

**CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 7, 2008**

- I.** City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Gillespie at 7:00 p.m.
- II.** Alderman Ehmann gave the invocation.
- III.** Mayor Gillespie led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV.** Roll Call: Present were: Mayor Gillespie, Alderman Marroquin, Garbutt, Ehmann, Morgan and Robbins.

- V.** Minutes of Previous City Council Meetings of September 16 and September 29, 2008 were approved as written.

- VI.** No Citizen Participation was heard.

- VII.** Reports from Standing Committees

Item A: Planning & Zoning reported a meeting was held on Sept 25th at that meeting it was decided to change the meeting night to the second Thursday. The next meeting will be on Oct 9th. The Master Plan and a report on the Port property were on the agenda. A buffer zone will be included in the Master Plan.

Item B: Parks & Recreation reported a meeting was held on Oct 6th, a food drive will be started and the Birthday Bash will be on November 15th from 2 to 6, volunteers are needed for activities and food.

Item C: VFD had no report.

Item D: Emergency Management, "Ski" Zagorski made a brief report on what was done and learned from actions taken during the evacuation for Hurricane Ike. The season is not over yet. FEMA has made visits to asses any damages.

VIII. Old Business: Discussion and Possible Action

Item A: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve/Disapprove Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2008-02 Providing for a Rate Schedule of Payment of Bills

The Treasurer explained the options for the water rates. Discussion occurred comparing the two options presented to council. Council agreed the first option of \$54.37 for the first 2,000 gallons of water and \$4.33 for each additional 1,000 gallons of water seemed the best option. Alderman Robbins made the motion to adopt Option one effective on the next billing cycle. Alderman Marroquin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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IX. New Business: Discussion and Possible Action

Item A: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve/Disapprove Long Term Contract with STAP
Discussion occurred as to whether the city would receive any benefits from the long term contract. Alderman Ehmann made the motion disapprove participating in the STAP long term contract. Alderman Marroquin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve/Disapprove Road Rehabilitation
Dick Ehmann went over the proposed road repairs, the costs involved, how much road could be done and is the roads could be raised. Possible reimbursement from the Drainage District and FEMS was discussed.
Alderman Ehmann made the motion to approve \$60,000 for the road repair project on Bayshore Drive and Bayshore Court. Alderman Marroquin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item C: Discussion and Possible Action to Approve/Disapprove changing the time for City Council Meetings.
Discussion occurred on the benefits and problems of changing the time of City Council Meetings. No action was taken.

X. Reports and Announcements

1. Response to Page Hall's comments from previous meeting
Mayor Gillespie responded to Page Hall's comments to include: No response has been received from the State concerning the Mitigation Action Plan, (Cynthia B. Foster stated that she received a response, however, she can not find it and that the response is available and Mr. Zagorski should be able to provide it.), the city secured all records and backed up the computers and removed the back ups from city hall, problem streets were barricaded and the Sheriff did extra patrols, a list of persons who contacted city hall was on file in regards to evacuation, special needs citizens were personally contacted and the fire department announced throughout the city for the evacuation in accordance with the San Patricio County Emergency Management plan. Several meetings with City staff, County officials and State officials were held before and after the evacuation order was given. He further stated city records have been scanned and saved on disks.

2. FEMA visit

Mayor Gillespie reported on the FEMA visit to assess the damages during the storm surge of Hurricane Ike. The representatives looked at the city's damages and a second visit to look at private property damages.

XI. Mayor Gillespie adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted & attested:

Diane Hosea
City Secretary

Approved:

Howard Gillespie
Mayor