

CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2024

- I. City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ehmann at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call: Mayor Ehrmann, Alderman Nyberg, Daley, Wilder, Jolly, and Merrick were all present.
- III. Alderman Nyberg gave the Invocation.
- IV. Mayor Ehmann led the Pledge of Allegiance, both US and Texas.
- V. Minutes of Previous City Council Meeting of January 18, 2024 were approved as written. Alderman Wilder made the motion to approve, Alderman Nyberg seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Alderman Tom Merrick gave the Treasurer Report.
- VII. Citizen Participation
 - A. The new General Manager of Spark light, Shanda Hartnett, introduced herself to the IOB community.
- VIII. Reports from Standing Committees: Non-Action Items
 - Item A: Planning and Zoning: No report.
 - Item B: Parks and Recreation: Non-Action Items
 1. IOB 2024 calendars are available at City Hall for \$10.00.
 2. IOB Dry Fit T-Shirts are available for \$20.00 in multiple colors, designs and sizes. If you need a special size contact Nancy Lubbock.
 3. St. Paddy's Day Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at 3PM. The event will start at IOB City Park and end at Sunset Hideaway. Please arrive at 2:30PM to pick up t-shirt. The event consists of a 1 or 3-mile Fun Run/Walk. Forms are available at City Hall 9-1pm Monday-Friday. \$20 with a t-shirt and \$15 without. Prizes and refreshments will be available at the finish line. Forms to enter are available until March 16, 2024. Closer to the event date there is no guarantee of a t-shirt.
 4. An Easter Egg-Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2024, at 10am at IOB City Park. Come and see the Easter Bunny and Hunt for eggs! A box for candy donations will be available on March 1, 2024 at City Hall.

5. Earth Day/Plant Exchange will be on Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 9-11am at City Park. Meet at the park for trash bags/gloves and bring your trash grabbers to pick up trash around Ingleside on the Bay. The Plant Exchange will be in front of City Hall. Participants can enjoy refreshments in the park. Thank you, Jeff Davis, for cooking the hot dogs!
6. IOB Parks and Rec are still looking for one additional committee member.
7. Parks and Recs next meeting will be Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 4:30PM at City Hall, 475 Starlight Drive, Ingleside, TX 78362.

Item C: VFD: Non-Action Items

1. Repair
 - a. Command 1 repaired and back in service.
 - b. Brush 2 hose reel electric motor repaired. Thank You Mr. Roach!
 - c. Brush 1 in the shop and skid load up for shipping soon.
2. Training
 - a. Pump operations, hose leads and blood borne pathogens.
3. Calls
 - a. Mutual aid Brush fire, downed power line.
 - b. Non mutual aid two lift assists.
4. Other
 - a. Attended South Texas Coastal Bend Fire chief association.
5. VFD Meeting Schedule
 - March 2, Saturday, 8am, Truck Maintenance
 - March 11, Monday, Regular Meeting 6:30
 - March 18, Monday, Regular Meeting 6:30
 - March 25, Monday Regular Meeting 6:30

IX. Old Business: Discussion and Possible Action

Item A: AEP submittal was tabled until the next City Council Meeting. The motion was made by Alderman Daley, seconded by Alderman Wilder and it carried unanimously.

Item B: CenterPoint submittal was tabled until the next City Council Meeting. The motion was made by Alderman Daley, seconded by Alderman Wilder and it carried unanimously.

Item C: The 2.4 million dollars earmarked for Ingleside on the Bay's drainage projects from the GLO monies, were discussed by Mayor Ehmann. The grant writer was in the process of providing additional information to the GLO for the state and indicated it would be approximately one year until the money is accessible.

Item D: Ordinance 2024-02 to cancel the election and accept Candidates to be sworn in after election day on May 4, 2024 was approved. Alderman Nyberg made the motion to approve, Alderman Daley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

X. New Business: Discussion and Possible Action

Item A: Mayor Ehmann led a discussion on possible new road repairs. Commissioner Gillespie will be unable to assist with any repairs. She informed the council that anything over \$50,000.00 will require a bidding process. She asked the council to be vigilant and observe the needs in the community. The mayor will revisit this issue at the next council meeting and recommendations will be discussed.

Item B: Dates for a citywide garage sale were discussed. May 18, 2024 is the tentative date.

Item C: Brush drop-off for the city was discussed. The council expressed concerns about possible misuse of the dumpsters. After much deliberation a tentative date of April 27th was mentioned, but Mayor Ehmann will contact Republic and inquire about scheduling availability.

Item D: A motion to approve a budget for Parks and Recreation was made by Alderman Daley, seconded by Alderman Nyberg and carried unanimously.

- 1) \$300.00 for T-Shirts for the St. Paddy's Day Fun Run was approved.
- 2) \$200.00 for Easter Egg Hunt was approved.
- 3) \$200.00 for Earth Day/Plant Exchange supplies was approved.

Item E: There was a discussion on a water meter replacement plan by HydroPro Solutions. Alderman Jolly explained the benefits of installing cellular water meters, the cost, warranty and the functions of a new cellular system. Mayor Ehmann informed the Council the new meters would cost under \$200,00.00 for 400 meters plus an annual maintenance fee and a monthly data fee. She also discussed ways the city could pay for the new meters. The community had a lively back and forth and determined that more information on the meters would be beneficial for the city.

XI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

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I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at City Hall of the City of Ingleside on the Bay, Texas on the 16th day of February, 2024 at 1:00pm. I certify that the above minutes were approved

On March 19, 2024.

Respectfully submitted and attested:

Approved:



Mary Blanda, City Secretary



Jo Ann Ehmann, Mayor

