

City of Ingleside
Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
February 8, 2022
6:30 pm

1. Call Meeting to Order

The Regular City Council Meeting on February 8, 2022 was called to order at 6:30 p.m., with Mayor Ronnie Parker presiding.

2. Roll Call

Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Diehl, Pruitt, Wilson, Shack, Tucker, Salinas and Mayor Parker. There were approximately (5) citizens and (8) employees in attendance.

3. Invocation

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Citizens Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Presentations:

6. Presentation of the 2021 Police Department Racial Profiling Report.

Tammy Burr, City of Ingleside Chief of Police, presented to Council the 2021 Police Department Racial Profiling Report, commenting that there have been no racial profiling complaints against the department.

Action Items:

7. Discussion, consideration and action regarding the Little League from Victor Moreno, Ingleside Little League President.

A video was presented to Council showing Live Oak Baseball fields in action on February 29 & 30, 2021 Softball Tournament.

Victor Moreno, newly elected Ingleside Little League President, 2997 Westlake Dr., commented with an update to Council on the status of the Little League of Ingleside. Mr. Moreno commented that the league is looking for a partnership with the City in regards to the field maintenance and adjusting contact. The league would like a limited contact of four months with contact hours of 4:00 p.m. to

10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Including opening the fields to the public when the league is not utilizing the fields, the contract be joint with all leagues within the City, for each league to present insurance paperwork to the City for accountability and help with maintenance issues. Mr. Moreno commented that there are some issues with the fields that the City needs to address, electrical issues at the concessions stands, sewage smell and backups in the restrooms, dog feces on the fields, safety netting to protect the concessions stand and no shade at the bleachers.

Councilmember Diehl, recommends a joint contract with all leagues, an Intercity Sports Committee, and coordination with City staff for maintenance of the fields. Councilmember Diehl directed Linnette Barker, City Manager, to research the issues regarding the fields.

Councilmember Wilson, inquired why the shade structures have not been installed. Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented that the shade company is working on an alternate plan for installation, due to electrical lines crossing the area that the poles for the shades are needing to be placed.

Councilmember Pruitt, commented that the field maintenance should be the responsibility of all the leagues using the fields, the Little League should not be the sole entity providing maintenance. Victor Moreno, Ingleside Little League President, commented that the Little League is the only league that has a contract with the City and it is open to the public when not in use by the Little League.

Abel Salazar, Mustang Intermediate Softball (MIS), 2141 Fogg Ave., commented that the MIS team uses the fields for practice and tournaments and that team players and parents do regular maintenance on the fields for use. Over the weekend a tournament was held on the fields, it was very successful with a turnout of over 500 people in attendance. Mr. Salazar, commented that he would be interested in volunteering for the Intercity Sports Committee if one was formed.

Councilmember Tucker, thanked Mr. Moreno and Mr. Salazar for their time and commitment to the children of Ingleside and their hard work on the fields. Councilmember Tucker, recommended that a check off list be created to help with maintenance issues.

Councilmember Schack, commented that the City needs to take some of the responsibility for the maintenance, to include mowing, weed eating and removal of dog feces.

Mayor Parker, commented that the City needs to install "No animals allowed on fields and must be on a leash" signage at the fields, to allow animal control to issue citations.

Councilmember Schack, Thanked Mr. Moreno and Mr. Salazar for the commitment and that the City should take some of the burden off of the leagues with maintenance.

Courtney Hennessey, 2008 Tiner Lane, commented that these fields are needed for the children of the City.

Councilmember Tucker, commented that the City should budget more money for fertilizing the fields next fiscal year and if needed take from discretionary funds for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Mr. Moreno requested adding batting cages at the Live Oak Park fields.

Councilmember Diehl, requested staff to research the 4B Funds and corporate funding for park improvements.

Oscar Adame, 2747 Ave. E, commented that City employees have done maintenance on the fields in the past.

8. Discussion, consideration and action regarding the approval of a Special Use Permit with alcohol consumption, to allow the Ingleside Fire Rescue Association to hold a fishing tournament at Cove Park on February 25 and 26, 2022.

