

CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 16, 2007

- I. City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Foster at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Silent prayer was observed.
- III. Mayor Foster led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Roll Call: Present were: Mayor Foster, Alderman Gillespie, Garbutt, Ehmann, Morgan and Watson.
- V. Minutes of Previous City Council Meetings of December 19, 2006 were approved as read.
Minutes of Previous City Council Workshop of January 2, 2007 were approved as corrected.
- VI. Coastal Bend Council of Governments Report was given.
Treasurers Report was given.
- VII. Citizen Participation was held.
Bruce Thauburn gave a brief presentation for a survey concerning wireless internet.
Jim Morgan stated property tax exemptions for Disabled Vets are available. He requested an item concerning property tax exemptions be placed on a City Council Agenda.
Jane Hunt stated she felt Council was moving too fast concerning the proposed ordinances and asked them to slow down to insure the ordinances are correct. She thanked Council for all the effort they put into the ordinances so far. She gave Council her input concerning the proposed ordinances.
Wayne Jewell asked about why some lots were not being mowed. He felt the native vegetation clause in the weed ordinance should be reviewed.
Leona Robbins stated she could not understand why it was taking so long to pass the proposed ordinances. Instead of fighting with neighbors people should just ask if they need help.
- VIII. Reports from Standing Committees

Item A: Planning & Zoning reported a meeting will be held on January 18th all approved minutes are on file with the City Secretary. Rhoda Poenisch asked people to attend the meetings.

Item B: Parks & Recreation reported a meeting will be held on February 3 at 8:30 a.m. to be followed by a workday if weather permits.

Item C: VFD reported three members are attending training in Refugio.

Old Business:

Item A: Discuss and Possible Action approve/disapprove Ordinance Relating to Regulation of Litter, Weeds, Rubbish, Carrion, Filth and Care of Premises; Ordinance 1992-17 and Ordinance 1995-08
Alderman Ehmann explained an exception for compost piles was added to the proposed ordinance. Several changes, and moving of a section to other areas of the ordinance, clarifying the repealing clause, Chapters of the Health and Safety Code and date of notice was discussed. Alderman Gillespie made the motion to table this item until the next workshop. Alderman Garbutt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Item B: Discuss and Possible Action approve/disapprove Ordinance Relating to Regulation of Abandoned and Junk Vehicles and Other Abandoned Property; Ordinance 1994-11

Alderman Gillespie state he has not completed his changes of cross referencing the Transportation Code to the proposed ordinance. Mayor Foster explained if the Transportation Code is adopted by the ordinance the ordinance does not need to include parts of the Transportation Code. Alderman Ehmann made the motion to table this item until the next workshop. Alderman Gillespie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item C: Discuss and Possible Action approve/disapprove Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 1992-14 and 1992-15 Creating the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City , Providing Procedures for Appointing Members of the Commission; Defining Their Powers and Duties

Rhoda Poenisch thanked Council and the City Secretary for all their work and in wanting to get the proposed ordinances right. She asked for clarification of the current members staying on the commission after the ordinance was passed and whose terms were up at which time? Discussion was held concerning which positions were due to terminate in 2007. Alderman Morgan asked for clarification of where it is written that the Chairperson does not have a vote. Alderman Gillespie stated that Roberts Rules of Order specifies the Chairperson is not allowed to make a motion or participate in debate unless they step down from the position for the entire meeting. Discussion of changes occurred. Alderman Ehmann made the motion to accept the ordinance as amended. Alderman Garbutt seconded the motion. The motion passed with Aldermen Gillespie, Garbutt, Ehmann and Watson voting in favor of the motion. Alderman Morgan voted against the motion.

Item D: Discuss and Possible Action approve/disapprove Ordinance Providing for the Regulation of Parking on Public Streets, Public Property and Private Property within the City; Providing for the Regulation of Boats Stored on Residential Property within the City and Providing a Penalty

Jane Hunt recommended Council finish this proposed ordinance before acting. Alderman Ehmann stated she objects to an ordinance that deals with private property parking. Discussion occurred concerning changes to the proposed ordinance. Alderman Garbutt made the motion to accept the ordinance as amended with section 2 (b) removed. Alderman Watson seconded the motion. Alderman Garbutt and Alderman Watson voted in favor of the motion. Alderman Gillespie, Ehmann and Morgan voted against the motion. The motion failed to pass.

Item E: Discuss and Possible Action approve/disapprove Ordinance Establishing the Duties and Responsibilities of the Park Board; Ordinance 1993-06

Alderman Morgan made the motion to pass the ordinance Establishing the Duties and Responsibilities of the Park Board. Alderman Garbutt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. New Business

Item A: Discuss and Possible action to approve/disapprove Mayor Foster to sign Mutual Aid Agreements with San Patricio County, City of Ingleside, City of Aransas Pass and Naval Station Ingleside.

Alderman Ehmann explained the reasons for the Mutual Aid Agreements. Alderman Gillespie made the motion to approve Mayor Foster to sign Mutual Aid Agreements with San Patricio County, City

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of Ingleside, City of Aransas Pass and Naval Station Ingleside. Alderman Ehmann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Reports and Announcements From Council

Alderman Morgan stated that Disabled Vets needed to look into the property tax exemption information.

Alderman Garbutt stated he met with the Drainage District representative; an engineering plan will be started.

Mayor Foster thanked Alderman Garbutt and Dick Ehmann for all their time and effort on the drainage project.

Mayor Foster stated she attended the TML Region Meeting held on the 11th. She passed on information received at that meeting and announced she was appointed to the position of Second Vice President for the League. Council and members of the audience applauded her announcement.

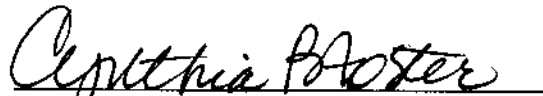
XII. Mayor Foster adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted & attested:

Approved:



Diane Hosea
City Secretary



Cynthia B. Foster
Mayor