

CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 19, 2010

- 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, Merrick, Ehmann and Robbins. Alderman Morgan was absent.
- V. Minutes of Previous City Council Meeting of December 15, 2009 and Workshop of January 12, 2010 were approved as written.
- VI. Treasurer Report was given.
- VII. Citizen Participation
Wayne Jewell thanked Alderman Ehmann for giving the invocation. He also thanked Council for revisiting the brush pick up item.
Iris Case thanked Wayne Jewell for his help in removing her large brush pile; she also stated she felt the city needed to look at city wide brush pick-ups, large piles of brush can not be handled with just trash cans.
Pete Perkins introduced himself stating he will be running for San Patricio County Commissioner for Precinct 4 and asked for everyone's support. He would also like to hear any concerns from the citizens.
- IX. Reports from Standing Committees

Item A: Planning & Zoning had no report.

Item B: Parks & Recreation reported a Valentine Party will be held at the park on February 13th.

Item C: VFD reported 4 members are attending classes and they have a new prospective member.
- X. **Old Business:** Discussion and Possible Action

Item A: Approve/Disapprove agreement with the City of Ingleside and Ingleside Independent School District for cost of elections.
Mayor Gillespie explained the agreement. Alderman Ehmann made the motion to approve the agreement. Alderman Robbins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Discuss and approve any matters concerning brush pick up
Mayor Gillespie stated this item was placed on the agenda due to requests from several citizens. Several citizens stated their desire to see the City provide city wide brush pick up whether it be monthly, twice a year or once a year. The cost on utility bills was acceptable and could be cheaper than hiring a contactor, the brush problem is getting worse throughout the city. Suggestions of volunteers helping, placing dumpsters at City Hall, a voluntary fee on the utility billing or hiring a

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contractor to pick up were received. Comments including concerns of brush left on vacant lots, more brush due to the freezing weather, the fee on utility bills could be considered a tax, the cost of a city wide pick up by Allied Waste, searching for other alternatives, notifying residents of any pick ups clarifying brush and bulk items, the fact that the city needs to be cleaned and the city ordinance which required citizens to clean up their property were received from citizens.

Mayor Gillespie went over the history and problems of brush pickups in the past. The cost of the last pick up done by Allied Waste was too high. Other alternatives are being looked into.

Alderman Marroquin stated this item was originally put on the agenda because after the last city wide pick up people put more brush out the next day expecting the city to pick it up. That is the problem; brush being put out when it has just been picked up or no pick up is scheduled. Mayor Gillespie stated an ordinance is in effect to help clean up the city. Alderman Merrick stated the cost could be split between accounts. Alderman Ehmman stated the bulk trash is covered under the current contract with Allied Waste and the truck has been in the City. If the bulk trash is not being picked up the City needs to know about it. A dumpster needs to be regulated. Vacant lots are a problem if placed on utility billing because they do not pay a bill and do not receive pick up. Alderman Robbins stated she went door to door to let people know the brush can be put in the trash containers and will be taken along with the trash. People need to know they can not pile it up near the streets; they need to have it removed themselves. The community can pull together and help get the city clean. Mayor Gillespie stated Council has not said they will no longer have pick ups, just not a scheduled one at this time. No action was taken.

XII. New Business: Discussion and Possible Action

Item A: Approve/Disapprove Ordinance establishing construction setback building site restrictions and height restrictions on all construction; providing severance; repealing previous ordinances; providing a penalty; providing an effective date and providing for publication

Mayor Gillespie went over the proposed Ordinance. Alderman Ehmman made the motion to approve the ordinance with the setbacks including the roof overhang. Alderman Marroquin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Approve/Disapprove Inter-local Agreement with San Patricio County for Sanitation Services
Alderman Marroquin made the motion to accept the agreement with San Patricio County for Sanitation Services. Alderman Ehmman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item C: Approve/Disapprove Inter-local Agreement with San Patricio County for Health Related Services. Alderman Ehmman made the motion to accept the agreement with San Patricio County for Health Related Services. Alderman Merrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item D: Approve/Disapprove Resolution 10-202 Calling for an Annual Election
Alderman Marroquin made the motion to approve Resolution 10-202 Calling for an Annual Election. Alderman Ehmman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Item E: Set Public Hearing(s) concerning zoning and/or rezoning

Discussion occurred concerning the dates for the public hearing. Mayor Gillespie stated Planning and Zoning will hold their public hearing on March 2nd at 6:00 p.m. followed by City Council public hearing at 6:30 p.m. to be followed by the regular City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.


XI. Announcements/Reports

Alderman Ehmann announced that an H1N1 Clinic will be held at City Hall on January 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

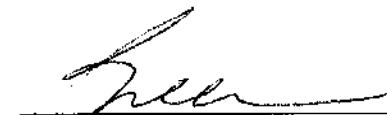
XII. Mayor Gillespie adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted & attested:

Approved:



Diane Hosea
City Secretary



Howard Gillespie
Mayor