

**CITY OF INGLESIDE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12, 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 November 12, 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.

Sarah Crumbley, 2476 Henrietta, addressed the Council about Project YaREN, commentary from Project YaREN, information center hours are not friendly for citizens during their hours of operation, and would like to see them help pay for roads and sidewalks in the City.

Gary Paredez, 2671 San Angelo Ave, addressed the Council about employees who had to work on a wastewater main line break near the railroad, and wanted to recognize the employees and thank Councilman John Salinas, Mayor Adame, and City Manager Lewis for their support out at the main line break. Employees recognized: Benjamin Hernandez, Alex Conde, Gerald Lewis, Jorge Garcia, Jeremy Morris, Roger Guerrero, Julian Adame, Raymond Burke, Tito Mata, and John Witt.

Debby Ferrell, 132 Sunset, Ingleside on the Bay, addressed the Council about the letter for air monitor request, wetlands, stopping the ammonia plant, and maintaining a friendly city if the quality of life is impacted.

Charles Boone, 468 Sunset, Ingleside on the Bay, addressed the Council about the support from the City at the Ingleside on the Bay Trunk or Treat, fixing the citizens comments about YaREN on the City's website, air quality monitors, and looking forward to the meeting in December to hear from YaREN representatives.

6. Staff Comments and Reports.

a. Council Comments and Reports.

Council Members wanted to thank the employees who worked on the line break with no complaints, citizens' complaints were handled professionally and proficiently and the extra expense to repair the line since it is under the railroad.

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

No discussion was held on this matter.

c. Report on Wastewater Treatment Plant Construction Bids.

Discussion was held between Council Members and City Manager Lewis about the bid opening, not receiving any bids, will be going out for bids again in January 2025, sub-contractors not being able to find main contractors for bid, unincumbered money, TCEQ mandated project, and reaching out to companies to inform them of upcoming bid dates.

d. Report on Ingleside Little League donation request.

City Manager Lewis informed City Council that the donation to the Ingleside Little League is done every year and incorporated into the budget, and this year's request is \$2,500.

e. Report on Vessel Turn In Program.

City Manager Lewis informed City Council about the Vessel Turn In Program, Economic Development and Code Compliance employees were out there, and having nine (9) vessels turned in.

f. Report on letter from San Patricio Municipal Water District concerning rate increase.

Discussion was held between Council Members and City Manager Lewis about the rate increase being covered in the budget that the Council passed, and the impact of the ability to do projects.

Request from Council for staff to bring back an agenda item to show the impact on the water rate increase.

Presentations

7. Proclamation designating Ingleside as a Tourism Friendly City in the Tourism Friendly Texas Certified Community Program.

Mayor Adame presented a Proclamation for "Ingleside is a Tourism Friendly City."

Consent Agenda

8. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2024.

9. Deliberate and take appropriate action on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Ingleside, San Patricio County, State of Texas authorizing and designating the official signatures of the City of Ingleside for banking and depository services.

Proposed Resolution 2024-48.

Motion: Council Member Pruitt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. 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 provide direction by Council, (i.e. the procedure of the meeting, intent of the item for the December meeting, etc), with regards to the upcoming Agenda item regarding a comprehensive update on the YaREN Ammonia Project for the 10 December 2024 Council Meeting.

Discussion was held between Council Members and City Manager Lewis about the meeting being held at Humble Station Community Center with overflow at City Hall; citizens having three (3) minutes to speak and comments to Council not the presenter; presentation of what is being put out to the community; wanting to hear from all citizens and school board representatives not just Ingleside on the Bay citizens; Council decision does impact those outside city limits; the citizen comment page on the City website; and putting personal feelings aside.

No Action Taken

11. Deliberate and take appropriate action to authorize the Mayor to execute a letter for a request for installation of regulatory air monitoring stations in San Patricio and Aransas Counties.

Discussion was held between Council Members and City Manager Lewis about the letter to request more air monitor stations in San Patricio and Aransas County, brought to the Mayor's Coalition, location of the monitors, cities getting the reports, and who is interpreting the reports.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute a letter for a request for installation of regulatory air monitoring stations in San Patricio and Aransas Counties. Mayor Pro-Tem Long seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

12. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the purchase of two (2) police patrol vehicles as appropriated in the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, and Chief of Police Molina about an update on the previous four (4) vehicles purchased, purchasing two (2) more right off the lot, getting quotes to get the vehicles fully equipped, and the timeline to get the vehicle equipped.

