

**CITY OF INGLESIDE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2024**

Opening Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order.

The Regular City Council Meeting of the City of Ingleside was called to order by Mayor Adame at 6:30 p.m. on October 22, 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 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.

Debby Ferrell, 132 Sunset, Ingleside on the Bay, addressed the Council about Project YaREN, Council is the last line of defense for the citizens, no evidence to show protection of the community just money for profit, and about the protection of wildlife, citizens and the community.

Bess Willis, 316 Inglewood, Ingleside on the Bay, addressed the Council about the carbon dioxide stored underground and being released into the air, and it leaks due to corrosion.

Ken Willis, 316 Inglewood, Ingleside on the Bay, addressed the Council about his concern with the water, the raw dredge silt, and building a berm.

Vicky Cook, 3009 Lakeview West Dr., addressed the Council about speaking on behalf of the Garden Club's Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Event, bluebonnet seeds spread along Highway 361, and need volunteers.

Cyndi Valdes, 809 Bayshore Dr., Ingleside on the Bay, addressed the Council about Project YaREN, safety, risks, hazards of ammonia, and giving facts for the info not received by presentors.

Brandi Robinson, 106 Bayshore Circle, Ingleside on the Bay, addressed the Council about the transparency page for the citizens comments section.

Charles Boone, 468 Sunset, Ingleside on the Bay, addressed the Council about Project YaREN, carbon capture, and information about the carbon permit.

Cindy Wilson, 2635 San Angelo, addressed the Council about trash and bulk pickup, wanting to know why a church was passed on, and asked when churches became residential.

Sarah Snodgrass, 1350 Indian Trail, addressed the Council about a plat on her land, city requirements for her property, Indian Trail needing to have the road fixed, tried to get water access, tap fees, and requested to be put back on the agenda.

Cindy Wilson, 2635 San Angelo, addressed the Council about spending tax money, and to consider the citizens.

Jack Mathis, 2475 Third Street, addressed the Council about drainage ditches along the street being too big and deep to mow them, and about Animal Control not picking up stray cats.

6. Staff Comments and Reports.

a. Council Comments and Reports.

No discussion was held on this matter.

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

No discussion was held on this matter.

c. City of Ingleside monthly financial report as of September 2024.

No discussion was held on this matter.

d. City of Ingleside expenditures paid over \$3,000.00 for the period of September 2024.

No discussion was held on this matter.

e. Tree City USA application renewal progress update for 2024.

City Manager Lewis informed City Council that they were ahead of schedule for the application, and that there is an Arbor Day event on November 1, 2024.

f. Fall Update and service reminders – Republic Services.

Mike Reeves, with Republic Services, addressed the Council about the fall update and services provided to the City. He also provided a 2025 calendar schedule for citizens.

Discussion was held between Council Members and Republic Services representative Mike Reeves on complaints of brush pick up, and Council Member Diehl's dissatisfaction on a church being considered "commercial" and not having bulk pickup. Representative Mike Reeves informed the Council that this was the first time hearing of the issue.

Representative Mike Reeves stated that he would work with City Manager Lewis to find a resolution. Mr. Reeves goes on to say a simple solution can be identified when communication is conveyed to him.

Further discussion was held between Council Members and Republic Services representative Mike Reeves about the Sharps Program, the increase in brush and bulk pick up, loose waste will cause trash on streets, able to get a second trash can for holidays, brush being able to fit in trash can should go in there, where to put brush and bulk in yards, churches being zoned as commercial and should have trash pickup, and revisiting the contract.

Presentations

7. Introduction of Bernard Rodriguez the new Director of Development Services.

Bernard Rodriguez addressed the Council and introduced himself as the new Director of Development Services.

8. Proclamation to recognize Arbor Day in the City of Ingleside.

Mayor Adame presented a Proclamation to Director of Infrastructure Services Paredes, and proclaimed November 1, 2024 as Arbor Day.

Consent Agenda

Agenda Items 10 and 11 were pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved into the Regular Agenda for separate discussion.

9. Deliberate and take appropriate action to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,500 from OxyChem for supplies for the Christmas Tree Lighting event at N.O. Simmons Park.

12. Deliberate and take appropriate action on Special Use Permit for Ingleside Fire and Rescue Fall Festival at Live Oak Park to be held November 9th, 2024.

13. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 07, 2024.

