

**CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
February 16, 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 February 2, 2010 were approved as written.
  
- VI.** Treasurer Report was given.
  
- VII.** Citizen Participation  
Wayne Jewell thanked Jo Ann and Dick Ehmann and Diane David for their work painting the Council Chambers and for the remodeling of the City Offices. He also thanked Parks and Recreation for the great Valentine's Party.
  
- VIII.** Reports from Standing Committees  
  
Item A: Planning & Zoning had no report.  
  
Item B: Parks & Recreation thanked Wayne Jewell for his work at the park keeping it clean and mowed; Alderman Ehmann was also thanked for her help with the Valentine's Day Party. A possible Easter Party is being set up for April 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
  
Item C: VFD reported four members completed training in Refugio. There have been no fires responded to.
  
- IX.** **New Business:** Discussion and Possible Action  
  
Item A: Approve/Disapprove any action required concerning possible brush pick-up to be done by San Patricio County  
Mayor Gillespie read the letter from Commissioner Jim Price for each item. Discussion occurred concerning waiting until more information has been received on this item to take action. This item was tabled until more information is received.  
  
Item B: Approve/Disapprove any action required concerning possible road repairs to be done by San Patricio County  
Discussion occurred to accept the offer to repair the edges of Starlight Dr. Alderman Ehmann made the motion to approve the County to repair the edges of Starlight Dr. Alderman Merrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Item C: Approve/Disapprove nominations for the San Patricio County Appraisal District Board of Directors

Alderman Ehmann stated she understood the City could make two nominations, and continued to nominate Pat Hunt and Doil Keller. Alderman Robbins seconded the nominations. The nominations were approved unanimously by Council.

Item D: Approve /Disapprove Cora Ward's request to waive property tax penalties and interest for property located on Block 61 Lot A and Block 69 Lots A, 1 & 2

Cora Ward explained that she received a tax bill for late taxes including penalties and interest for 2007 and 2008. She went on to state she had asked the Appraiser when he was holding appointments at City Hall if she had any back taxes due and was told she did not. She then received the late notice for taxes. After investigating with the County Tax Collector she understood a letter had been sent to her stating back taxes were due, however she did not receive it and felt she should not be responsible for the penalties and interest because she was not given the appropriate time to pay them and the County could not prove they sent the letter.

Discussion occurred concerning the amount due. Also if any waiver is given, it will set a precedence the City will have to follow in the future and the possible problems that could bring. Discussion of the procedures of the Appraisal District and problems with mail delivery occurred. Alderman Marroquin made the motion to deny the request and not waive property tax penalties and interest for the property located on Block 61 Lot A and Block 69 Lots A, 1 & 2. Alderman Ehmann seconded the motion. The motion passed with Alderman Marroquin, Merrick and Ehmann voting in favor of the motion. Alderman Robbins opposed the motion.

Item E: Approve/Disapprove nomination of Alderman Ehmann as a voting member of the Homeland Security Advisory Committee.

Alderman Ehmann stated she attends the meetings and would like to be able to vote on the issues. Alderman Marroquin made the motion to nominate Alderman Ehmann as a voting member of the Homeland Security Advisory Committee. Alderman Robbins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. Mayor Gillespie adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted & attested:

Approved:

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Diane Hosea  
City Secretary

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Howard Gillespie  
Mayor