack, adjourned the Regular City Council Meeting at 8:23 p.m.

ATTEST:


~~Sarah Wardinsky, City Secretary~~

Evannet Higgins, Interim City Secretary

APPROVED:


Ronnie Parker, Mayor