

**CITY OF INGLESIDE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 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 January 23, 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, Mayor Pro-Tem Tracy Long, Julio Salinas, and Mayor Adame.

Council Members Absent: John Salinas

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

Patrick Nye, 1018 Bayshore Dr, Ingleside on the Bay, addressed the Council about Enbridge's water rights permit, a public hearing that is taking place on February 29, the water permit being used for industrial purposes but isn't limited to, and asked if there was an emergency plan in place since that is important to have when it comes to the industrial plants.

Charles Boone, 468 Sunset, Ingleside on the Bay, addressed the Council about Council Member Diehl's request about the current Objectionable Use Permit being added to a future agenda and asked when it will be added to the agenda, and requested a meeting with the City Manager to speak with the City Attorney in regard to the current Objectionable Use Permit.

Vicky Cook, 3009 Lakeview West Dr., addressed the Council about her involvement in getting the City of Ingleside in the Texas State Travel Guide, and requested that the Council look into expanding the City Library as it is getting too small.

Martha Habluetzel, 3508 Avenue A, addressed the Council about the traffic on FM 1069 and Highway 361.

Teresa Flores, 2586 Avenue A, addressed the Council about wanting to thank the Ingleside Police Department for ensuring that the children were safe during drop off on Tuesday morning after a threat Monday afternoon, and asked when a second School Resource Officer was going to be added.

6. Staff Comments and Reports

A. Notice of Eligibility – Regional Mitigation Program Application 2022-100277-RMP.

City Manager Lewis informed the Council about having applied for the MIT-MOD Grant Funding, receiving Notice of Eligibility, proceeding with development, and stated that we do have to meet certain requirements. City Manager Lewis stated that City Staff are looking at the other side of City Hall for development.

B. Update on the timing of the traffic light at the intersection of FM 1069 & SH 361.

Director of Infrastructure Services Paredes updated the Council about TxDOT adjusting the timing of the light at the intersection, especially during heavy traffic flow.

C. Update on the removal of sand-burrs/grass-burrs from N. O. Simmons soccer fields.

Director of Infrastructure Services Paredes updated the Council about the sand-burrs and grass-burrs being removed from the soccer fields at N. O. Simmons park, but now there is an issue with rocks and shells after the scraping was done. President of the Texas Coast Youth Soccer League thanked the City for what was completed, and that the league has adjusted to make sure no children get hurt on the fields.

Council Member Diehl requested an update on the water meters. City Manager Lewis stated that installation of the water meters was at 44%, the meters are performing like they should, and that they are reading every ounce of water being used.

7. Council Comments and Reports

No Council Comments and Reports presented for this meeting.

Presentations

8. Introduction of Tommy Saucedo the new Director of Information Technology.

Tommy Saucedo addressed the Council and introduced himself as the new Director of Information Technology.

Consent Agenda

Agenda Item 13 was pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved in to the Regular Agenda for separate discussion.

9. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the second and final reading of an Ordinance amending Ingleside Code of Ordinances Chapter 62-Traffic and Vehicles, Article IV, Division 2 – Truck Routes, Section 62-102 established and providing for effective date, reading, severance, and publication.

Proposed as Ordinance 2024-01

10. Deliberate and take appropriate action on a Resolution of the City of Ingleside, Texas finding that the Statement of Intent of Centerpoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a Centerpoint Energy Entex and Centerpoint Energy to change rates filing 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 as Resolution 2024-13.

11. Deliberate and take appropriate on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Standards of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy as required by the US Treasury.

12. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the acceptance of Grant Funds in the amount of \$22,000 from Keep Texas Beautiful through a grant from HEB to be used for the City of Ingleside Recycling Center.

Motion: Council Member Pruitt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda excluding Item 13 which was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion. Mayor Pro-Tem Long seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

Executive Session

No Executive Session presented for this meeting.

Public Hearing

No Public Hearing presented for this meeting.

Regular Agenda

13. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the Special Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2024 and Regular Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2024.

Discussion was held between Council Members and City Manager Lewis about the Special Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2024, and how they wanted specific verbiage that was said during the meeting to be in the minutes.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to table the approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2024, for verbiage to be added. Mayor Adame seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2024. Mayor Adame seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

14. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the decision made by San Patricio County appraisal District in regards to the Port of Texas, LLC property tax refund.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis and Director of Finance Vela about the land being owned by the Port of Texas, LLC, the documents filed to the San Patricio County Appraisal District, documentation going back five (5) years, the area in question being behind the Middle School and High School, the Planning and Zoning Commission labeling it as industrial after temporarily being labeled residential, not going before the Appraisal Review Board, the reduction of the property value resulted in a tax refund, effects the City, schools and other industries inside City limits.

