

**CITY OF INGLESIDE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2024**

Opening Agenda

1. Call regular 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 June 11, 2024, at City Hall 2671 San Angelo Ave., 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.

Martha Habluetzel, 3508 Ave A, addressed the Council and thanked the staff and Council for what they are doing; sent a letter out to Council Members about grey water and would like to see something establish to use grey water; Cleanup Ingleside was successful in picking up trash; every Tuesday pick up 2-6 pounds of cardboard for recycling; and requested potting soil.

Elaine Rodgers, 2020 FM 2725, addressed the Council about the consideration of bringing back the Mustang Pride Never Dies and using it as a booster, fundraiser to benefit the Athletic Department, and to paint the town with Mustang Spirit by having the horse shoes painted on the road leading up to Mustang Stadium.

Cindy Wilson, 2635 San Angelo Avenue, addressed the Council about the pool staff doing a tremendous job keeping the kids safe and following the rules, and requested for additional shade for the pool and to consider high quality umbrellas that can withstand the wind.

Rita Hardy, 2840 Azelea Ln, addressed the Council about the objection on the paving of the lot across the street from the Humble Center, the negative impact of a paved lot, green areas, and asked the Council to consider the drainage and loss of soil when paving.

Courtney Shane, 2181 Capeheart St., address the Council about the continuation of her comments from the previous council meeting, the misinformation about why the Chief of Police should have been fired a while ago, and spoke about the incident that happened in February 2023 at one of the schools and the concern for the time it took for the parents to be notified.

6. Staff Comments and Reports.

a. Council Comments and Reports.

Council Member Diehl stated that the Charter Review Committee needs members and is important for the City, this is a chance for the community to give quality of life, and needing a good cross section of the City to participate

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

Mayor Adame mentioned the Little League tournaments starting June 16-17, 2024, and the tournament taking place in July 2024.

c. Report on Farmers Market Day.

City Manager Lewis stated that there is some participation.

d. Report on AMI Meters.

Discussion held between Council Members and City Manager Lewis about the meters having an app to see water usage and any leaks for the property, needing the app to be more real time so citizens can see and monitor, and the app not being rolled out to all citizens, and that the businesses are still getting meters installed.

e. Report on Drainage Easements.

Discussion held between Council Members and City Manager Lewis about the equipment needed to clean the drainage easements out, and the Drainage District helping with the cleaning.

f. Report on after event N.O. Simmons fields restoration.

Discussion held between Council Members and City Manager Lewis about the events taking place on the fields and the damage they are causing, the staff having the funding to fix it, and the funding needing to be discussed with the next budget meeting.

g. Report on the relocation of a digital sign from the Humble Station Youth Center parking area to the intersection of 8th Street and SH1069.

Discussion held between Council Members and City Manager Lewis about the sign being located down the street from the Fire Department/Police Department, and the IDC still in the process of helping with the second sign being located at N.O. Simmons Park.

h. Report on TxDOT meeting regarding SH 200 and various other topics.

Discussion was held between Council Members and City Manager Lewis about the meeting with TxDOT representatives, and State Representative Senator LaMantia to discuss SH 200, the \$2M to help fund the project, the infrastructure bank, meeting with industries to help fund SH 200, not wanting the citizens to pay for a road that will not benefit them; HWY 361; safe routes to schools; street lighting programs; and the poles lost during Hurricane Harvey. Discussions will still continue on SH 200.

i. Report on current City of Ingleside Property Tax Exemptions.

Discussion was held between Council Members and City Manager Lewis about taxes from the City and the School District; two exemptions for Homestead Taxes: 65 years or older, and 50% disabled; the City could give up 20%, which would help those under Homestead; those who do not have Homestead would be paying the additional amount for those who do; and the sales tax to reduce the property tax.

j. Report on the Occupation Code Title 6. Regulation of Engineering, Architecture, Land Surveying, and related Practices Section 1001.053. Public Works, Section 1001.402 Enforcement by Certain Public Officials, and Section 1001.407 Construction of Certain Public Works.

Discussion was held between Council Members and City Manager Lewis about when a professional engineer is needed, the Engineering Act stating that you must have an engineer to review even if the contractor engineers the plans, with improvements needing an engineer, depending on the project and the requirements needed for the project, following the rules, repairs or upgrading on projects, routine maintenance, and statutory requirements.

Presentations

7. Proclamation to recognize National Pollinator Week June 17-34, 2024 in the City of Ingleside.

Mayor Adame presented the Proclamation for National Pollinator Week to the Ingleside Garden Club.

Consent Agenda

8. **Deliberate and take appropriate action on the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2024 and Special Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2024.**
9. **Deliberate and take appropriate action on a Resolution of the City of Ingleside, Texas finding that AEP Texas Inc.'s requested increase to its electric transmission and distribution rates and charges within the city should be denied; Finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; Finding that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; Requiring notice of this Resolution to the company and legal counsel.**

Proposed Resolution 2024-24.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

Public Hearing

No Public Hearing presented for this meeting.

Regular Agenda

10. **Deliberate and take appropriate action on a Resolution of the City Council of Ingleside, San Patricio County, Texas, appointing members to the Ingleside Development Corporation (4-B) Board of Directors.**

Proposed Resolution 2024-25.

