

CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 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, Ehmann, Morgan and Watson. Alderman Garbutt was absent.

- V. Minutes of Previous City Council Meeting of March 18, 2008 were approved as corrected
Minutes of Previous City Council Workshop April 1, 2008 of were approved as corrected.

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

- VII. Citizen Participation
Jim Isbell, Safety Officer for the IOBVFD, stated his responsibilities concerning his position. He went on to state his views of the Emergency Management Plan and that the VFD was not consulted in its drafting. The VFD has had a plan for sometime. The Fire Chief received an outline with out of date names. On a personal level he stated his views of the inadequacy of the supposed plan and team as being smoke and mirrors and a joke.
Charlotte Lawrence asked about delinquent water bills and the city staff not following policy and accepting cash at City Hall, which led to \$100 being stolen from City Hall.
Gary Hellman stated his plans submitted are guidelines as the stated in his speech when he took the job. He has a list of volunteers and their positions. He went on to defend his work on the emergency management plan.
Tami Carlson stated she is at the meeting to cover the story because the Ingleside Index did not have a representative present. She felt she should have been able to hand out her letter be fore the meeting, she stated she did not intend to discuss it and felt her freedom of speech was taken away from her. Charlotte Lawrence stated she felt the letter was shameful and private business belongs outside.

- VIII. Reports from Standing Committees

Item A: Planning & Zoning reported no meeting has been held, they will meet on March 24th at 6:00 p.m.

Item B: Parks & Recreation reported hornet nests were destroyed and some equipment was moved.

Item C: VFD reported the building was broke into but no equipment was lost, a gas card worth \$24 and a watch were taken. Three members are in training.

Item D: Emergency Management, Gary Hellman reported several meeting were attended last year and members were assigned positions. The plan was not put in writing because of the variable information. An explanation of how and why the plan was put together was given.

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Past City Council minutes and other documentation were referred to. The Emergency Management Plan, which was not in written form, was for the Team and initial response until the County could arrive. The Action Mitigation Plan was given to Council.

Alderman Morgan called for Point of Order stating the explanations were long and did Council want to hear all this. Alderman Watson stated he did want to hear it.

Documents and letters from earlier years concerning the Coastal Bend Mitigation Action Plan were read from. Gary Hellman understood since the city did not participate it was excluded, that has been fixed. The Emergency Management Plan is a guideline for a speech.

Alderman Gillespie called for Point of Order stating the Chair should be talked to, not the audience. Gary Hellman stated the State told him to send the Mitigation Action Plan to them, they would send it to FEMA. He stated he will resign and handed his plans and other information to Council.

IX. Old Business:

Item A: Discuss and Possible Action concerning Ordinance 1995-03 Zoning Ordinance

1. Requirements for single family lots as to storage building, garages, sheds, etc.
2. Duplexes
3. Short Term Rentals
4. Mobile Homes
5. Boats-live aboard
6. Garage apartments

Mayor Foster asked if anyone had any new information. Alderman Gillespie stated he has Ingleside's ordinance and is reviewing it.

Mayor Foster stated she would like to see the other ordinances pertaining to building included in the zoning ordinance, good definitions are needed and asked Council to continue working on the ordinance.

Item B: Discussion and Possible action concerning the hiring of a part time water employee for TCEQ compliance and for other city needs, i.e. installing stop signs, other signs, mowing, etc.

Mayor Foster reviewed what was discussed at the April 1st meeting concerning cost and salary break down comparison to a new hire.

Alderman Gillespie stated it made sense to get more work done with a new hire, however, he was concerned about who would be hired.

Mayor Foster stated the Water Dept would have a say in who was hired and have a chance to meet with the prospective person.

Alderman Watson stated we could always return to the way things are now.

Alderman Morgan stated a part time employees hold different status, tax wise. Seven days a week is hard to do. Can a volunteer be found?

Mayor Foster stated two licensed employees are needed.

Alderman Ehmman stated she disagrees with the idea, there are not enough jobs to keep someone busy, she also does not agree with the figures. The Water Dept is happy with receiving mileage and not salary increase, but she understands we can not expect them to only do it for mileage forever. The money for the handy man jobs needs to come out of the General Fund not the sewer fund.

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Mayor Foster stated funds could be transferred between accounts.

Alderman Watson made the motion to proceed with hiring an employee to do the required TCEQ samples and any other City needs. Alderman Gillespie seconded the motion. The motion passed with Alderman Gillespie and Alderman Watson voting for the motion, Alderman Ehmann and Alderman Morgan voted against the motion, Mayor Foster broke the tie with a vote in favor of the motion.

Item C: Discuss and Possible Action concerning a possible Dangerous Building Ordinance

Mayor Foster asked for any input from Council if this is something needed. All agreed this was needed and the item was moved to the next workshop.

Item D: Discuss and Possible Action approving/disapproving reimbursement of Sewer tap payment for Chris Carleton, 1100 Sandpiper

Discussion of the amount of money spent and what work was done occurred. Discussion continued concerning the precedent the city will set in the future, who is responsible if the tap was not installed, what was done to locate the original tap and what plans were referred to at the time. Discussion was held concerning whether Naismith Engineering or Perry Construction had any liability if the tap was not installed. Alderman Gillespie made the motion to contact Naismith Engineering to come out and find the tap and verify who had liability if the tap was not installed. Alderman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. New Business

Item A: Discuss and Possible Action concerning development of Emergency Management Response Plan for City.

Alderman Gillespie stated he felt the City needed to have a plan in writing to be passed on to future Councils, word of mouth is not efficient.

Mayor Foster stated the plan was set up by volunteers; meetings were held, the Fire Chief and the Assistant Fire Chief were told how the plan would work. The VFD is included with the Search and Rescue. The Emergency Response volunteers would not step on the VFD's toes.

Alderman Gillespie restated the plan needed to be in writing, what has been done is wonderful, but it should be in writing. Discussion of what was done in the past occurred. The plan was submitted to Council. Alderman Ehmann stated Council needed to review the plan. Alderman Gillespie stated this should be on the next workshop agenda.

Reports from Council

Alderman Gillespie's Open Records Request concerning the city's Hazard Mitigation Plan and the city's Emergency Response Plan

Alderman Gillespie went over the dates of his previous requests for copies of documents. The written request was filled in a timely manner; however, a written request and an agenda item should not have been necessary. The documents need to be reviewed and approved by Council.

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XII. Mayor Foster adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted & attested:

Approved:

Diane Hosea
City Secretary

Cynthia B. Foster
Mayor