

**CITY OF INGLESIDE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

Opening Agenda

1. Call Meeting to order.

The Regular Council Meeting of the City of Ingleside was called to order by Mayor Adame at 6:30 p.m. on September 26, 2023, at City Hall 2671 San Angelo Ingleside, TX and live video streaming.

2. Roll Call.

With Council Members present a quorum was established.

Council Members Present: Steve Diehl, Stewart Wilson, David Pruitt, John Salinas, Mayor Pro-Tem Tracy Long, Julio Salinas and Mayor Pedro Oscar Adame.

3. Invocation.

Council Member Pruitt led the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Adame led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

5. Citizen Comments and Reports

No Citizen Comments and Reports

6. Staff Comments and Reports

A. City of Ingleside expenditures paid over \$3,000.00 for the period of August 14, 2023, through September 17, 2023.

No Comments

B. City of Ingleside monthly financials as of August 31, 2023.

Council Member Julio Salinas asked staff if there was anything of interest on the financial report. Finance Director Vela stated that there was not.

C. General Projects Update

Council Member Wilson stated he would like the update on the Houghton project. Infrastructure Director Paredes directed the Council to the map included in the agenda packet and stated that the Houghton project was proceeding to Waco Street with the buried box. The current portion of this project should be completed by the end of November. The completion of the full project is ahead of schedule to be completed by March 1st. City Manager Lewis stated that they will need to file all documents by March 1st.

Council Member Diehl asked if staff was prepared to tell the Council if the project is on track to meet the deadline? City Manager Lewis stated that the project is ahead of schedule.

Council Member Diehl asked staff to put an update on the City website for the Animal Control Facility with pictures of the progress and the groundbreaking. The request was to put a box on the home page of the City website for Animal Control to keep the citizens informed of the progress.

Council Member Pruitt inquired about the lighting for all the City parks. There is not enough lighting in all the parks. The lights need to be added back into the project updates. City Manager Lewis stated that staff is in the process of getting the lighting and in negotiations to complete the lighting. As for the streets, the contractors are waiting on dirt to pave the streets as materials are on back order as well as weather being an issue.

Council Member Wilson inquired about South Street to 8th Street. Director Paredez stated that South Street to 8th Street was on the second list that was presented to the Council during the Budget Workshop.

Council Member John Salinas asked about the Animal Control Facility and when the building of the new facility will start. City Manager Lewis and Director Paredez stated that the notice to proceed (NTP) has not been issued because of the cost. The Engineers reached out to the architects to make an addendum before costs went up due to inflation.

Council Member Diehl stated that the Council needs a timeline on the agenda for the Animal Control Facility.

Council Member Julio Salinas asked if there are any projects coming soon that will create traffic issues? Possibly like the one that took place on Mustang. Will the Houghton Project create traffic that will need to be announced to the citizens in advance? City Manager Lewis stated that there is usually a traffic control plan just like on 4th Street.

Council Member Wilson asked if the pipe was already being laid for the Houghton project. Director Paredez stated that the contractors are regrating that ditch and will concrete that section to Ave B.

Council Member Julio Salinas asked if the project list pricing is not final unless stating complete or final on the information submitted to the Council in the packet for item 6C? City Manager Lewis stated that is correct. Director Paredez stated that prices change due to inflation, and these are the most updated prices.

Council Member Wilson stated that he would like an update on the Houghton Project. Director Paredez addressed the Council about the map in the back of the room. Council Member Wilson inquired about the Garden Center, Walking Trail, the benches, and the mowing of the baseball fields. Director Paredez stated that the City takes care of the fields even though they don't belong to the City, they belong to the contractor. The contractor was waiting on the lift station to be completed to test the piping and the contractor has been notified that the lift station has been completed.

Council Member Diehl stated that the public has access to our agenda, and they should be able to get the same information the Council does. It was expressed that this information should be presented to the public with transparency and to be easy to understand.

Mayor Adame stated the Staff needs to keep up with the Engineers and get them to move the projects stressing the need to move forward.

7. Council Comments and Reports

No Council Comments and Reports presented for this meeting.

