

CITY OF INGLESIDE
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021
6:30 P.M.

1. Call Meeting to order

The Regular City Council Meeting on November 9, 2021 was called to order at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor Ronnie Parker presiding.

2. Roll Call

Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Diehl, Pruitt, Wilson, Schack, Tucker, Salinas and Mayor Parker. There were approximately (18) citizens and (5) employees in attendance.

3. Invocation

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Citizen Comments

Marty Shugart, Kenny Lane, made a citizen's comment regarding Semi Truck traffic on Kenny Lane, the no through traffic sign is no longer there and traffic has become a hazard, would like the City to address the issue. Trash burning in the area has become a health issue and would like the City to investigate the problem. Mr. Shugart would also like the City to contact NAS Kingsville regarding the pilot training traffic flying low in the area.

Action Items:

6. Discussion, consideration and action of a Resolution, to replat the following property: Property ID# 1039283 – LT 4 BLK 1 Bell Estates Subdivision to LT 4a & 4B BLK 1 Bell Estates Subdivision, fronting Mooney Lane, City of Ingleside, San Patricio County Texas. (Tabled at October 26, 2021 meeting) ([Attach](#))

Gary Chasik, 1515 Mooney Lane, spoke against the replat due to drainage issues in the area.

Gerald Gutierrez, 1614 Mooney Lane, spoke against the replat due to drainage issues and flag properties.

Martha Habluetzel, 3508 Ave A, spoke against the replat due to drainage issues in the area.

Susie Clark, 3584 Vickery Lane, made a citizens comment via email, against the replat due to drainage issues in the area.

Charles Miller, 1791 Mooney Lane, spoke against the replat due to drainage issues in the area and multiple houses going on to this property.

Cindy Wilson, 2635 San Angelo, spoke in regards to an Ordinance that has been passed in the City not allowing anymore flag properties within the City. Would like council to clarify that no more houses would be built behind the replat in question.

Earl Vickery, 3557 Vickery Lane, spoke against the replat due to drainage issues in the area.

Mayor Parker commented, that State Law requires the City to replat this property because the replat meets all the City requirements of a replat.

Councilmember Diehl agreed with Mayor Parker, commenting the City Attorney has been consulted about this matter and the City could be sued if we do not comply. Agreeing with the citizens, he thanked the citizens for voicing their opinions and reported that the City will continue to look into the drainage in this area.

Travis Trottle, Ingleside resident living at 1594 Morgan, reported that he believes the City does have an option when it comes to the engineering/construction part of this replat for leveling and drainage of the property.

Councilmember Diehl reported that the City has the right to review the engineering report, turned in by the property owner, at the construction phase of the property.

Councilmember Diehl made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tucker, to Adopt Resolution 2021-44, to replat the following property: Property ID# 1039283 – LT 4 BLK 1 Bell Estates Subdivision to LT 4A & 4B BLK 1 Bell Estates Subdivision, fronting Mooney Lane, City of Ingleside, San Patricio County Texas. The motion passed with Councilmembers Diehl, Pruitt, Wilson, Tucker and Mayor Parker voting Aye and Councilmembers Schack and Salinas voting Nay.

7. Discussion, consideration and action of a Resolution, authorizing acceptance of a grant from the State of Texas, Department of Transportation, for the Fiscal Year 2022 Impaired Driving Mobilization Program for the Police Department in the amount of \$15,865.12 with a City cash match of \$4,093.28 for overtime and fringe benefits. (Single Reading) ([Attach](#))

Councilmember Schack made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pruitt, to Adopt Resolution 2021-48, authorizing acceptance of a grant from the State of Texas, Department of Transportation, for the Fiscal Year 2022 Impaired Driving Mobilization Program for the Police Department in the amount of \$15,865.12 with a City cash match of \$4,093.28 for overtime and fringe benefits. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion, consideration and action regarding the Morgan/Mooney Area Drainage. ([Attach](#))

City Manager, Linnette Barker, reported that City Engineer Mr. Carl Crull was unable to attend the meeting tonight to answer questions regarding this project. The City is currently working on the Comprehensive Master Plan for the drainage in this area. Ms. Barker has asked Freese and Nichols to make this area priority, however we do not have a timeline on when this would be available. It may be best to wait until the information is available.

Mayor Parker and various Councilmembers commented regarding the drainage issues in the area and what might be causing the issues.

Earl Vickery, 3557 Vickery Lane, commented that the more homes that come to the area, the more it creates drainage issues.

Mayor Parker requested, that the engineers include in the plan where the water should flow for proper drainage of this area.

