

CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
April 3, 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 Gillespie, Garbutt, , Ehmann, Morgan and Watson
- V. Citizen Participation
Charlotte Lawrence stated the City Directory is being worked on; several volunteers will be going around the city asking for information to complete the directory and ensure the best information is received for emergency evacuation plans by citizens.
Wayne Jewell went over some information he found concerning housing costs in the City. He also asked if the City would have a gated community within the City. He mentioned weedy lot problems. Rhoda Poenisch announced a seminar concerning Windstorm/Flood Insurance will be held in Portland on April 4 and The Corps of Engineers will hold a seminar in Aransas Pass on April 5th.
- VI. **Old Business:** Discussion

Item A: Discuss draft contract and matters concerning EMS
Mayor Foster explained the EMS draft agreement and the recommendations from the City Attorney. Clarification of Section 4 was made. Alderman Gillespie stated he felt Council should go with the City Attorney's recommendations. Alderman Garbutt agreed. Mayor Foster stated the draft agreement will be forwarded to Steve Knight along with the recommendations. Discussion occurred concerning clarification of what services will be available to the citizens and how the subsidy cost was figured. It was explained the citizens would be able to get their own subscriptions.

Item B: Discuss matters concerning Water Contract with the City of Ingleside
Alderman Ehmann explained the proposals she received from Ingleside during one of their Council Meetings. She understood that action would be taken by Ingleside at a later date. Nothing official has been received from Ingleside concerning the rate increases. Mayor Foster stated TCEQ needed to be contacted for information and what the City can do to insure we get fair water and sewer rates.
- VII. **New Business:** Discussion

Item A: Discuss Woodhaven road and drainage repairs
Alderman Garbutt gave an update on the drainage work being done and the Road Crews progress. Volunteers are needed to help with the Road Crew. Dick Ehmann gave an update on the Woodhaven drainage and road repair project. He explained what the Drainage District and the County Commissioner would pay for. Alderman Garbutt explained the workings of the drainage valves for Woodhaven and the cost savings due to volunteers. Mayor Foster asked if the corner of Inglewood

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and Post Oak would be worked on. Alderman Garbutt stated the County has already taken that corner into consideration and will start on it. The Engineer will have the final decision on the height of the road.

Item B: Discuss and review Animal Control Ordinance 1997-02 and 1994-13

Alderman Ehmann stated the County Animal Control Officers will only pick up aggressive and rabid animals not strays. Several citizens made complaints concerning dogs running loose and the problem getting worse. Discussion occurred concerning calling the Sheriff's Department to make complaints about dogs and how to help enforce the City's Ordinance.

Item C: Discuss and review matters concerning Municipal Court

Mayor Foster explained the proposed Ordinance and Agreement and how the procedure would work. Discussion occurred concerning how the process from the beginning of a problem to the way it would be turned over to the Municipal Court. It was stated that only the people who refuse to comply with ordinances would be affected. Several citizens stated their opinions in favor of the proposed agreement and ordinance. Mayor Foster stated most people comply when asked to abate a violation and will not need to go to court. Mayor Foster also explained how citizens are informed of a violation.

Item D: Discuss comments made during Citizen Participation concerning Building Inspector's procedures and building permits

Mayor Foster stated her concerns about previous Citizen Participation comments concerning the process of building permits. The Building Inspector and City Secretary are doing an outstanding job to make sure things are getting done. The Building Inspector has stopped several building projects not permitted. We are on top of the problems and are working on them. Wayne Jewell rebutted the comments. Mayor Foster asked anyone who may see a potential problem to please call City Hall. The citizens were asked to please not approach the contractors.

Item E: Discuss setting up for Meet the Candidates forum

Possible dates for a Meet the Candidate forum was discussed and chosen. Volunteers were selected to set up the forum.

VII. Mayor Foster adjourned the workshop at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted & attested:

Approved:



Diane Hosea
City Secretary



Cynthia B. Foster
Mayor