Jacob Atcher, Assistant Chief Ingleside Fire Department, 2947 Lovers Lane, commented the Ingleside Fire Rescue Association is requesting a Special Use Permit to hold a fishing tournament on February 25 and 26, 2022 at Cove Park. The fishing tournament has been held in the past, however, the turnout for this year's event is expected to be lower than in the past. The alcohol is donated to the Association and will be provided free of charge to the participants and not sold. The tournament is a fund-raising event for the Association.

Councilmember Wilson, inquired about the City's responsibility at Cove Park, the park is not owned by the City. Mayor Parker, commented that the City does lease the park and responsibility would fall under the City.

Councilmember Tucker, made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Diehl, to approve the Special Use Permit with alcohol consumption, to allow the Ingleside Fire Rescue Association to hold a fishing tournament at Cove Park on February 25 and 26, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion, consideration and action regarding an Ordinance amending Chapter 1 – General Provision, Section 1-14. – General Penalty for Violations of Code, Ingleside Code of Ordinances and Providing for Effective Date, Reading, Severance, and Publication. (First Reading)

Tammy Burr, City of Ingleside Chief of Police, commented that the Ordinance would bring definition to the Code Enforcement Official and give authority to the official to issue citations.

Mayor Parker, inquired on the licensing status of all the City Code Enforcement Officers. Tammy Burr, Ingleside Chief of Police, commented that the City currently only has one officer, Jarrod Boudreaux, officer in training. Chief Burr, commented that according to the occupation code of TDLR, Officer Boudreaux is allowed to act as a Code Enforcement Official if he is supervised by another Code Enforcement Officer with 1+ years' experience, which the City has in place with a neighboring agency.

Councilmember Schack, questioned Linnette Barker, City Manager, what the definition of probable cause, not seen by a public right of way, that would lead to a violation. Ms. Barker commented that the officer would not enter a residence without probable cause, giving an example of a not seen situation. Jarrod Boudreaux, City of Ingleside Code Enforcement Officer, commented with an example of probable cause of not seen. Councilmember Schack, commented that those examples do not explain not seen, this Ordinance would give a Code Enforcement Officer the right to search a citizen's

residence. Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented that entering a residence must be done with an administrative search warrant, that a Judge must issue.

Councilmember Salinas, inquired about where the verbiage of the Ordinance was obtained. Jarrod Boudreaux, City of Ingleside Code Enforcement Officer, commented that language came from the City of Corpus Christi, with minor changes to fit the City of Ingleside.

Councilmember Diehl, made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Salinas, to table Ordinance amending Chapter 1 – General Provision, Section 1-14. – General Penalty for Violations of Code, Ingleside Code of Ordinances and Providing for Effective Date, Reading, Severance, and Publication. (First Reading) The motion passed unanimously.

10. Discussion, consideration and action regarding an Ordinance amending Chapter 14 – Animal Control, Article V. Care and Keeping of Animals, Section 14-50. – Animal Care, Ingleside Code of Ordinances and Providing for Effective Date, Reading, Severance, and Publication. (First Reading)

Tammy Burr, City of Ingleside Chief of Police, commented that the Ordinance would be in conjunction with the law that was recently passed by the State of Texas regarding the chaining of dogs outside. The state law did not include a section covering extreme weather conditions, adding the Ordinance would cover extreme weather conditions. Neighboring cities have added an extreme weather conditions Ordinance to their cities and staff is recommending that Ingleside also add the Ordinance for more stringency to the state law.

Councilmember Schack, commented that adding this Ordinance would make many citizens in violation of the Ordinance if they have a dog that refuses to come inside the house in any weather condition.

Councilmember Tucker, commented that adding this Ordinance is in the best interest of the City, citizens should be held accountable for not caring for their pet, an animal is a living creature and should be cared for properly. Leaving an animal outside in freezing weather or extreme heat conditions is not proper care.

Councilmember Diehl, commented that adding the Ordinance would be beneficial to the City and thanked the Ingleside Police Department and Animal Control for getting the word out regarding the state law on chaining animals.

