

**CITY OF INGLESIDE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2025**

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 March 11, 2025, at City Hall 2671 San Angelo Ave., Ingleside, TX and live video streaming.

2. Roll Call.

With Council Members present, at roll call, a quorum was established.

Council Members Present: Steve Diehl, Stewart Wilson, David Pruitt, John Salinas, Mayor Pro-Tem Tracy Long, Julio Salinas, and Mayor 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.

Cherie Blanton, 1702 Indian Trail, addressed the Council about teens smoking and vaping, addiction intervention, having curfews for teens under the age of 18, and provided a handout to Council Members.

Barbara Gregg, 2809 Main St., addressed the Council about the Discover Ingleside magazine that she provided, and about Round Up Days being held on March 21st-23rd.

Sarah Polanco, 1350 Indian Trail, addressed the Council about the PowerPoint that she emailed to Council Members, needing a road and water for the ability to build on their land, the Comprehensive Master Plan, and requesting to be put on the Agenda to present her presentation during the next Council meeting.

6. Staff Comments and Reports.

a. Council Comments and Reports.

Mayor Adame wanted to extend his thanks to the members of the Volunteer Fire Department for assisting with the Sinton fires on March 04, 2025, and then during the controlled burn that jumped the fire line on March 10, 2025.

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

No discussion was held on this matter.

c. Report on Garden Center building remodeling project.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, and Director of Infrastructure Services Paredes about the Garden Center building remodeling project, the project moving along nicely, beginning to work on the inside of the building, cross perlins to be replaced, A to Z scheduling for all final inspections, and funding for all furniture and equipment for inside.

d. Report on digital signs for the HWY 1069 by the Police Department, and HWY 31 at N.O. Simmons Park.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, and Director of Infrastructure Services Paredez about the two (2) digital signs being ordered, the sign for HWY 1069 already has the conduit put in and tied to the Public Safety Building to ensure that the sign stays lit even if power is out, waiting for the company to come install the sign, and the sign for N. O. Simmons Park is still in production.

e. Report on Street Maintenance Program.

Discussion was held between Council Members, City Manager Lewis, and Director of Infrastructure Services Paredez about the streets that Council selected have been completed, returning to Council with more street recommendations, \$1.2 million in unbudgeted funds, waiting for the City to receive a distributor in order to do the roads with City equipment, should receive the equipment by the end of May with a possible start date of June 01, and having a dedicated team of employees to do the streets.

Mayor Adame requested that there be an Agenda Item at the next Regular City Council meeting pertaining to action taken for street repairs.

Presentations

7. Ingleside Public Library Award Presentation.

Director of Library Services Casanova gave a presentation to the Council Members on the steps achieved by the Public Library for the 2024 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award.

Mayor Adame presented the Ingleside Public Library staff a plaque for the 2024 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award.

8. Presentation to recognize Ingleside Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Barbara Gregg.

Mayor Adame presented Ingleside Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Barbara Gregg with a plaque recognizing her service to the community as the Ingleside Chamber of Commerce Executive Director.

Consent Agenda

9. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2025.

Motion: Council Member Pruitt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mayor Pro-Tem Long seconded the motion. Motion carried 6:0:1.

For Motion: Council Member Diehl, Council Member Wilson, Council Member Pruitt, Council Member John Salinas, Mayor Pro-Tem Long, and Council Member Julio Salinas

Against Motion: None

Abstained: Mayor Adame

Public Hearing

No Public Hearing was presented for this meeting.

Regular Agenda

Mayor Adame requested to postpone Item 11 from the Agenda to the next Regular City Council meeting. There were no objections by Council, and Mayor Adame stated that the items were withdrawn.

- 10. Deliberate and take appropriate action on a Resolution by the City of Ingleside, Texas suspending the April 19, 2025 effective date of the proposal by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas – Houston, Texas Coast, South Texas, and Beaumont/East Texas geographic rate areas, to implement interim GRIP rate adjustments for gas utility investment in 2024 and requiring delivery of this Resolution to the company and legal counsel.**

Proposed Resolution 2025-06.

Discussion was held between Council Members and City Manager Lewis about the coalition of cities coming together for the Resolution to postpone the rate changes, all negotiations have been done, and the Resolution only postponing the rate changes for 45 days after April 19, 2025.

Motion: Mayor Adame made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-06, a Resolution by the City of Ingleside, Texas suspending the April 19, 2025 effective date of the proposal by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas – Houston, Texas Coast, South Texas, and Beaumont/East Texas geographic rate areas, to implement interim GRIP rate adjustments for gas utility investment in 2024 and requiring delivery of this Resolution to the company and legal counsel. Council Member John Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

- 11. Deliberate and take appropriate action on first reading of an Ordinance amending the City of Ingleside, Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook, Section 2 – Employee Responsibilities, 2.T. Ethics Policy; Providing Effective Date, Reading, Severance, and Publication.**

Item 11 was postponed to the next Regular City Council meeting.

Executive Session

12. 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. Deliberations pursuant to Sections 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney) regarding status of attorney investigation related to possible employee misconduct.**
- B. Deliberation pursuant to Section 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney) regarding the City's administration of city-owned facilities.**

At 7:28 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 Deliberations pursuant to Sections 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney) regarding status of attorney investigation related to possible employee misconduct, and Deliberation pursuant to Section 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney) regarding the City's administration of city-owned facilities.

13. 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. Deliberations pursuant to Sections 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney) regarding status of attorney investigation related to possible employee misconduct.**

B. Deliberation pursuant to Section 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney) regarding the City’s administration of city-owned facilities.

At 8:13 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.

Closing Agenda

14. Items to consider for placement on future agendas.

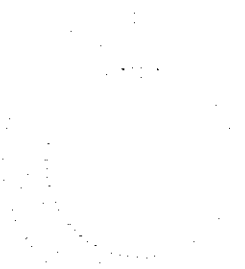
Council Member Julio Salinas requested Ordinances pertaining to smoking and vaping be looked at.

Council Member Diehl requested an awareness of vaping.

Mayor Adame requested an Executive Session for the evaluation and re-appointment of the Municipal Court Judge, and any agenda item needing action before April 11, 2025.

15. Adjourn.

Mayor Adame adjourned the regular meeting of the City of Ingleside at 8:17 p.m.



ATTEST:


Jana Stork, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Pedro Oscar Adame, Mayor