

**CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
February 6, 2007**

- I. City Council Workshop 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 Ehmann, Garbutt and Morgan. Alderman Watson was absent.
- V. Presentation by San Patricio County SPCA was given to promote a program for stray cat problems. Donations were requested to help fund the program. Questions from the audience were answered. Information for a rabies clinic to be held in Sinton and Taft was given. Emergency Management Update/Short Report was given by Mayor Foster
- VI. Citizen Participation  
Wayne Jewell asked if the directory that was being put together would be available to the public. Mayor Foster stated it would be. He also stated the lots on Bayshore he has previously reported for high weeds still has not been cleaned.
- VII. **Old Business:** Discussion  
  
Item A: Discuss Ordinance Relating to Regulation of Litter, Weeds, Rubbish, Carrion, Filth and Care of Premises; Ordinance 1992-17 and Ordinance 1995-08  
Clarification of the wording of the heading for this ordinance was discussed. Mayor Foster explained the Health and Safety Codes referenced in the proposed Ordinance. Discussion of changes occurred. Questions about articles and quotes in the newspaper were asked and clarified by Mayor Foster. Enforcement procedures were clarified.  
  
Item B: Discuss Ordinance Relating to Regulation of Abandoned and Junk Vehicles and Other Abandoned Property; Ordinance 1994-11  
Discussion of the changes made to the proposed ordinance was held.  
Mayor Foster suggested the proposed ordinance and changes be sent to the City Attorney and placed on the next agenda if the ordinance is ready by that time.
- VIII. **New Business:** Discussion  
  
Item A: Discuss a possible Ordinance for Regulation of Sex Offender Residency  
Alderman Morgan explained his opinion of this item. He felt an ordinance is needed and should be implemented. Mayor Foster stated her reservations of such an ordinance and explained her concerns of legislation and new definitions included by the legislature. She suggested keeping this on file until the City felt it may be a problem. Several Council members agreed with this idea.

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Item B: Discuss Providing for a General Homestead Property Tax Exemption as provided for in the Texas Constitution

Alderman Morgan stated his opinion concerning property tax exemptions for citizens and felt the San Patricio County Appraisal District could be requested to do a presentation to the City concerning tax exemptions.

Alderman Ehmann explained the reasoning behind the City when it incorporated and why no tax exemptions were declared at that time. She still felt the tax rate is low enough that exemptions would not be effective; it would hurt the city more that it would benefit any citizens.

Item C: Discuss Providing for a Disabled Exemption and/or 65 or older Property Tax Exemption as provided for in the Tax Code, 2006 Edition

Alderman Garbutt asked if Alderman Morgan would work up the figures concerning any tax exemptions and the benefit to the city and its citizens.

Alderman Ehmann stated legislation is in the works to help with tax relief. Aldermen Gillespie agreed with the fact that the taxes are low and the City would not benefit from any tax freezes.

Mayor Foster stated the city is trying to find money to fix roads if the city imposes a tax freeze for over 65 the other citizens will have to make up the difference.

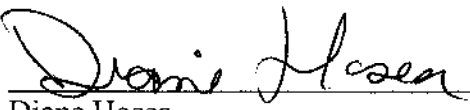
Alderman Ehmann state the figures would need to be looked at and then discussed. Dick Ehmann stated that giving over 65 citizens a tax freeze would be punishing the ones who do not received the tax break, those may be hurt worse with higher taxes.

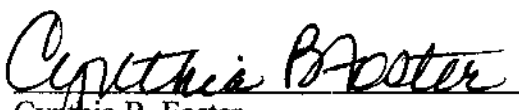
Mayor Foster stated more information and input from citizens is needed and suggested Item B and Item C be placed on the next Workshop.

IV. Mayor Foster adjourned the workshop at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted & attested:

Approved:

  
Diane Hosea  
City Secretary

  
Cynthia B. Foster  
Mayor