

CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 1, 2014

- 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, Merrick, Ehmann, Robbins and Skinner.
- V. Minutes of Previous City Council Meeting of March 19, 2014 were approved as written.
- VI. Water System Update was given by James Schwarz the whole process is going along great.

VII. Citizen Participation

Wayne Jewell stated he attended the Planning and Zoning meeting and went on to explain he felt the controversy of the metal buildings was more a problem of size, use and placement not just that they are metal. He felt any ordinance changes should go to the city attorney for review. He has been trying to get people to attend the meetings; if there are any problems City Council needs to know about them. Outbuildings seem to be a problem; maybe council should put a hold on issuing permits until P&Z can make a recommendation.

Jimmy Morgan stated he served on council for several years; he has prior years of looking at ordinances. He felt current ordinances are not being enforced, he felt people assume that employees are taking care of them.

Gene DeKoster stated he tore down a fishing shack and put up a new structure. He had followed the rules. He feels he will now lose money because he has to sell his house for less than it is worth. The city has to have codes and keep trailers and boats off vacant lots, no metal buildings and keep lots mowed.

Trini Marroquin asked Council to think about the city's property being used by kids on ATV's going up and down the alleys and around city hall. She asked if something could be done to help prevent this from happening. She also asked if the Citizen Participation could be placed later on the agenda.

VIII. Reports from Standing Committees

Item A: Planning & Zoning passed out copies of the draft RV ordinance and reported a meeting will be held on Thursday, April 3 at 7 pm.

Item B: Parks & Recreation reported an Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 19 at 11:00 am at the City Park.

Item C: VFD reported no calls were responded to, they will soon start work on testing hoses.

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IX. New Business: Discussion and Possible Action

Item A: Approve/Disapprove Center Point Energy 2014 Annual Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) Adjustment for the South Texas Division

Mayor Gillespie went over the information. Alderman Ehmann made the motion to suspend the Center Point Energy 2014 Annual Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) Adjustment for the South Texas Division. Alderman Robbins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Approve/Disapprove Resolution 14-253 Accepting the Audit Conducted by Lovvorn & Kieschnick for the 2012-2013 Fiscal year

Mayor Gillespie went over the audit information and stated no discrepancies were noted. Alderman Ehmann made the motion to approve Resolution 14-253 Accepting the Audit Conducted by Lovvorn & Kieschnick for the 2012-2013 Fiscal year. Alderman Merrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item C: Discuss (non-action item) proposed draft RV Ordinance

Jane Hunt and Rhoda Poenisch went over the changes that P&Z made; they had been in touch with the City Attorney. A special meeting will be held to address items in the draft ordinance. Discussion continued concerning storage or parking on vacant lots, residences and workshops, if the Junk Ordinance was in conflict with anything proposed, cost of permits, requirements for other than single family zoned lots and grand fathering of anything.

Item D: Discuss (non-action item) residential zoning and building requirements

Discussion occurred covering definitions in the Zoning Ordinance, the procedure for changes and public hearing time frames. Planning and Zoning have been reviewing the ordinances. Changes to the ordinances are being looked at for any amendments that may be needed. It was felt that the deed restrictions were not looking forward far enough and are not pertinent to this day and age. The Local Government Code is also being referenced. Mayor Gillespie stated that permits issued by the city have been legal; problems with various buildings are now property owner to property owner. All construction is being done according to the codes and ordinances.

Discussion continued covering the ordinance for building requirements, definitions, setbacks, and clarification of single story height, large metal structures or wood structures, use of buildings, what buildings look like and the fact that the City does not enforce the deed restrictions only ordinances.

Item E: Discuss (non-action item) code enforcement

Mayor Gillespie stated the code enforcement and building inspections are noted in the files, a check list and plans are included in the files.

X. Reports and/or Announcements

- Mayor Gillespie made a Wastewater System Update

XI. Mayor Gillespie adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted & attested:

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Diane Hosea
City Secretary

Approved:

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Howard Gillespie
Mayor