Motion: Council Member John Salinas made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-25, a Resolution appointing members to the Ingleside Development Corporation Board of Directors, accepting the appointment for Dr. Steve Edlin. Council Member Diehl seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

11. **Deliberate and take appropriate action on a Resolution reconstituting the Investment Advisory Committee, outlining duties, and appointing members.**

Proposed Resolution 2024-26.

Discussion was held between Council Members and City Manager Lewis about designating a Council Member to the Committee, and the Committee meeting semi-annually.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-26 and to nominate Council Member Julio Salinas to the Investment Advisory Committee. Council Member John Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

12. **Deliberate and take appropriate action on first reading of an Ordinance amending the City of Ingleside, Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook, Section 11 – Drug and Alcohol Use Policy, 11.K. Tobacco Use Prohibited; Providing Effective Date, Reading, Severance, and Publication.**

Discussion held between Council Members and City Manager Lewis about the handbook matching the Code of Ordinances to 20 ft away from a door and/or a workable window for City public buildings.

Motion: Council Member Julio Salinas made a motion to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending the City of Ingleside, Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook, Section 11 – Drug and Alcohol Use Policy, 11.K. Tobacco Use Prohibited; Providing

Effective Date, Reading, Severance, and Publication. Council Member Pruitt seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

13. Deliberate and take appropriate action on first reading of an Ordinance amending Part II – City Code, Chapter 30 – Environment, Article V. – Air Pollution, Division 2. Smoking of the Ingleside Code of Ordinances; Providing Effective Date, Reading, Severance, and Publication.

Discussion was held between Council Members and City Manager Lewis about the ordinance mirroring the Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook, amending the motion to include “City Public Buildings,” and the definition of a building.

Motion: Council Member Julio Salinas made a motion to amend Sec. 30-153 (5) to Smoking is prohibited in any **City owned** public buildings in the City or within twenty (20) feet outdoors of any entrance or operable window of an enclosed area in which smoking is prohibited. Council Member Diehl seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

Motion: Council Member Julio Salinas made a motion to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending Part II – City Code, Chapter 30 – Environment, Article V. – Air Pollution, Division 2. Smoking of the Ingleside Code of Ordinances; Providing Effective Date, Reading, Severance, and Publication as amended. Council Member Diehl seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

14. Deliberate and take appropriate action on first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 34 – Fire Prevention and Protection, Ingleside Code of Ordinances and further providing for effective date, reading, severance, and publication.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis and Fire Marshal Miller about the Ordinance going before the Planning & Zoning Commission for input, and the Commission proposing two changes, having the Ordinance state adopted code would keep from having to go before Council each time the code changes, and to have a sentenced removed.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to amend Section 34-2 Sub-Section 307.1 from “... of the 2018 International Fire Code ...” to “... of adopted code ...;” and Section 34-3 Sub-Section E “**The fire marshal is hereby authorized to enter any building where the unlawful presence of fireworks is suspected to inspect the same for the presence of such fireworks**” be removed. Mayor Pro-Tem Long seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve the first reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 34 – Fire Prevention and Protection, Ingleside Code of Ordinances and further providing for effective date, reading, severance, and publication as amended. Mayor Adame seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

15. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the potential purchase of State-Owned Property located at SH 361 N, side, between Pen oak Ave. and Hackberry St. in Ingleside, San Patricio County, Texas.

Discussion was held between Council Members and City Manager about the purchase of the land, and recommending to deny the purchase.

Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Long made a motion to deny the potential purchase of State-Owned Property located at SH 361 N, side, between Pen oak Ave. and Hackberry St. in Ingleside, San Patricio County, Texas. Council Member John Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

16. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the playground fall material at Live Oak Park and repair of fall material at N.O. Simmons.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, and Director of Infrastructure Services Paredes about the dirt wearing out and the material being removed by the children, the fall material and the restrictions of the different materials, liability,

maintenance records for the height of the fall material, the quotes, swing set being moved back in and the restriction around the swing set, funds being available just need Council approval, going to Industry and/or Corporations to donate for these types of items, State law requirements, and the City not being responsible for poor decision making.

Motion: Council Member John Salinas made a motion to approve the proposed bid to Playgrounds Etc., in the amount of \$208,722.28. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

Executive Session

17. 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 Negotiation

At 8:05 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 Economic Development Negotiation.

18. 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 Negotiation

At 8:36 p.m. Mayor Adame reconvened the Ingleside City Council into a 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.

19. Items to consider for placement on future agendas.

Council Member John Salinas requested an update on the Cove Park project moving forward.

Mayor Adame request to have an update on the cleanup of Avenue C, with Code Compliance.

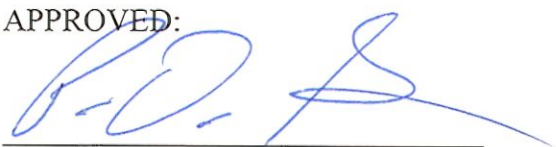
Mayor Adame would like to make sure all employees are staying hydrated while working outside.

Mayor Adame requested the audit for next Council meeting.

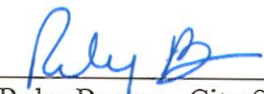
20. Adjourn Regular Meeting.

Mayor Adame adjourned the regular meeting of the City of Ingleside at 8:38 p.m.

APPROVED:


Pedro Oscar Adame, Mayor

ATTEST:


Ruby Beaven, City Secretary