Oscar Adame, 2747 Ave. E, commented that adding the Ordinance would hurt the citizens that have dogs that do not like to come inside in inclement weather and owners that do not want dogs inside the house.

Councilmember Salinas, commented that the state law should be followed, however adding the Ordinance is not in the best interest of the citizens.

Councilmember Salinas, made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Schack, to take no action on the Ordinance amending Chapter 14 – Animal Control, Article V. Care and Keeping of Animals, Section 14-50. – Animal Care, Ingleside Code of Ordinances and Providing for Effective Date, Reading, Severance, and Publication and follow state law only. The motion failed with Councilmembers Diehl,

Schack and Salinas voting aye and Councilmembers Pruitt, Wilson, Tucker and Mayor Parker voting nay.

Councilmember Tucker, made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pruitt to approve Ordinance amending Chapter 14 – Animal Control, Article V. Care and Keeping of Animals, Section 14-50. – Animal Care, Ingleside Code of Ordinances and Providing for Effective Date, Reading, Severance, and Publication by striking the word “effective” on Section 14-50 (5) (A). The motion passed with Councilmembers Diehl, Pruitt, Tucker and Mayor Parker voting aye, Councilmembers Schack and Salinas voting nay and Councilmember Wilson abstaining from the vote. (First Reading)

11. Discussion, consideration and action regarding the award of bid for the Fire Department Bay Heater Replacement.

Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented that prior to the budget process, staff was unaware that the Bay Heaters at the Fire Department were not working. The City held a bid process, received one bid for the replacement of the heaters, with options of replacing four heaters now and two at a later date or replacing all six heaters at once. Staff is recommending all six heaters be replaced at the same time to save on installation costs. The Fire Department building maintenance fund has an available balance to cover the cost of four heaters and the remaining would be covered by the facilities maintenance fund. The heaters are original to the building and all six heaters are not working.

Councilmember Diehl, made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Schack, to approve the award of bid for the Fire Department Bay Heater Replacement. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Discussion, consideration and action regarding the bid evaluation for the Garden Center Exterior and Interior Renovation.

Linnette Barker, City Manager, commented that the City held a bid process for both the exterior and the interior portions of the building, two bids were received for each project, one within budget limits and the other bid was way above budget limits. The renovations were approved during the budget process.

Councilmember Diehl, requested as the project moves forward to update Council with the costs of the project.

Mayor Parker, requested that the contractor use commercial grade materials on the project and foam insulation used.

Councilmember Schack, requested the beams of the structure be sand blasted and coat beams for moisture.

Councilmember Salinas, made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Diehl, to approve the bids for the Garden Center Exterior and Interior Renovation. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Discussion, consideration and action regarding the approval of the Regular City Council Minutes dated January 11, 2022 and the Regular City Council Minutes dated January 25, 2022.

Councilmember Schack, made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Pruitt, to approve the Regular City Council Minutes dated January 11, 2022 and the Regular City Council Minutes dated January 25, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session:

14. Closed Executive Session, Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, to discuss, deliberate and consider the following items: City Manager Performance Evaluation, Contract Amendment 1, City Manager Goals and other Personnel Matters.

Mayor Parker closed the Regular City Council Meeting at 8:39 p.m. to proceed to Executive Session.

Mayor Parker closed the Executive Session at 9:44 p.m. to proceed to the Regular City Council Meeting.

Action Items:

15. Discussion, consideration, and action of the item(s) discussed in Executive Session.

No action taken.

Other:

16. Reports from Staff:

- a) Expenditures over \$3000
- b) Monthly Financials
- c) Other Updates

Councilmember Salinas, requested City Street Projects be added to the Gant Chart.

17. Requests from Council

Councilmember Tucker, requested staff to thank TxDOT for the wonderful work they are doing on the sidewalks around the City.

Councilmember Diehl, requested staff to help out with the Little League contract and implementation of an Ingleside Sports Committee.

Councilmember Salinas, requested staff to address N.O. Simmons Park and Soccer League needs.

18. Adjourn

The Regular City Council Meeting held on February 8, 2022, was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.



APPROVED:



Ronnie Parker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Evanne Higgins, Interim City Secretary