Presentations

8. Proclamation to recognize Fire Prevention Week as October 8-14, 2023.

Mayor Adame presented the Ingleside Volunteer Fire Department with a Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week.

9. Proclamation to recognize Ronita Keeton's retirement.

Mayor Adame presented a proclamation to Ronita Keeton for 24 years of service and proclaimed September 26, 2023 as Ronita Keeton Day.

Director of Infrastructure Services Paredes presented Ronita Keeton with a plaque.

Consent Agenda

10. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes of August 29, 2023 and Regular Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2023.

Motion: Council Member Pruitt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Diehl seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

Executive Session

11. Closed Session

City Council will meet in Closed Session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- A. Section 551.087 Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations – Update on ongoing industry and retail negotiations**
- B. Section 551.089 Deliberation regarding Security Devices or Security Audits**

Mayor Adame requested to withdraw Item 11 Closed Session on the agenda. There were no objections by Council and Mayor Adame stated that the item was withdrawn.

12. Open Session

City Council will reconvene in Open Session at which time action on the matter(s) discussed in Closed Session may be considered.

- A. Section 551.087 Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations – Update on ongoing industry and retail negotiations**
- B. Section 551.089 Deliberation regarding Security Devices or Security Audits**

No deliberation was held on Item 12 Open Session since Item 11 was withdrawn from the agenda.

Public Hearing

No Public Hearing presented for this meeting.

Regular Agenda

13. Deliberate and take appropriate action on second and final reading of an Ordinance amending the Ingleside Code of Ordinances Chapter 42: Personnel, Article III: Volunteer Fire Department, Section 42-57 Election of officers; Terms; Removal; Approval of Members; Ingleside Code of Ordinances and providing for effective date, reading severance, and publication.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-20 amending the Ingleside Code of Ordinances Chapter 42: Personnel, Article III: Volunteer Fire Department, Section 42-57 Election of officers; Terms; Removal; Approval of Members; Ingleside Code of Ordinances and providing for effective date, reading severance, and publication. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-1.

Council Member Julio Salinas had concerns from the previous meeting.

For Motion: Council Member Diehl, Council Member Wilson, Council Member Pruitt, Council Member John Salinas, Mayor Pro-Tem Long, Mayor Adame.

Against Motion: Council Member Julio Salinas

- 14. Deliberate and take appropriate action accepting the HOT Fund Post Event Form from Ingleside Chamber of Commerce and authorizing payment of \$5,000 for the Best of the Bay Fishing Tournament held July 28 – 29, 2023.**

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve the accepting of the HOT Fund Post Event Form from Ingleside Chamber of Commerce and authorizing payment of \$5,000 for the Best of the Bay Fishing Tournament held July 28 – 29, 2023. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

- 15. Deliberate and take appropriate action for the request to provide wastewater service to commercial property located at 1302 4th Street, Aransas Pass, Texas.**

Discussion was held between the Council and City Manager Lewis about the wastewater service request, the location of the property, limits of the lift station, staff recommendations to not serve this property, and Ingleside citizens being Council's first concern since the location of the property being in Aransas Pass. Adding 50 units would place the lift station over 200 percent. Property owners have the option of going to septic.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to deny the request to provide wastewater service to commercial property located at 1302 4th Street, Aransas Pass, Texas. Mayor Pro-Tem Long seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

- 16. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the Port of Corpus Christi Authority request for a Special Use Permit for "A Tree for All" on November 30, 2023, as required by City Ordinance 2019-14, for the use of N.O. Simmons Park.**

Discussion was held amongst Council and Summer Garcia with the Port of Corpus Christi on the process for this event, trees, and asking the Port of Corpus Christi representative to work closely with City Manager Lewis and staff.

Motion: Council Member John Salinas made a motion to approve the request for a Special Use Permit for "A Tree for All" on November 30, 2023, as required by City Ordinance 2019-14, for the use of N.O. Simmons Park. Council Member Julio Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

- 17. Deliberate and take appropriate action on a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to update the City of Ingleside Comprehensive Master Plan.**

Discussion was held amongst the Council, City Manager Lewis, and Interim Building Official Delauro about the Comprehensive Master Plan request for qualification not being budgeted, the need for updated language, the length of time since the last update, the requirements needed, the planned future land use and how this impacts growth in Ingleside.