9. Discussion, consideration and action regarding the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Ingleside and San Patricio County Environmental Health for health-related services. ([Attach](#))

Councilmember Schack made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pruitt, to approve the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Ingleside and San Patricio County Environmental Health for health-related services. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion, consideration and action regarding “Payment in lieu of Park” funds. ([Attach](#))

City Manager, Linnette Barker reported, that the purpose of the “Payment in Lieu of Park” is to help offset the costs of existing parks in the City. The City has collected either money or land for park use from incoming developers. The City currently deposits the money into the General Fund; however, staff suggests creating a “Park Fund” account to have an audit trail for the funds in question. In the future City staff will bring to Council any decision to be made on accepting either money or land for park use from developers.

Councilmember Diehl spoke, the developers have paid this money for park development and cost offset. This money should have its own account/fund to make sure the money is being properly used for the City Parks only.

Mayor Parker directed staff to create a “Park Fund” account.

11. Discussion, consideration and action concerning authorization for the City of Ingleside to issue requests for qualifications (RFQs) for professional engineering services for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. ([Attach](#))

Councilmember Schack commented, that he does not agree that the City should be spending this kind of money on a project for “future” development.

Councilmember Diehl asked City Manager, Linnette Barker, if this project has already been budgeted for? Ms. Barker spoke, yes, it has. It is a grant; the project has already been awarded to Grantworks for Administrative Services and staff needs authorization to process the RGQ for Engineering Services portion. The City has already received half of the funds from FEMA/TDEM.

Various Councilmembers discussed the 8th Street wastewater lines and lift station project, the flow and the impact that this project will have on the area.

Melanie Gavlik, Hanson Engineering, using the map of the area, explained how this project will help alleviate the wastewater lines in the area.

Wastewater Supervisor, John Meenaghan, using the map of the area, also explained how this will help the area.

Councilmember Diehl made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to authorize the City of Ingleside to issue requests for qualifications (RFQs) for the Professional Engineering Services for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The motion passed with Councilmembers Diehl, Pruitt, Wilson, Tucker, Salinas and Mayor Parker voting Aye and Councilmember Schack voting Nay.

12. Discussion, consideration and action regarding the Building Official position. ([Attach](#))

City Manager, Linnette Barker reported, that this position has been vacant since July 2021. Since that time the City has contracted out inspections, however the job description does more than just inspections. I am asking this position be brought back and we advertise the position.

Mayor Parker asked if this position would be a Building Official/City Planner? Ms. Barker commented yes, we could do that. I agree that a City Planner could help the City with Ordinances, Planning and Zoning, Board of Adjustments, plan reviews, everything that a Building Official does except inspections. However, I do know that this position is hard to fill, several surrounding cities have vacancies in this position.

Councilmember Schack spoke, that he is in favor of keeping the inspection piece of this position as a third-party position to alleviate favoritism in the inspection process.

Various Councilmembers spoke both in favor and against the rehiring of this position

Councilmember Tucker made a motion, seconded by councilmember Diehl, for the City to advertise for the hiring of a Building Official. The motion passed with Councilmembers Diehl, Pruitt, Wilson, Tucker and Mayor Parker voting Aye and Councilmembers Schack and Salinas voting Nay.

13. Discussion, consideration and action of the Regular City Council Minutes, dated August 18, 2021, and Regular City Council Minutes, dated October 26, 2021. ([Attach](#)) ([Attach](#))

Councilmember Tucker made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Diehl, to approve the Regular City Council Minutes, dated August 18, 2021, and Regular City Council Minutes, dated October 26, 2021. The motion passed with Councilmembers Diehl, Pruitt, Wilson, Schack, Tucker and Salinas voting Aye and Mayor Parker abstaining for the August 18, 2021 Minutes and passed unanimously for the October 26, 2021 Minutes.

Other:

14. Reports from Staff:

- a) Expenditures over \$3000 ([Attach](#))
- b) Monthly Financials ([Attach](#))
- c) Notice from San Patricio Water District of proposed rate for 2022, no change from current rate. ([Attach](#))
- d) Covid-19 Vaccine Update ([Attach](#))
- e) GLO Project Updates ([Attach](#))
- f) Project Updates ([Attach](#)) ([Attach](#))
- g) Other Updates

City Manager, Linnette Barker spoke, staff will be bringing updates in December on the GLO Grant and the Houghton drainage project.

Mayor Parker presented a Plaque from the City of Portland to the City of Ingleside Animal Control.

15. Requests from Council

Councilmember Diehl requested the staff post project updates on the City Website.

Councilmember Diehl requested an email from staff on the updates discussed in e), f) and g).

Councilmember Tucker requested Chief Burr to investigate the truck traffic issue that Mr. Shugart discussed in the Citizens comment section of this meeting, at 2154 Kenny Lane.

Councilmember Pruitt thanked the Police Department for the great job they are doing with traffic control on Highway 1069 early in the morning.

Mayor Parker commented on the Executive Order regarding Covid-19 and the closures that remain in our City.

16. Adjourn

The Regular City Council Meeting held on November 9, 2021 was adjourned at 9:18 pm.



ATTEST:

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Evanne Higgins Interim City Secretary

APPROVED:

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Ronnie Parker, Mayor