Motion: Council Member John Salinas made a motion on the purchase of two (2) police patrol vehicles as appropriated in the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$105,059.10. Council Member Pruitt seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

13. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the purchase of two (2) John Deere excavators as appropriated in the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, and Director of Infrastructure Services Paredes about the need for the equipment, parts are hard to come by for the mowers we do have, under budget but the difference going back to fund balance, and the warranty on the excavators.

Motion: Council Member Pruitt made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) John Deere excavators as appropriated in the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget. Mayor Adame seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

14. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the purchase of two (2) zero-tern mowers for the Parks Department as appropriated in the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, and Director of Infrastructure Services Paredes about the Parks Department mowing a lot of property, parts being hard to come by for maintenance, and received quotes for two (2) Bobcat mowers.

Motion: Council Member John Salinas made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) zero-tern mowers for the Parks Department as appropriated in the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget in the amount of \$19,972. Mayor Pro-Tem Long seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

15. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the purchase of four (4) vehicles for Water, Streets, Recycling, and Parks Departments.

Mayor Adame requested to withdraw Item 15 from the agenda. There were no objections by Council, and Mayor Adame stated that the item was withdrawn.

16. Deliberate and take appropriate action on approval of the HOT Fund Post Event Form Battlin' BBQ and authorizing payment in the amount of \$20,649.89.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, and Director of Economic Development Carr about all the required paperwork being turned in, 37 hotel rooms being occupied during the event, and the amount being under budget.

Motion: Mayor Adame made a motion on the approval of the HOT Fund Post Event Form Battlin' BBQ and authorizing payment in the amount of \$20,649.89. Council Member Pruitt seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

17. Deliberate and take appropriate action on authorizing staff to advertise and receive Request for Qualification (RFQ) for a city Classification and Compensation Study.

Discussion was held between Council Members and City Manager Lewis about the authorization to advertise, has not been done in over five (5) years, will be incorporated into next years budget process, and what the study will cover.

Motion: Council Member Julio Salinas made a motion to authorize staff to advertise and receive Request for Qualification (RFQ) for a city Classification and Compensation Study. Council Member John Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

18. Deliberate and take appropriate action on identifying city employees who receive or pay out any monies of the City that require surety bonds and to determine the amount of the surety bond as required by the City Charter, Article III. – City Council Section 3.16. – Bonds for city employees.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, and City Secretary Beaven about the employees who receive money being bonded, bonding protects losses, Council discretionary, and bringing back in December what the total cost is for bonds for one (1) year.

No Action Taken

19. Deliberate and take appropriate action to authorize staff to contract for engineering and advertise for bids on the Humble Community and Youth Center parking lot paving project.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, and Director of Infrastructure Paredes about the parking lot being discussed several times, elections administrations not liking the parking, will improve the quality of life, contacting several firms, drainage pipe put in, specifications being used, lighting, the protection of the Crepe Myrtles, and a section left for election campaigning.

Motion: Council Member John Salinas made a motion to authorize staff to contract for engineering and advertise for bids on the Humble Community and Youth Center parking lot paving project. Council Member Julio Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

Executive Session

20. 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 551.089 Deliberation regarding Security Devices Or Security Audits – Server Redundancy and Backup.**
- B. **Section 551.087 Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations – Project Afterburner.**

At 7:56 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 551.089 Deliberation regarding Security Devices Or Security Audits – Server Redundancy and Backup, and Section 551.087 Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations – Project Afterburner.

21. 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 551.089 Deliberation regarding Security Devices Or Security Audits – Server Redundancy and Backup.**
- B. **Section 551.087 Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations – Project Afterburner.**

At 8:29 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

Closing Agenda

22. Items to consider for placement on future agendas.

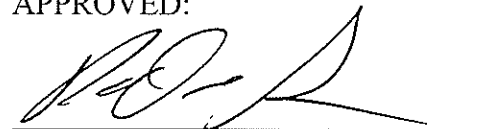
Council Member Diehl requested a comprehensive update, A to Z, on State Highway 200, and to be on the January 28, 2025 meeting.

Council Member Julio Salinas requested an update on the lighting at city parks.

23. Adjourn.

Mayor Adame adjourned the regular meeting of the City of Ingleside at 8:35 p.m.

APPROVED:



Pedro Oscar Adame, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jana Stork, Interim City Secretary