Motion: Council Member Julio Salinas made a motion to accept on a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to update the City of Ingleside Comprehensive Master Plan. Council Member John Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

- 18. Deliberate and take appropriate action to schedule a workshop for October 17, 2023 to discuss research found on unconventional buildings, the adoption of the 2018 I – Codes and proposed revisions to City Ordinances related to development to include revisions to Chapter 18 - Buildings & Building Regulations, Chapter 34 - Fire Prevention & Protection, Chapter 54 – Subdivisions, Chapter 78 – Zoning.**

Discussion was held between the Council and City Manager Lewis about the need for another workshop, recommendation to withdraw this item, request Mayor Pro-Tem Long to continue as the one-man subcommittee for Council, the processes already taken to rewrite and make revisions, and what information will be available to the Council if a workshop is not scheduled.

Motion: Council Member Pruitt made a motion to not schedule a workshop for October 17, 2023 to discuss research found on unconventional buildings, the adoption of the 2018 I – Codes and proposed revisions to City Ordinances related to development to include revisions to Chapter 18 - Buildings & Building Regulations, Chapter 34 - Fire

Prevention & Protection, Chapter 54 – Subdivisions, Chapter 78 – Zoning. Council Member Diehl seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-1.

For Motion: Council Member Diehl, Council Member Wilson, Council Member Pruitt, Council Member John Salinas, Mayor Pro-Tem Long, Mayor Adame.

Against Motion: Council Member Julio Salinas

19. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the Ingleside Fire Department request for a Special Use Permit for “Ingleside Fire Rescue Fishing Tournament” on October 7, 2023, as required by City Ordinance 2019-14, for the use of Cove Park.

Discussion was held amongst the Council, City Manager Lewis, and Miguel Munoz chairman for the fishing tournament about the entity name applying for the permit, the difference in the Ingleside Volunteer Fire Department and the Ingleside Fire Rescue Association, new regulations from Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission (TABC) for serving alcohol at events, raising money for the Ingleside Volunteer Fire Department, and options available to accept the Special Use Permit request.

At 7:41 p.m. Mayor Adame left the dais and returned at 7:43 p.m.

No Action Taken

20. Deliberate and take appropriate action on a Resolution authorizing an interfund loan for the wastewater treatment plant project.

Discussion was held between the Council and City Manager Lewis about being proactive, the amount originally earmarked being \$4M with a portion being allocated for the AMI water meter system leaving approximately \$2M that can be used to cover potential cost over-run, a possible fund to be set up with restrictions that would take Council action to retarget the money, and limits not to exceed \$6M.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-37 with \$1M authorizing an interfund loan for the wastewater treatment plant project. Mayor Pro-Tem Long seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

21. Deliberate and take appropriate action on first and only reading of an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget for the City of Ingleside, Texas, for the General Fund, Utility Fund, and the Street Sales Tax Maintenance Fund for deficit accounts at year end.

Discussion was held amongst the Council, City Manager Lewis, and Finance Director Vela about the expenses over run through 2023 and cleaning up prior to the budget.

Motion: Mayor Adame made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-21 amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget for the City of Ingleside, Texas, for the General Fund, Utility Fund, and the Street Sales Tax Maintenance Fund for deficit accounts at year end. Council Member Pruitt seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

22. Deliberate and take appropriate action on first reading of an Ordinance amending Ingleside Code of Ordinances, Chapter 38, Article II removing Sec 38-26 through 38-31 IAW Chapter 370, Local Government Code, Section 370.007 Juvenile Curfews Prohibited, providing for effective date, reading, severance, and publication.

Discussion was held amongst the Council, Police Chief Burr, and City Manager Lewis about the Legislative session passing government code that prohibits enforcing juvenile curfews which requires the City of Ingleside to amend the current Ordinance.

