

CITY OF INGLESIDE
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022.
6:30 P.M.

1. Call Meeting to order

The Regular City Council Meeting on January 25, 2022 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 and Mayor Parker. Councilmember Salinas attended via Zoom meeting. There were approximately (9) citizens and (10) employees in attendance.

3. Invocation

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Presentations:

6. Margaret Somereve, Executive Director for TCAP will be here to present the City with a Founding Member Award.

Margaret Somereve, Executive Director of TCAP, presented the City with a Founding Member Award, thanking the City of Ingleside for being a Founding Member of the Texas Coalition of Affordable Power.

Public Hearing:

7. A Public Hearing regarding an application filed by Richo Reynaldo Sepulveda, to replat the following property: Property ID #'s 69077, 69085 & 69093 – to LTS 10-13 Blk 6 College Heights Subdivision to LTS 10-R, 11-R & 12-R Blk 6 College Heights Subdivision, also known as 2735 AVE J, City of Ingleside, San Patricio County, Texas.

Mayor Parker closed the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:33 pm to proceed to the Public Hearing.

Jerry Brundrett, Griffith & Brundrett Surveying & Engineering Inc., spoke in favor of the replat.

No one spoke against.

8. A Public Hearing regarding an application filed by David Contreras, to replat the following property: Property ID #'s 1030073, 61727, 40227 & 40228 – LTS 12-17 BLK 1 Homeacres Subdivision to LTS 12-R, 14-R & 16-R BLK 1 Homeacres Subdivision, fronting Main Street (FM1069), San Patricio County, Ingleside, Texas.

David Contreras, 2339 Kenny Lane spoke in favor of the replat.

No one spoke against.

Mayor Parker closed the Public Hearing at 6:36 pm to proceed to the Regular City Council Meeting.

Action Items:

9. Discussion, consideration and action of a Resolution to replat the following property: Property ID #'s 69077, 69085 & 69093 – LTS 10-13 BLK 6 College Heights Subdivision to LTS 10-R, 11-R & 12-R BLK 6 College Heights Subdivision, also known as 2735 AVE J, City of Ingleside, San Patricio County, Texas. (Single Reading)

Councilmember Schack made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to approve Resolution #2022-02 to replat the following property: Property ID #'s 69077, 69085 & 69093 – LTS 10-13 BLK 6 College Heights Subdivision to LTS 10-R, 11-R & 12-R BLK 6 College Heights Subdivision, also known as 2735 AVE J, City of Ingleside, San Patricio County, Texas. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion, consideration and action of a Resolution to replat the following property: Property ID #'s 1030073, 61727, 40227 & 40228 – LTS 12-17 BLK 1 Homeacres Subdivision to LTS 12-R, 14-R & 16-R BLK 1 Homeacres Subdivision, fronting Main Street (FM1069), San Patricio County, Ingleside, Texas. (Single Reading)

Councilmember Tucker made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Schack, to approve Resolution #2022-03 to replat the following property: Property ID #'s 1030073, 61727, 40227 & 40228 – LTS 12-17 BLK 1 Homeacres Subdivision to LTS 12-R, 14-R & 16-R BLK 1 Homeacres Subdivision, fronting Main Street (FM1069), San Patricio County, Ingleside, Texas. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion, consideration and action regarding an Interlocal Water Agreement between the City of Aransas Pass, Texas and the City of Ingleside, Texas to provide water service to the property located at 2559 Williams and 2556 Williams, Aransas Pass, Texas.

Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented that the Interlocal Water Agreement for the property located at 2559 Williams has been presented to the City of Aransas Pass and approved. The property located at 2556 Williams will be presented to the City of Aransas Pass at their next City Council meeting. Also, presented to Council was a Water Agreement Draft that the City will implement according to the City guidelines. This agreement will be presented to the property owners as an understanding that they will be responsible for all costs associated with implementing water service to their property and the special water rates for property owners outside the City.

Councilmember Diehl commented that he asked Linnette Barker, City Manager, to prepare the Water Agreement Draft to present to applicants so they are aware that all costs are the responsibility of the applicant and make the applicant aware of the special water rates that will be charged by the City for water use.

Councilmember Diehl made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to approve the Interlocal Water Agreement between the City of Aransas Pass, Texas and the City of Ingleside, Texas to provide water service to the property located at 2559 Williams and 2556 Williams, Aransas Pass, Texas. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion, consideration and action regarding the recommendations of the Streets Committee for the Street Maintenance Program.

Mayor Parker commented that the Street Committee did meet and have recommended the streets they believe are in most need of repair. The total listed for these projects falls within the amount budgeted for street repairs.

Oscar Adame, Street Committee Member, commented that the streets recommended can be addressed without engineering involved and need to be started right away before the costs of materials rise.

Donald Paty, City of Ingleside Public Works Director, commented on the needs and repairs of the streets recommended. Mr. Paty commented that fixing the streets now saves the street from total replacement in the near future.

Councilmember Diehl inquired about Tiner Lane and Todd Circle and if they will be included on the Streets Committee agenda in the future.

Councilmember Pruitt requested that the committee place the streets on an organizational list of which streets should be repaired first.

Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented that the plans are to receive bids on completing all four streets in one bid.

Councilmember Schack made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Diehl, to approve the recommendations of the Streets Committee for the Street Maintenance Program for the amount of \$772,462.74. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Discussion, consideration and action regarding a Resolution by the City Council of Ingleside, Texas, to Order an Election to be held on May 7, 2022 for the purpose of electing a Mayor and three Councilmembers to Places 2, 4 and 6, for full two-year terms.

Councilmember Diehl made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pruitt, to approve Resolution 2022-04 by the City Council of Ingleside, Texas, to Order an Election to be held on May 7, 2022 for the purpose of electing a Mayor and three Councilmembers to Places 2, 4 and 6, for full two-year terms. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Discussion, consideration and action regarding a Resolution by the City Council of Ingleside, Texas, establishing procedures for the Municipal Election for the City of Ingleside, Texas on May 7, 2022.

Councilmember Schack made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tucker, to approve Resolution 2022-05 by the City Council of Ingleside, Texas, establishing procedures for the Municipal Election for the City of Ingleside, Texas on May 7, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Discussion, consideration and action regarding approval of the Contract between the City of Ingleside, Texas and San Patricio County Elections Administrator for Election Services for the May 7, 2022 Municipal Election.

Councilmember Schack made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Diehl, to table the Contract between the City of Ingleside, Texas and San Patricio County Elections Administrator for Election Services for the May 7, 2022 Municipal Election until after the deadline to file an Application For A Place On The Ballot has expired. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Discussion, consideration and action regarding re-instatement of Emergency Paid Sick Leave.

Linnette Barker, City Manager, requested that due to the rise in number of City staff with positive Covid test results that the Council consider the reinstatement of the Emergency Paid Sick Leave (EPSL). The City did receive the Covid Relief Fund Grant in 2020 intended partially for making the City whole from Covid. The remaining balance of the grant is \$297,177.00. Originally the EPSL was put into place in March of 2020 by the Federal Government and expired April 2021, then extended through September 2021. Employees that needed to utilize the EPSL were able to do so, however, not all employees utilized the hours. With the number of positive cases skyrocketing the reinstatement of EPSL would relieve the hardship on City employees who are quarantined due to Covid.

Councilmember Schack commented against the reinstatement of this program for various reasons.

Councilmember Diehl inquired about the intended purpose of the grant when it was received. Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented that the grant was a Covid Relief Grant, intended for any expenditures related to Covid the City would endure, including anything from cleaning supplies to employee wages.

Mayor Parker inquired what would happen if the City does not use all the funds from the grant? Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented that all funds from the grant have been received and the City does not have to return any funds.

Councilmember Salinas inquired about the utilization of the program before it was discontinued. Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented those employees who were out due to Covid utilized the hours, however many employees did not need to utilize EPSL then, but are in need of those hours now.

Linnette Barker, City Manager, editorialized on the City's policy and guidelines for Covid exposure, testing and quarantine of City employees.

Councilmember Tucker commented that the grant was for municipalities to use for Covid expenses, EPSL is a Covid expense and should be utilized for that purpose.

Councilmember Pruitt commented that the grant was intended for Covid expenses and EPSL should be reinstated to those employees who did not use the hours before it expired.

Councilmember Diehl made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Tucker, to approve the reinstatement the Emergency Paid Sick Leave (EPSL) to current employees who did not use EPSL before it expired as a one-time utilization form of leave. The motion passed with Councilmember Diehl, Pruitt, Wilson, Tucker, Salinas and Mayor Parker voting aye and Councilmember Schack voting nay.

Other:

17. Reports from Staff:

- a) Expenditures over \$3000
- b) Quarterly Reports
- c) Other Updates

Councilmembers commented on the pool slide update with positive feedback. Council recommended moving forward with the 10 ½' slide and requested that the slide have a blue tube and white stairs.

18. Requests from Council

Councilmember Tucker thanked the Police Department for the fantastic job they have been doing with police presence around town.

Councilmember Schack requested the lighting on the baseball fields at Live Oak Park be addressed.

Councilmember Schack requested all councilmembers to go to Live Oak Park and look at the baseball fields to address issues of up keep on the fields at a future council meeting.

Councilmember Pruitt inquired about the construction materials that have been at Live Oak Park for a long time. Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented that the equipment and materials are for the bleacher construction and the company has been instructed to complete the job.

Councilmember Salinas requested that the soccer fields at N.O. Simmons park be examined for repairs and updating.

Councilmember Diehl requested that the Council be updated on the status of the Little League Program and contract on the next agenda, to include possible reorganization of the Parks Department.

Councilmember Diehl requested that all Councilmembers investigate the I-CARE Program that Police and Code Enforcement Departments are part of and the wonderful things they are doing for the citizens of the City.

19. Adjourn

The Regular City Council Meeting held on January 25, 2022, was adjourned at 8:00 pm.



ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Evan Higgins", is written over a horizontal line.

Evanne Higgins – Interim City Secretary

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ronnie Parker", is written over a horizontal line.

Ronnie Parker, Mayor