

CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 15, 2013

- 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 Tucker, Ehmann, Robbins and Skinner. Alderman Merrick was absent.

- V. Minutes of Previous City Council Meeting of September 24, 2013 were approved as written.

- VI. Treasurer Report was given.

- VII. Citizen Participation
Wayne Jewell thanked Paul Pierce for attending our meeting.
Joe Watson thanked the City Secretary for helping to get word out to people concerning things happening in the area.

- VIII. Reports from Standing Committees

Item A: Planning & Zoning reported a meeting will be held on October 24 at 7:00 pm.

Item B: Parks & Recreation had no report.

Item C: VFD reported no calls were responded to a Pot Luck dinner is scheduled for November 11th at 6:30 pm.

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

Item A: Discuss and possible action regarding Ordinance 2001-02 Establishing Addressing Standards for Street Naming and House or Building Address Numbering; providing a savings Clause; Providing for Publication and an Effective Date
Alderman Ehmann explained the ordinance mandates street numbers be visible from the street, be three inches or larger and be illuminated. The Code Enforcement Officer is having difficulties determining addresses, especially from the alley. Weeds, tree limbs and other items are making it very difficult to get through the alleys. It is important for emergency vehicles to be able to locate an address from the street and the alley. She suggested citizens place house numbers on back fences to help. Home owners are responsible to keep the alleys clean and clear, that is not being done in some places, and we need to correct the problem. It is important for 911 to be able to locate residences, please help you neighbors if they need it.
Mayor Gillespie stated a request for residents to voluntarily place house numbers on back fences or visible from alleys, if that does not work we can look at other options. This item was tabled.

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Item B: Discuss City of Ingleside Rezoning of property along Highway 1069

Mayor Gillespie stated many people in the audience attended the Ingleside City Council meeting on October 8, Mayor Perkins asked him to be the spokesperson for IOB, however, time constraints made that impossible because IOB could not get its citizens' input before Ingleside's meeting. The City Manager, Jim Gray, did not allow the Power Point presentation that was put together. Mayor Gillespie went over the presentation he had printed out which he had given to the Ingleside City Council.

Alderman Tucker stated his disappointment in Ingleside's City Council; he questioned the mind-set of the Council in Ingleside.

Alderman Robbins stated we did not fight for our City to have a tank farm across the street; we all need to pull together and fight the zoning change.

JD Warren explained that state law requires letters to be sent out for zoning changes; that was not done. He was not notified of the public hearings.

Wayne Jewell stated the Ingleside City Council would not let everyone speak at their meeting; it was because of Paul Pierce that people did get to speak.

Cindy Young stated she is afraid people are overlooking the fact that it is not just Flint Hills we need to worry about; anything could end up on the property being rezoned.

Ricardo Trevino, from Ingleside, stated the property should remain zoned as residential; he also was not notified of the meetings in Ingleside. He does not want to see the change in zoning happen; it will be right in our faces, not just down the road, but right next door.

Paula Bonillas asked Ingleside City Council Member Paul Pierce to review the copy of Ingleside's Master Plan she had. Councilman Pierce went over the sections of the plan in question and explained to his knowledge the other members of Ingleside City Council did not have a copy of the Plan at their meeting on the 8th.

Pat Westberry asked Hal George if an injunction of violating the open meeting act could be pursued? Hal George stated people need to keep in mind that Flint Hills has a lot of money and it could be very expensive to pursue legal action.

Hal George stated he could not recollect, but he thought that the state statutes do not recognize city boundaries. He will check on the exact wording.

Mayor Gillespie stated that IOB needs to be diplomatic. OxyChem had a plan, Flint Hills does not. When he met with a Flint Hills representative he explained to them that we did not want to see, smell or hear anything on the property in question. The City of Ingleside is a different type of city than IOB. They have a Charter and run the city differently than we do. Ingleside is difficult to work with, the water is a prime example they raised the rates 30% with and an additional 5% each year. Now IOB is getting its own water system. Mayor Gillespie thanked Councilman Pierce and Ingleside's Planning and Zoning Chairman for being at our meeting. He was not sure a resolution was the way IOB should precede.

Alderman Ehmann stated Ingleside knows how IOB feels; it was made clear at their meeting on the 8th.

Vicky Preston from Ingleside stated Ingleside citizens are very upset about the proposed zoning change. IOB has more to lose and we need to stand together to fight this. She explained what events the Ingleside Concerned Citizens Action Committee (CCAC) has planned, they have set up a face book account and plan to attend the Ingleside City Council meeting on October 22 where the final reading will be considered. If the zoning change passes they are ready with petitions and have

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several people researching options for actions that can be taken to prevent the zoning change. She stressed we all need to work together to fight the change.

Rhoda Poenisch asked if another public hearing will be held. Councilman Pierce stated no additional public hearing will be held, however, citizen participation will be on the regular council meeting agenda. In the past Ingleside Council has allowed people to speak on items not on the agenda during Citizen Participation and speak during the items that are on the agenda.

Carol Regnier stated she has signs made up.

Wayne Jewell stated at the Ingleside City Council meeting Councilman Vaden stated they would increase IOB's sewer charges by up to \$40 per connection.

Jimmie Morgan stated all citizens from IOB and Ingleside need to get the word out about what is happening and all work together.

Alderman Tucker asked Councilman Pierce if the meeting will be moved to a different venue. Councilman Pierce stated the meeting will be held in council chambers.


Item C: Discuss/Possible Action regarding city sanitary sewer system

Mayor Gillespie stated he met with the Engineer to look into our own sewer plant. The contract with Ingleside is up in 2017 and they have already indicated that a large increase in charges for services will be assessed to IOB. We need to plan for a possible future problem with any possible over charging from Ingleside for sewer.

X. Mayor Gillespie adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted & attested:

Approved:



Diane Hosea
City Secretary



Howard Gillespie
Mayor