

**CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 17, 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 Meeting of March 20, 2007 were approved as corrected.  
Minutes of Previous City Council Workshop of April 3, 2007 were approved as read.
- VI. Costal Bend Council of Governments Report was given.  
Treasurers Report was given
- VII. Citizen Participation was held.  
Penny Weakly stated her concerns with the enforcement of ordinances and her support of a municipal court.  
Rhoda Poenisch stated she received a grant package and would leave it with the Mayor for Council review.  
Judy Tucker gave a brief presentation concerning the Wind and Flood insurance seminar she attended. Charlotte Lawrence added to the presentation.  
Dick Ehmann clarified a comment made about variances.  
Susan Villman reminded everyone of the "Meet the Candidates" forum
- VIII. Reports from Standing Committees  
  
Item A: Planning & Zoning went over the attendance report. P&Z is still working on the Master Plan; several members attended a P&Z meeting in Ingleside.  
  
Item B: Parks & Recreation has been discussing possible fund raising ideas. Permission was requested to approach San Patricio County Economic Development for more ideas. A meeting will be held May 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. to be followed by a workday at the Park.  
  
Item C: VFD reported four members completed training in Beeville. The fundraiser at the Moose Lodge will be on May 12<sup>th</sup>.  
  
Item D: Emergency Management reported a meeting was held on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers are still available. Gary Hellman attended the State Hurricane Planning seminar. The next meeting will be held one hour before the next Council Workshop in June.
- IX. **Old Business:**  
  
Item A: Discuss and Possible Action concerning Tri County EMS matters  
Mayor Foster stated the changes to the agreement have been sent to Tri County for their input or approval. Alderman Ehmann made the motion to hold this item over until the next City Council Meeting. Alderman Gillespie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Item B: Discuss and Possible Action concerning Water Contract with the City of Ingleside  
Mayor Foster stated the official notice has been received by the City of Ingleside. TCEQ has been contacted concerning clarification of our rights, information received and the procedures to follow to ensure the City gets a fair rate.

Hal George explained his views of the contract and Council should pursue the process to the fullest extent allowed.

Discussion was held concerning how to start the process and what would be allowed, or not allowed, in a new contract. Council agreed the City needs to move forward and start the protest to contest the new water rates.

Alderman Gillespie made the motion to allow the City Attorney Hal George and Mayor Foster to go forward if necessary, if negotiations break down with Ingleside, so we can file in a timely manner. Alderman Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item C: Discuss and Possible Action to Approve/Disapprove Resolution concerning Municipal Court  
Iris Case stated she has watched Council work hard to get ordinances done, but feels the City needs a way to enforce the ordinances.

Rhoda Poenisch stated her opinion of a municipal court and asked for clarification of the costs to the City.

Penny Weakly stated her support of the Municipal Court and her belief that City Council took a vow to up hold the ordinances.

Mayor Foster clarified her remarks at the last meeting concerning the procedure of notices and the cost of the City Attorney to write letters and other issues concerning ordinance enforcement.

Hal George clarified his views of the resolution. It would not be prudent for council to decide which cases should go to a municipal court. Mayor Foster explained the resolution needed to be passed before continuing the agreement and ordinance procedures.

Discussion occurred clarifying the procedures to send a violation to court and information forwarded to City Council concerning any violations. Opinions from the audience were heard.

Alderman Ehmann made the motion to approve the resolution. Alderman Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item D: Discuss and Possible Action to Approve/Disapprove Animal Control Ordinance, 1997-02 and 1994-13

Mayor Foster opened the floor for discussion. No discussion occurred. Alderman Ehmann made the motion to pass the ordinance and repeal all previous ordinances. Alderman Gillespie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## X. New Business

Item A: Discuss and Approve/Disapprove Resolution concerning STAP Agreements and Contracts for Electric Supply to the City

Mayor Foster opened the floor for discussion. No discussion occurred. Alderman Gillespie made the motion to approve the resolution as written. Alderman Garbutt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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**XI. Reports and Annouccments From Council**

Alderman Ehmman went over an e mail she received concerning questions on the Insurance seminar she attended and possible changes in the City's flood zones.

Mayor Foster explained the City is being remapped for flood zones. She is in contact with the County Emergency Manager regularly.

Alderman Garbutt stated the Drainage District discontinued work at the Beach Club until a low tide, but are working on Inglewood. Volunteers are needed for the road work.

Alderman Gillespie stated he attended the Ingleside P&Z meeting. They discussed the proposed use of Naval Station Ingleside and got ideas from several citizens from Ingleside on the Bay. He thanked Tommy Pawly for his help on the roof of the Parish Hall.

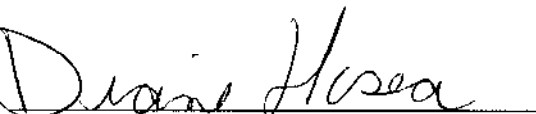
Mayor Foster stated she has been appointed to the Sub Committee for the Re-alignment of the Base

Alderman Morgan stated a change has been made in State Law concerning fire arms.

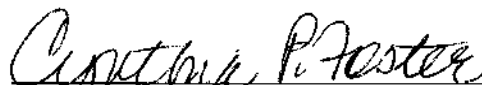
**XII. Mayor Foster adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted & attested:

Approved:



Diane Hosea  
City Secretary



Cynthia B. Foster  
Mayor