

CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 4, 2011

- 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, Ehmann, Morgan and Robbins. Alderman Merrick was absent.

- V. Minutes of Previous City Council Meeting of December 7, 2010 and City Council Workshop of December 13, 2010 were approved as written.

- VI. Citizen Participation
Judy Tucker asked for citizens to call Judge Simpson and request to ban the sales of fireworks, not just ban the use of them.

- VII. Reports from Standing Committees

Item A: Planning & Zoning had no report.

Item B: Parks & Recreation reported the Lite up the Park was very successful with lots of participation in the parade.

Item C: VFD reported no calls were responded to; they patrolled on New Years Eve to help enforce the fireworks ordinance.

- VIII. **New Business:** Discussion and Possible Action

Item A: Approve/Disapprove Resolution concerning Center Point Energy rate increase
Mr. Champagne from CenterPoint explained the reason for the rate increase, that the Railroad Commission is reviewing the letter of intent and will have the final say as to what the rates will be. The City's options are to suspend the rates for 90 days, allow the rate increase or join a coalition through STAP. Discussion occurred concerning the rate breakdown and the eventual cost to consumers for any legal fees associated with the coalition's fight against the increase. Mayor Gillespie called a recess at 7:20 pm. Mayor Gillespie opened the meeting at 7:35 pm. Alderman Ehmann made the motion to approve the resolution to suspend the rate increase for 90 days. Alderman Marroquin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Open bids for VFD Brush Fire Truck
The City Secretary handed the bids that were received to Mayor Gillespie. Mayor Gillespie opened the bids. No action was taken.

- IX. Reports and/or announcements
Completion of NIMS qualifications by all Council Members was announced.

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X. Mayor Gillespie adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted & attested:

Approved:



Diane Hosea
City Secretary



Jo Ann Ehmann
Mayor Pro Tem