

**CITY OF INGLESIDE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
MARCH 26, 2024  
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 March 26, 2024, at Humble Station Community Center, 2821 Main St., 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 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**

Gerald Crain, 2959 Pen oak Ave, addressed the Council about the soccer fields at N. O. Simmons Park, sent pictures to the Council Members, spoke with the City Manager and Director of Infrastructure Services about not using the football field anymore, and moving back behind the basketball court to be safer for the teams that come into play.

Teresa Flores, 2586 Ave A, addressed the Council about the lack of the School Resource Officer, contract back from attorney, and giving a reminder that it is state mandated to have School Resource Officers.

Jennifer Klidies, 2079 Glenwood Dr., addressed the Council about Item #11, chicken coops not being taller than six (6) feet and being five (5) feet from the fence, and how stray cats need to be spayed and neutered as well.

Vicky Cook, 3009 Lakeview West Dr., addressed the Council about the Faith Park basketball court, giving suggestions on having this for events, and the possibility of bringing people into the city.

Serapio Coronado, 2038 Jenica Dr., addressed the Council about a neighbor burning tree stumps and rubbish in their back yard, the burning being all day, was told that there was no burn ordinance in the city, and suggested that there be a burn ordinance.

Chuck Sullivan, addressed the Council about police harassment, highest taxed business in the city, and how the Texas Rangers will be filing charges.

Sarah Crumbley, 2476 Henrietta Place, addressed the Council about a rooster problem, cats in neighborhood having mange, and Animal Control not picking up stray and/or sick cats.

Courtney Shane, 2181 Capeheart St., addressed the Council about her interview with the Mayor and would like to do the same with all the Council Members due to the great feedback she received from citizens, and suggested that the city has their own farmed market like other cities do.

Martha Habluetzel, 3508 Ave A, wanted to speak on Item #16, but left before Council got to the item.

## **6. Staff Comments and Reports**

### **A. Council Comments and Reports**

Council Member Diehl stated that he had requested staff to combine the Council Comments and Reports and Announcements of Community Interest into the Staff Comments and Reports section of the agenda.

### **B. Announcements of Community Interest and/or upcoming events.**

No discussion was held on this item.

### **C. City of Ingleside expenditures paid over \$3,000.00 for the period of February 2024.**

No discussion was held on this item.

### **D. City of Ingleside monthly financial report as of February 2024.**

No discussion was held on this item.

### **E. Update on SH 200.**

Director of Infrastructure Services Paredez addressed the Council about attending the open house that was held in Gregory. Director Paredez informed the Council that he did speak directly with TxDOT official Robert Isassi and was informed that SH 200 was not dead. Was informed that the project was project to be \$12M, with TxDOT having \$6M. Mayor Adame stated that he will not support taxpayer money going towards SH 200.

### **F. General Projects Update.**

Council Member John Salinas made a comment on how the Animal Shelter is coming together and appreciates the pictures that are being shown on social media sites.

### **G. Update on acceptance of the City of Ingleside Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended September 30, 2023.**

No discussion was held on this item.

## **Presentations**

### **7. Team Elite recognition.**

Elain Rogers gave a presentation on the Elite Training Facility and the owner, Jordan Pinney. Jordan Pinney thanked the Council for letting them speak and introduced the kids for their accomplishments. Mr. Pinney stated that they would like to be more involved with the City and assist the community in any way possible.

## **Consent Agenda**

### **8. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2024.**

**Motion:** Council Member Pruitt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Council Member John Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

Mayor Adame requested that Executive Session be moved after Regular Agenda.

## **Executive Session**

**9. Closed Session**

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

- A. Section 551.087 Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations**
- B. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney**
- C. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters – City Manager Lewis**

At 8:41 p.m. Mayor Adame convened the Ingleside City Council into a closed session pursuant to provision of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.087 Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations – Update on ongoing industry and retail negotiations, Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney, and Section 551.074 Personnel Matters – City Manager Lewis.

**10. City Council will reconvene in Open Session at which time action on the matters 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 551.071 Consultation with Attorney**
- C. Section 551.074 Personnel Matters – City Manager Lewis**

At 9:44 p.m. Mayor Adame reconvened the Ingleside City Council into an open session pursuant to provision of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to take any action necessary related to the executive session noted herein, or regular agenda items, noted above, and/or related items.