Motion: Council Member Pruitt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda excluding Items 10 and 11 which were removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion. Council Member John Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

Public Hearing

There was no Public Hearing presented for this meeting.

Regular Agenda

10. Deliberate and take appropriate action to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,500.00 from the Enbridge Fueling Futures Grant in support of Fire Hose Replacement for the City of Ingleside Volunteer Fire Department.

Council Member Diehl pulled from Consent Agenda to discuss the approval of the donation from Enbridge as an entity to help support our community.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to accept a donation in the amount of \$2,500.00 from the Enbridge Fueling Futures Grant in support of Fire Hose Replacement for the City of Ingleside Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Adame seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

11. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the first and only reading of an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget for the City of Ingleside, Texas, for the General Fund for appropriation of donations for the Non-Departmental Department and the Volunteer Fire Department.

Proposed Ordinance 2024-27.

No discussion was held on this item.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-27, an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget for the City of Ingleside, Texas, for the General Fund for appropriation of donations for the Non-Departmental Department and the Volunteer Fire Department. Council Member Pruitt seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

14. Deliberate and take appropriate action on a property owner's request for relief and refund from the interest debt paid on the liens for the property described as Property ID #39323; Legal Description: GARDEN OAKS SUBD UNIT NO 5 LOT 1, 2.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, and property owner Zach Lee about the property changing hands with liens and accrued interest; firm with back taxes; changes to go before Council; for forgiveness, brought to City's attention on September 6th when the owner was trying to sell the property; the liens have been paid by current owner in order to sell the property; and setting the precedence for others if liens/interest was forgiven.

No Action Taken.

15. Deliberate and take appropriate action on an agreement between the City of Ingleside and the Ingleside Soccer League for the use of the soccer fields at N.O Simmons Park.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, Director of Infrastructure Services Paredes and Texas Coast Youth Soccer League President Crain about trying to move the soccer fields, the need for a water well when in water restrictions, walk throughs before and after events until venues are moved, Mr. Crain mowing and lining the fields himself, and possibly getting industry to help pay for soccer fields out at Live Oak Park.

Motion: Council Member Julio Salinas made a motion to approve an agreement between the City of Ingleside and the Ingleside Soccer League for the use of the soccer fields at N.O Simmons Park. Council Member John Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

16. Deliberate and take appropriate action to provide a 30-day notice to Meeder Public Funds, Inc., doing business as Patterson Associates and its applicable affiliates to terminate all services.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, and Director of Finance Vela about the issues with the business, and the need for investments to be monitored closely.

Motion: Council Member John Salinas made a motion to approve the 30-day notice to Meeder Public Funds, Inc., doing business as Patterson Associates and its applicable affiliates to terminate all services. Mayor Pro-Tem Long 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 551.071 Consultation with Attorney regarding Cause No. 20-CV-12256 Ken Baker vs City of Ingleside

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 551.071 Consultation with Attorney regarding Cause No. 20-CV-12256 Ken Baker vs City of Ingleside

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 551.071 Consultation with Attorney regarding Cause No. 20-CV-12256 Ken Baker vs City of Ingleside

At 8:50 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

Closing Agenda

19. Items to consider for placement on future agendas.

Council Member Diehl requested a comprehensive update on Project YaREN, and would like to see representatives present, and possibly hold the meeting at the Humble Center.

Council Member Diehl requested that the Transparency page on the website be looked at.

Council Member Diehl requested that the City spreads the word about Sharps Kits for insulin.

Council Member Diehl thanked Director of Infrastructure Services Paredez about the fiberoptics, and handling citizen complaints well.

Council Member Diehl thank City Secretary Beaven for her time with the City.

Council Member Wilson requested that the dumpster at the end of the parking lot get cleaned and mowed around.

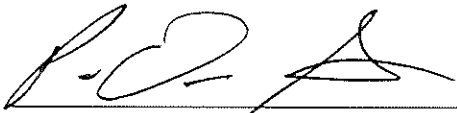
Council Member John Salinas requested an update on the RFQ for Cove Park.

Mayor Adame thanked City Secretary Beaven for her time with the City.

20. Adjourn.

Mayor Adame adjourned the regular meeting of the City of Ingleside at 8:57 p.m.

APPROVED:


Pedro Oscar Adame, Mayor

ATTEST:


Ruby Beaven, City Secretary