Motion: Council Member John Salinas made a motion to pass to a second and final reading of an Ordinance amending Ingleside Code of Ordinances, Chapter 38, Article II removing Sec 38-26 through 38-31 IAW Chapter 370, Local Government Code, Section 370.007 Juvenile Curfews Prohibited, providing for effective date, reading, severance, and publication. Council Member Pruitt seconded the motion. Motion Carried 6-1.

For Motion: Council Member Diehl, Council Member Wilson, Council Member Pruitt, Council Member John Salinas, Mayor Pro-Tem Long, Mayor Adame.

Against Motion: Council Member Julio Salinas

23. Deliberate and take appropriate action to authorize the purchase of (3) 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Pursuit vehicles as authorized in the FY24 Approved Budget for the Ingleside Police Department.

Discussion was held amongst the Council, Police Chief Burr, and City Manager Lewis about the purchase of Police pursuit vehicles, how many are actually needed, using the Council discretionary fund to create a shortfall that would not impact the line items of the department, and bringing this back to Council after October 1 to issue the purchase order.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to direct staff to come back with the four units after October 1, 2023 as a budget amendment for that amount to transfer as discussed.

Amended Motion: Council Member Diehl amended the motion to direct staff to come back for the three units with the fourth unit specifically for the purpose of transfer after October 1, 2023 as a budgeted amendment for the total amount of \$307,312.92 to be transferred. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

24. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the City of Ingleside Investment Policy and Broker-Dealer List.

At 8:17 p.m. Council Member Julio Salinas left the dais and returned at 8:20 p.m.

Discussion was held amongst the Council, City Manager Lewis, and David McElwain with Meeder about the State requirement to have an investment policy, the changes that were being presented, where the City currently stands on investments with the current rates, and how long the rates might stay at the current percentage.

Motion: Mayor Adame made a motion to approve the City of Ingleside Investment Policy and Broker-Dealer List. Council Member Pruitt seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

25. Deliberate and take appropriate action to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to advertise for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Insurance Broker Services for employee benefits.

Discussion was held between the Council and City Manager Lewis about starting the process of finding a broker and the avenue in which the City will advertise.

Motion: Council Member Wilson made a motion to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to advertise for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Insurance Broker Services for employee benefits. Council Member Diehl seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

26. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the GFWC Fireside Juniorettes with the Ingleside Community Events for a request for a Special Use Permit to host a Halloween Parade on October 31, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Council Member Wilson made a motion to accept the GFWC Fireside Juniorettes with the Ingleside Community Events for a request for a Special Use Permit to host a Halloween Parade. Mayor Adame seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

27. Deliberate and take appropriate action regarding City Council participation in the Ingleside Halloween Parade on October 31, 2023.

Discussion was held between the Council and City Manager Lewis about the need to vote on this item. This item was to provide Council with information regarding participation in the parade. The parade float theme this time will be spiders.

No Action Taken

28. Announcements of Community Interest and/or upcoming events.

- A. National Night Out, N.O. Simmons Park, October 03
- B. Ingleside Fire Rescue Fishing Tournament, Cove Park, October 07
- C. Ingleside Annual Awards & Installation Banquet, Aransas Pass, October 07
- D. Enbridge Open House, Humble Center, October 10
- E. Trunk or Treat, Ingleside on the Bay, October 28
- F. Halloween Parade, October 31
- G. San Patricio EDC Annual Banquet, Portland, November 01

29. Items to consider for placement on future agendas.

Council Member Julio Salinas asked Staff to look at the fields for the soccer community.

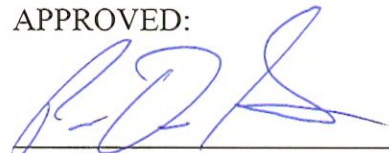
Council Member Wilson asked Staff to add to the next agenda an update on the grass burrs.

Council Member Julio Salinas asked Staff to check on the timer of the lights due to time changes.

30. Adjourn.

Mayor Adame adjourned the regular meeting of the City of Ingleside at 8:31 p.m.

APPROVED:



Pedro Oscar Adame, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ruby Beaven, City Secretary