

CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 15, 2008

- 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 December 18, 2007 were approved as written.

- VI. Costal Bend Council of Governments Report was given.
Treasurers Report was given

- VII. Citizen Participation was.
Tom Merrick stated his opposition to adding stop signs on Starlight.
Charlotte Lawrence stated her concerns and opinions of storage buildings/garages on vacant lots, the ambiguities of the zoning ordinance, variances, abandoned vehicle ordinance and plans for the future. She also requested an update on the cost of the municipal court to date.

- VIII. Reports from Standing Committees

Item A: Planning & Zoning reported a meeting was held on December 20th. A recommendation for amending the set back ordinance was approved. A variance request was considered and approval is recommended. A meeting will be held January 17th; discussion will include storage building/garages on vacant lots.

Item B: Parks & Recreation reported the grant request was discussed at the last meeting. A refund was received from Lowe's on the playground equipment.

Item C: VFD reported three members will attend training in Refugio. The Department responded to a house fire, Ingleside and Aransas Pass also responded.

Item D: Emergency Management reported no information as been received concerning the Hazard Mitigation Plan

Ad Hoc: Funds and Grants had no report

- IX. **Old Business:**

Item A: Discuss and Possible Action concerning Ordinance for Abandoned Vehicles and Watercraft
Alderman Gillespie went over the changes to the ordinance. Alderman Gillespie made the motion to approve the ordinance. Alderman Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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X. New Business:

Item A: Discuss and Possible Action concerning Resolution Calling for an Annual Election
Alderman Gillespie made the motion to approve the Resolution Calling for an Annual Election. Alderman Garbutt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Discuss and Possible Action concerning Resolution Designating Officials as being responsible for the Applicant in dealing with Texas Parks & Wildlife (TPW), for the purpose of participating in the Texas Recreation and Parks Account Small Community Grants Program Certifying that the Applicant is eligible to receive Program Assistance; Certifying that the Applicant's matching share is readily available; and dedicating the proposed site for permanent Public Park and Recreational uses.

Alderman Gillespie explained the progress for the grant. All matching funds will be donated in the form of labor, materials and/or money with no cost to the City. The Parks Grant would prefer a city employee as the point of contact. Discussion occurred concerning what matching funds would consist of and the amount of the grant. Alderman Gillespie made the motion to adopt the resolution naming the City Secretary as the point of contact. Alderman Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item C: Discuss and Possible Action concerning amendment to Ordinance 1994-05
Establishing Construction Set Back Building Site Restrictions and Height Restrictions on all New Construction

Mayor Foster requested the multiple requests for side set back variances be considered before amending Ordinance 1994-05. This could be incorporated into the ordinance for a uniform policy. Alderman Watson made the motion to carry this item over to the next workshop. Alderman Gillespie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item D: Discuss and Possible Action concerning:

1. Water rate increase for Ingleside on the Bay customers

The Treasurer explained the two proposed rate schedules submitted.

Discussion occurred concerning the number of units per month the city provided water to, whether the cost would change over time, the recovery costs in the rates proposed and EMS costs. Alderman Gillespie made the motion to adopt plan two with the fixed rate of \$47.83 and the excess rate of \$6.86. Alderman Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed with Aldermen Gillespie, Garbutt, Morgan and Watson voting in favor and Alderman Ehmann voting against the motion.

2. Water rates for out of City limit customers

Discussion occurred concerning the number of out of city limits connections, if the cost to the city was more provide water to and if a higher rate for water should be charged. Alderman Garbutt made the motion to charge out of city limit customers the same rates as in city customers. Alderman Gillespie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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3. Utility billing procedures/delinquent bill and part time residence

Mayor Foster stated several customers were past due on utility bill and firmly reminded the City Secretary that Council would not have past due accounts. Discussion occurred concerning part time residences and vacant residences that are not billed. Alderman Garbutt made the motion that all meters will be subject to the minimum monthly charge. Alderman Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Sewer rate for out of City limit customers

Discussion occurred concerning the number of out of city sewer connections and how they should be charged. Alderman Ehmann made the motion to charge out of limit city customers the same rate as in city customers. Alderman Gillespie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item E: Discuss and Possible Action concerning Variance request for 304 N Sandpiper

Discussion occurred concerning the variance request and a possible ordinance change to respond to the reoccurring requests of the same nature. Alderman Garbutt made the motion to grant the variance request for 304 N Sandpiper. Alderman Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item F: Discuss and Possible Action concerning stop signs on Starlight

Discussion occurred concerning speed bumps/humps, if stop signs would help and what could be done to slow down speeders in the city. Alderman Gillespie made the motion to carry this item to the next City Council Workshop. Alderman Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- XI.** Reports from Council concerning Long Term Goals and Expired Permitting information
Council went over their ideas and what they would like to see accomplished, to include roads, speeders, erosion problems, drainage, water line repairs, the city's infrastructure, numerous variance requests and a possible alternative water source.
Most Cities have different policies for permits, as long as work is being done the permits are not normally revoked.

- XII.** Mayor Foster adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted & attested:

Approved:

Diane Hosea
City Secretary

Cynthia B. Foster
Mayor