

CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 21, 2015

- 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 Gillespie.
- V.** Minutes of Previous City Council Meeting of June 16, 2015 were approved as written.
- VI.** Treasurer Report was given.
- VII.** Presentation/Update by from Ingleside Independent School District's Troy Mircovich was held. Mr. Mircovich presented the Facility Planning Committee Recommendation and went over the history of the schools. The high school is in need of major improvements. The tax increase for a 44 million dollar bond would be approximately 14 to 22 cents per \$100 valuation of the property value. 65 year or older citizens would not receive a tax increase on homesteaded property.
- VIII.** Citizen Participation
Ann Hubby stated her concerns of the brush left during the road repairs and felt chickens should not be allowed.
Judy Tucker stated Wayne and Lynn Jewell will be leaving and expressed how much they will be missed, Wayne has done so much for the city and she stated her sincere appreciation.
Wayne Jewell thanked Judy for the sentiment. He also stated the council needs to adhere to the two to three minute rule for citizen participation.
Billy Vanleeuwen and Kathy Berryman stated their concerns with their sewer backup that occurred in April. Ms. Berryman feels the cause should be found. She also requested to be placed on the August 18th City Council agenda. Mayor Gillespie stated the City Attorney has been contacted by an Attorney concerning the incident and the City Attorney will need to be consulted before any discussion can be held.
- IX.** Reports from Standing Committees

Item A: Planning & Zoning had no report.

Item B: Parks & Recreation had no report.

Item C: VFD reported no calls were responded to and maintenance is being held.

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X. Old Business: Discussion and Possible Action

Item A: Approve/Disapprove Ordinance 2015-01 Establishing Animal Control Regulations

Alderman Robbins asked why the ordinance should be changed, chickens have been here for a long time and no one wants chickens. Leave the ones we have and not allow them to be replaced.

Alderman Tucker stated people he talked to do not seem to have a problem with the current chickens, very few people have them.

Wayne Jewell stated he lives near some chickens they are not a problem, he feels people have a problem because it is against the ordinance.

Alderman Ehmann stated in her opinion the few who have them are doing well, but if it is opened up to everyone it will become a problem in the future.

Patrick Nye stated chickens are not easy, it is a laborious job. They use the fertilizer in the organic garden and the chickens keep the insects under control. He would like to see the ordinance passed.

Judy Tucker stated she contacted nine cities, all allow chickens.

Ann Carleton stated it is work to have chickens, the ordinance does not allow for the chickens to run loose.

Discussion concerning enforcement of ordinances was initiated. Alderman Ehmann made a Point of Order, the discussion was getting off track of the agenda. Mayor Gillespie stated this could be put on the next agenda for discussion and possible action.

Mayor Gillespie asked for a motion. Alderman Tucker made the motion to approve Ordinance 2015-01 Establishing Animal Control Regulations as amended. Alderman Gillespie seconded the motion.

Mayor Gillespie asked for all who were in favor. Alderman Tucker and Alderman Gillespie voted in favor of the motion. The motion failed for lack of a majority vote.

XI. New Business: Discussion and Possible Action

Item A: Approve/Disapprove hiring off duty Sheriff's Deputies to patrol city

Alderman Ehmann stated she talked with Sheriff Moody concerning hiring off duty deputies. The procedure is allowed however, the cost would be about \$35 an hour and the city would need to provide a vehicle. The deputies could not enforce the City's ordinances. Alderman Robbins made the motion to disapprove hiring off duty Sheriff's Deputies to patrol city. Alderman Merrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Set date for Budget Workshop

August 4th at 6:30 p.m. was agreed upon for the budget workshop.

XII. Mayor Gillespie adjourned the meeting at 8:16 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