

CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 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 May 15, 2007 were approved as corrected.
Minutes of Previous City Council Workshop and meeting of June 5, 2007 were approved as read.
- VI. Costal Bend Council of Governments Report was given.
Treasurers Report was given
- VII. Shelly Parks of HEB gave a short presentation concerning hurricane preparedness and donated kits to the City. Mayor Foster thanked her on behalf of the City.

Citizen Participation was held.

Jim Tucker, Judy Tucker, Jan Cooper and Patty Miller stated their views against any short term rentals in the City. Carol Reginier Wayne Jewell and Sharon Hairgrove stated their views in favor of short term rentals. Andrew Hinman and Steve Canion, the owners to current short term rentals in the City, stated how they run the rentals and possible options to help prevent any further problems. Pat Westberry and Rhoda Poenisch stated they had mixed feelings about short term rentals.

Leona Robbins asked why the City allowed garages to be built without residences also built at the same time.

VIII. Reports from Standing Committees

Item A: Planning & Zoning reported a meeting was held June 21; a variance request was tabled because further information was wanted. The master plan is being worked on.

Item B: Parks & Recreation had no report; however, Wayne Jewell was thanked for mowing the park.

Item C: VFD had no report; however, the fireworks ordinance was enforced during the 4th of July Holiday.

Item D: Emergency Management reported a meeting will be held at 6p.m. on August 7th.

IX. Old Business:

Item A: Discuss Possible Ordinance Relating to Taxation of Telecommunications Services
No new information was received. Alderman Gillespie made the motion to table this item.
Alderman Ehmann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Item B: Report/update Water Rate Negotiations

Mayor Foster reviewed the increase in water and wastewater costs from Ingleside. Dick Ehmann was helping with Ingleside's rate study review. She is still working on the negotiations. August 25th is the dead line set in the contract; Ingleside indicated they would stop water sales if an agreement was not made. Mediation is a possibility.

Item C: Report/update on FEMA map

1. Mitigation plan

Mayor Foster gave a report of a discussion with the County Emergency Management Official. FEMA is in the process of re mapping the City's flood plain. She thanked Gary Hellman, Penny Weakly and Charlotte Lawrence for their work with the CBGOG and the mitigation plan.

X. New Business

Item A: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve/ Disapprove Amendment to VFD Budget

The Treasurer explained the reason for the amendment to the VFD budget. Alderman Ehmann explained where the monies came from and what is was spent on and how the future monies will be spent.

Mayor Foster stated that when the VFD came into the City it became a division of the City and the process of budgeting changed.

Alderman Gillespie made the motion to approve the revised Budget for the VFD. Alderman Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Discussion and Possible Action for setting procedures for check writing and authorize alternate signature for City checks

Mayor Foster explained the requirements for signing checks. Discussion occurred concerning options for the procedure to issue checks and an alternate signer who would be available. Alderman Ehmann made the motion to add Alderman Garbutt to be able to sign checks. Alderman Ehmann withdrew her motion. Alderman Gillespie made the motion to carry this item over to the workshop. Alderman Ehmann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item C: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve/Disapprove Appointment of Planning and Zoning Member(s)

The City Secretary explained one application on file was withdrawn; P&Z has one vacancy. Alderman Ehmann made the motion to appoint Tom Merrick to P&Z. Alderman Gillespie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item D: Discussion and Possible Action concerning Allied Waste Services Rate Increase

Council reviewed the notice received and the contract with Allied Waste Services. Discussion occurred concerning a pass through rate increase and waiting until the utility increase from Ingleside was solved. Council agreed to wait until the possible water and sewer increase was discussed to include the garbage increase for citizens. No action was taken.

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Item E: Discussion and Possible Action concerning short term rentals and possible ordinance. Alderman Gillespie stated he would like to look into this item further. Alderman Ehmann agreed. Alderman Watson stated in his opinion short term rentals were commercial property. No action was taken.

Item F: Item C: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve/Disapprove Variance Request by Tim Hooker for Block 143 Lots 1 & 2. Mayor Foster stated this item was withdrawn by Mr. Hooker.

Item G: Hook up to sewer by Ingleside

Mayor Foster explained the history of this item. Discussion occurred concerning how to solve this. Mayor Foster stated this should be held over until the next Workshop

Item H: TML Report

1. New Laws
2. State meeting
3. Next Officer Term
4. Open Meeting Act

Mayor Foster stated she had attended the last meeting where new laws were discussed. She will attend the TML State meeting also; she will be the President for Region 11, which makes the City Secretary the TML Regional Secretary, budgeting will need to be looked at for attendance at the meetings. The new laws were briefly gone over. The Open Meeting Act will also be discussed at the next Workshop. Mayor Foster thanked everyone for attending the meeting and to please come to the workshop.

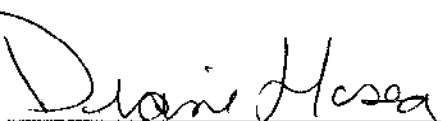
XI. Reports and Announcements From Council

Alderman Morgan requested the agenda of August 21 have an item for the San Patricio Appraisal District representative presentation.

XII. Mayor Foster adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted & attested:

Approved:



Diane Hosea
City Secretary



Cynthia B. Foster
Mayor