**Item A:** No Action taken.

**Item B:** No Action taken.

**Item C:** No Action taken.

**Public Hearing**

No Public Hearing presented for this meeting.

**Regular Agenda**

**11. Tabled 3/12/2024 Deliberate and take appropriate action on the first reading of an Ordinance amending Ingleside Code of Ordinances Chapter 14-Animal Control and Animals.**

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, Police Chief Burr, and Animal Control Officer Otwell about minor changes being done to clarify definitions and typos, dangerous dog, insurance, and stray cats.

**Motion:** Mayor Pro-Tem Long made a motion to pass to second reading, with minor changes, of an Ordinance amending Ingleside Code of Ordinances Chapter 14-Animal Control and Animals. Council Member Pruitt seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

**12. Deliberate and take appropriate action on City Ordinances Chapter 18 – Buildings and Building Regulations, Chapter 30 – Environment, Chapter 50 – Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places and Chapter 62 – Traffic & Vehicles where needed to provide staff with adequate procedures and requirements for enforcement of right of way management.**

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, and Interim Building Official Delauro about making the ordinances respectable, adding more Code Compliance Officers, property rights, adding facts so citizens can better understand, and it being a series of small steps to enforce ordinances.

**No Action taken.**

**13. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the final pay application for the Faith Park Multipurpose Ballfields**

Discussion was held between the Council Members, City Manager Lewis, Director of Infrastructure Services Paredes about the ballfields being complete, the walking trail and Garden Center still needing to be completed, batting cages will not interfere with the walking trail, solar lighting along the walking trail, bringing projects back as a whole and not in sections, and wanting to know how much money is left from the project.

**Motion:** Mayor Adame made a motion to approve the final pay application for the Faith Park Multipurpose Ballfields. Council Member John Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

**14. Deliberate and take appropriate action to request the Ingleside Development Corporation take on as a Project funding for the purchase of a digital sign located at N. O. Simmons Park.**

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, and Director of Economic Development Carr about how the cite location can provide information to citizens better, the location being at N. O. Simmons Park along the fence line that already has electrical, the Information Technology Department overseeing the sign, and 4B money takes several steps and this is the first step.

**Motion:** Council Member Pruitt made a motion to approve staff in requesting the Ingleside Development Corporation take on as a Project funding for the purchase of a digital sign located at N. O. Simmons Park. Council Member John Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

**15. Deliberate and take appropriate action on a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for city employee's Health Benefits.**

Discussion was held between Council Members and City Manager Lewis about the RFQ for brokers, surveys being done by employees, the recommendation of staying with the current Health Benefits that the City has, and keeping options open while negotiating for Health Benefits.

**Motion:** Council Member Diehl made a motion to go with staff recommendation of staying with the current Health Benefits that the City has. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

**16. Deliberate and take appropriate action on a Resolution establishing the Beautification Committee, outlining duties, and appointing members.**

Proposed Resolution 2024-16.

Discussion was held between Council Members and City Manager Lewis about business owners participating in the committee, working with the Garden Club, bringing back more recommendations, having one staff member be on the committee but the rest be business owners, and the committee being an advisory committee and not being an authority committee.

**No Action taken.**

**17. Items to consider for placement on future agendas.**

Mayor Adame asked Staff to amend the Ingleside Little League contract to help with cleaning the bathrooms on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Mayor Adame requested a plan for field and grants to move the soccer fields.

Council Member Diehl requested that contracts be looked at, under the discretion of the City Manager.

Council Member Diehl asked about programs, and small job fair, for school kids.

Council Member Diehl requested options for a City Hall complex.

Council Member John Salinas requested that the Cove Park Advisory Group be placed on a future agenda for a drawing and presentation.

Council Member Julio Salinas requested that the budget be looked into for possible sponsorships for little leagues and clubs.

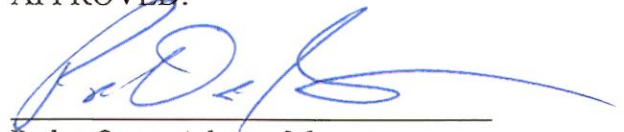
Council Member Julio Salinas requested an update on the School Resource Officer.

Council Member Julio Salinas requested that new locations be looked at for events.

**18. Adjourn.**

Mayor Adame adjourned the regular meeting of the City of Ingleside at 9:53 p.m.

APPROVED:



Pedro Oscar Adame, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Ruby Beaven, City Secretary