

**CITY OF INGLESIDE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 12, 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 12, 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, and Mayor Adame.

Council Members Absent: Julio 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

Barbara Gregg, 2809 Main Street, addressed the Council about Round Up Days, presented a commercial video, and handed out flyers.

Vicky Cook, 3009 Lakeview West Dr., addressed the Council about the Seed Exchange during the month of February, and how the community and businesses got involved with the exchange.

6. Staff Comments and Reports

A. Report on the Draft City of Ingleside Drainage Master Plan as presented by Freese & Nichols.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis and Sarah West from Freese & Nichols about having a good drainage plan helps promote future development, projects ranked in the plan on page ES-2, the criteria scoring for each project, and using plain language for everyone to understand.

B. Update on TCEQ Required Notice.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, and Director of Infrastructure Services Paredez about the notice being sent out to all citizens, testing being done between June and September of 2022, and 20 out of 40 samples being rejected by TCEQ.

C. City of Ingleside monthly financial report as of January 2024.

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

7. Council Comments and Reports

No Council Comments and Reports presented for this meeting.

Presentations

8. Proclamation to recognize Vicky Cook Day in the City of Ingleside.

Mayor Adame presented a Proclamation and proclaimed March 13, 2024, as “Vicky Cook Day.”

Consent Agenda

9. Deliberate and take appropriate action on a first and only reading of an Ordinance amending the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget for the City of Ingleside, Texas, for the General Fund for appropriation of the donation for the Recycling Department.

Proposed as Ordinance 2024-02.

10. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2024.

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

Mayor Adame requested that Agenda Items 13, 14, 15 and 18 all be moved before Executive Session.

Executive Session

11. 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 – Update on ongoing industry and retail negotiations.**
- B. Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney.**

At 7:21 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, and Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney.

12. 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.**

At 7:34 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.

Public Hearing

No Public Hearing presented for this meeting.

Regular Agenda

13. Deliberate and take appropriate action on an agreement between the City of Ingleside and the Ingleside Little League Association for the use of the Bennie Diegel Baseball Complex.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, Director of Infrastructure Services Paredez, and Ingleside Little League Association President Victor Moreno about insurance, field maintenance, season beginning on March 23, changing the contract from six (6) months to a year, begin early negotiations for the following years contracts, standardizing the contract beginning October 1 when budget starts over, 4-7 year olds can choose where to play beginning 2025, Little League having volunteers maintain the field maintenance, and the Little League storing their concession equipment in the concession stands.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to have the agreement signed by all parties, with a contract date of March 12, 2024 to December 31, 2024. Council Member John Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

14. 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, and Director of Infrastructure Services Paredez about the Texas Coast Youth Soccer League using N. O. Simmons Park for the season, insurance, and having concessions in the agreement when it comes to City events.

Motion: Mayor Adame made a motion to approve the Facility Use Agreement with the Texas Coast Youth Soccer League, as presented. Council Member John Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

15. Deliberate and take appropriate action on an agreement between the City of Ingleside and the ~~Ingleside Softball Association~~ Mustang Infinite Softball for use of the Faith Park Baseball Complex.

Discussion was held between the Council Members, City Manager Lewis, Director of Infrastructure Services Paredez, and Mustang Infinite Softball President Abel Salazar about insurance, the league not being a closed membership, and if it would interfere with the walking trail, which it would not.

Motion: Council Member John Salinas made a motion to approve the Facility Use Agreement with Mustang Infinite Softball, as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Long seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

16. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the final change order for the Houghton Drainage Improvements Project.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, and Director of Infrastructure Services Paredez about the grant received, needing all documentation filed before getting reimbursement, items being addressed right now to be completed on time, street repair, and having a final walk through.

Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Long made a motion to accept the final change order for the Houghton Drainage Improvements Project. Council Member Pruitt seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

17. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the final pay application for the Houghton Drainage Improvements Project.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, and Director of Infrastructure Services Paredez about closing out the project besides the final walkthrough.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve the final pay application for the Houghton Drainage Improvements Project. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

- 18. Deliberate and take appropriate action on a Resolution of the City of Ingleside suspending the April 4, 2024 effective date of AEP Texas Inc.'s requested rate changing to permit the city time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; Approving cooperation with the cities served by AEP Texas and authorizing intervention in AEP Texas Inc.'s requested rate change proceedings before the commission; Hiring Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys and Consulting Services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; Requiring reimbursement of cities' rate case expenses; 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.**

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, and AEP Representative Daniel about the Resolution presented to Council, and action needing to be done before April 4, 2024.

Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Long made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-15 as presented, a Resolution of the City of Ingleside suspending the April 4, 2024 effective date of AEP Texas Inc.'s requested rate changing to permit the city time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; Approving cooperation with the cities served by AEP Texas and authorizing intervention in AEP Texas Inc.'s requested rate change proceedings before the commission; Hiring Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys and Consulting Services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; Requiring reimbursement of cities' rate case expenses; 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. Council Member John Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

- 19. Deliberate and take appropriate action to authorize the City Manager to begin discussions with Able City to develop a scope of work and associated cost to update the City of Ingleside's Comprehensive Master Plan.**

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, and Interim Building Official Delauro to begin negotiations with Able City, the Comprehensive Master Plan needing to be updated every five (5) years, understanding that the Comprehensive Master Plan is a living document, and how it affects everybody in the community.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to authorize the City Manager to begin discussions with Able City to develop a scope of work and associated cost to update the City of Ingleside's Comprehensive Master Plan. Mayor Adame seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

- 20. Deliberate and take appropriate action to send a team to Austin to talk about various City of Ingleside projects including the proposed SH 200 project.**

Discussion was held between Council Members and City Manager Lewis about sending a team to Austin to discuss various City projects, having a plan in place before going up there, and giving the Council a good briefing before the team goes to Austin.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to authorize the City Manager, Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem to put together a definitive trip with questions and presentations at their discretion and upon completion of the evolution to be brought back to Council. Council Member Pruitt seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

- 21. Tabled 02/13/2024 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 about tabling the Agenda Item to the next Council Meeting, that way all parties can get together to discuss possible changes.

Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Long made a motion to table the Agenda Item until the next Council Meeting on March 26, 2024. Mayor Adame seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

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

- A. San Patricio County Adult Literacy Raffle, March 17
- B. Ingleside Round Up Days, March 22-24
- C. Ingleside Parks & Recreation Flashlight Egg Hunt, March 22
- D. Ingleside Parks & Recreation Sensory Sensitive Egg Hunt, March 23
- E. Ingleside VFW Easter Egg Hunt, Ingleside, March 30
- F. Crawfish Cook-Off, Ingleside, April 19-20
- G. Smokin' tires & Light'n Fires, Ingleside, May 31 – June 1
- H. Best of the Bay Fishing Tournament Scholarship Fundraiser, Ingleside, July 26-27

23. Items to consider for placement on future agendas.

Mayor Adame asked Staff on an update about the approved software.

24. Adjourn.

Mayor Adame adjourned the regular meeting of the City of Ingleside at 8:01 p.m.

APPROVED:



Pedro Oscar Adame, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ruby Beaven, City Secretary