Debra Sanders, 3076 Avenue A; Courtney Shane, 2181 Capeheart; and Marth Habluetzel, 3508 Avenue A addressed the Council with questions regarding the item being discussed to better understand the significance of the property tax refund. Council Members addressed the citizen comments to City Manager Lewis, who was able to answer the questions that were asked.

Motion: Mayor Adame made a motion for the City Manager to continue research efforts on the decision made by San Patricio County appraisal District in regards to the Port of Texas, LLC property tax refund. Council Member Pruitt seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

Mayor Pro-Tem Long stepped away from the dais.

15. Deliberate and take appropriate action on a Resolution authorizing the City of Ingleside, TX to submit an application to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the License Plate Reader Project Grant, FY2025.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, and Police Chief Burr about the two (2) year project for five (5) plate readers, and not having to match funds with the grant.

Motion: Mayor Adame made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-14 as presented, a Resolution authorizing the City of Ingleside, TX to submit an application to the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office, Criminal Justice Division for the License Plate

Reader Project Grant, FY2025. Council Member Diehl seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

For Motion: Council Member Diehl, Council Member Wilson, Council Member Pruitt, Council Member Julio Salinas, and Mayor Adame

Against Motion: None

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Long (stepped away from the dais)

Mayor Pro-Tem Long returned to the dais.

16. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the first reading of an Ordinance amending Ingleside Code of Ordinances Chapter 14-Animal Control and Animals, Article I – In General, Article II – Prohibitions, Enforcement and Penalties, Article III – Licenses and Permits and Administrative Procedures, Article IV – Animal and Rabies Control, Article V – Care and Keeping of Animals, Article VI – Beekeeping and providing for effective date, reading, severance, and publication.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, Police Chief Burr, and Animal Control Officer Otwell about the Ordinance, having issues within city limits, having the Ordinance in line with State Laws, which animals would need to have a permit by citizens, and Council wanting citizen input on the Ordinance.

Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Long made a motion to table the first reading of an Ordinance amending Ingleside Code of Ordinances Chapter 14-Animal Control and Animals, Article I – In General, Article II – Prohibitions, Enforcement and Penalties, Article III – Licenses and Permits and Administrative Procedures, Article IV – Animal and Rabies Control, Article V – Care and Keeping of Animals, Article VI – Beekeeping and providing for effective date, reading, severance, and publication to the first Regular Council Meeting in March 2024. Council Member Julio Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-1.

For Motion: Council Member Diehl, Council Member Wilson, Council Member Pruitt, and Council Member Julio Salinas

Against Motion: Mayor Adame

17. Deliberate and take appropriate action on authorizing the first annual City of Ingleside Citizens Academy.

Discussion was held between Council Members and City Manager Lewis about the City of Ingleside Citizens Academy, the requirements to be a part of the Academy, the program lasting eight (8) weeks, and the hope to bring forth to the school in the future.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve the authorization of the first annual City of Ingleside Citizens Academy. Council Member Pruitt seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

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

- A. Ingleside Library Seed Swap, February 2024
- B. Ingleside State of the City 2024, Ingleside, February 15
- C. Texas Pride Mixer, Ingleside, February 21
- D. San Patricio County Career Expo & Job Fair, Sinton, February 29
- E. Trashion Fashion Show, Ingleside, February 29
- F. TxDot Public Hearing, Gregory, March 5
- G. TML Midyear Conference, San Marcos, March 14-15
- H. Ingleside Round Up Days, March 22-24
- I. Crawfish Cook-Off, Ingleside, April 19-20

19. Items to consider for placement on future agendas.

Mayor Adame asked Staff about a Sport Fields Committee.

Mayor Adame asked Staff about IDC Grant Signage.

Council Member Diehl asked Staff about the Beautification Committee.

Council Member Diehl asked Staff for an RFQ for Professional Firms.

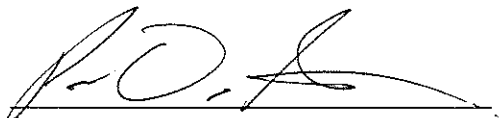
Council Member Julio Salinas asked Staff to look into second School Resource Officer.

Council Member Julio Salinas asked Staff to reach out to TxDOT about the traffic and highway load, and about SH 200.

20. Adjourn.

Mayor Adame adjourned the regular meeting of the City of Ingleside at 9:11 p.m.

APPROVED:


Pedro Oscar Adame, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jana Stork, Assistant City Secretary