

**CITY OF INGLESIDE  
MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**

**1. Call meeting to order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Pete Perkins presiding. Council Members present: Mayor Pete Perkins and Council Members Cynthia Wilson, Ben Tucker, Elaine Kemp, Kevin Robbins, Willie Vaden, and Paul Pierce. Staff present: City Manager, Jim Gray, Finance Director Rosie Vela, and City Secretary Kimberly Drysdale. There were approximately 20 guests.

**2. Invocation**

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Presentations from the Audience**

There were no presentations from the Audience.

**5. Consideration and action of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 26, 2014.**

Council Member Kemp made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 26, 2014 and was seconded by Council Member Wilson. The motion was approved with Mayor Perkins and Council Members Wilson, Tucker, Kemp, and Robbins voting aye; and Council Member Pierce abstaining because he was not present at that meeting.

**6. Consideration and action regarding a request for a Homecoming Parade to be set for Thursday, September 18, 2014.**

There were no representatives present from the School or Student Body. Mayor Perkins requested that a map be included for future items like this.

Council Member Kemp made a motion authorizing the temporary closure of the streets for the Homecoming Parade to begin at the High School, continue down Mustang to Avenue B to Waco Street to Filiberto Villa Drive, and then ending at the Visitor's Parking lot for the burning of the "M" and was seconded by Mayor Perkins. The motion was approved unanimously.

**7. Presentation by Cheniere Energy Development in Ingleside.**

Jason French and Sue Zimmerman provided handouts regarding the possible \$500,000,000 investment by Cheniere Energy Development on the remaining Welder Heir Property currently zoned Industrial, Light Industrial, and Commercial. Mr. French stated Cheniere is still under the option to purchase and therefore this is not a 100% sure development; however, they wanted to begin the education with the public as soon as possible. They plan to develop a condensate and oil products marine terminal and the associated infrastructure on the 552 acre site. There is also a possibility of an additional \$100,000,000 splitter facility that is being considered. At this point they are planning to begin construction in the second half of 2015 and it will be complete in about one (1) year. The construction process will require about 300 jobs with 30+ permanent jobs. A request has been filed with the City of Ingleside for Objectionable Use Permit and an Excavation Permit which should be brought to Council in October 2014. Cheniere is also working with the City to discuss SH-200 and how we can assist with moving this project forward. Mr. French stated they will be meeting with the City of Ingleside on the Bay and are willing to have as many meet and greets within the public to help everyone feel comfortable with this project. They provided engineered renditions of how they foresee the property being developed with nine (9) storage tanks, two (2) ship berths, dredge material to be used as a visual buffer, truck unloading capability, and a potential condensate splitting on the site which would include an emergency only flare. The main method of receiving product would be via pipeline; however, they will have the availability to receive trucks should there be a pipeline issue. This was for informational purposes only to help educate the public.

**Council Member Vaden arrived at 6:55 p.m.**

**8. Consideration and action regarding the lighting of the Water Tower located at N.O. Simmons Park.**

Terry Orf and Melanie Gavlik of Naismith Engineering provided a handout and presentation to the Council regarding the possibility of colored LED lights around the new Water Tower located at N.O. Simmons Park. He explained the location, programming options, electronics involved, and maintenance. The total cost quoted is \$27,936.50; however, there could be a small deduction for the unused lighting within the existing EDA budget. It is unknown at this time, but it is expected to be about \$3,000 to \$4,000 reduction if the LED lighting is preferred. He stated the existing park lights would not be an issue with these lights.

Council Member Kemp stated she would rather see the additional funds used for Park improvements and Council Member Vaden stated he would prefer equipment for the Public Works department.

Council Member Kemp made a motion to table this agenda item until the known reduction of the original lighting budget was known and was seconded by Council Member Pierce. The motion was approved unanimously.

**9. Discussion regarding the development of Oaks by the Bay, Seaside Landing, and Wright Street Apartments.**

City Manager Jim Gray provided an update regarding the currently known apartment complexes within Ingleside. Oaks by the Bay located at Avenue A and SH-361 has begun their surveying for the street locations, water/wastewater line locations, and to determine which trees will need to be removed. Some of these trees will be relocated to City Park(s). Seaside Landing to be located behind HEB is coming in to meet with staff this week for pre-construction discussions. Wright Street Apartments to be located behind Wright Street has been sold by 210 Developers and at this time, the new owners have not discussed a time-table for their plans.

**10. Consideration and action of a Resolution changing various fees contained in Appendix "A" Fee Schedule of the Ingleside Code of Ordinances and in particular those monthly fees charged to users of solid waste services.**

Council Member Pierce questioned the increase because he attempted to calculate the increase and did not see the correlation.

Council Member Pierce made a motion to table the agenda item until the September 23, 2014 Council Meeting and was seconded by Council Member Tucker. The motion was approved unanimously.

**11. Discussion regarding the Special Projects and Capital Expenditures for the FY 2013/2014 budget year.**

City Manager Jim Gray provided an explanation for those items not yet completed and it was noted that the future Financial Reports would include this additional data.

**12. Consideration and action regarding the purchase of body cameras to equip the Police Officers, Animal Control, and Code Enforcement personnel.**

City Manager Jim Gray stated this is basically in response to the recent activity across the nation to protect the officers, the City, and the public. Patrol Officer Frasier was present to provide a simple demonstration and answer the questions of the Council. He explained this camera provides both audio and video. While it does not have night vision, it can see the lights that an officer would be using to see through the dark. These particular body cameras are the same brand as the patrol units existing camera system and therefore they will be compatible with each other.

Council Member Pierce suggested that there be a specific policy requiring the use of the device and specifying the disciplinary action should an officer not use the equipment. Police Chief Stan Bynum stated there is an example policy ready to be put in place. Council was appreciative that Animal Control and Code Enforcement were included in this listing.

Council Member Kemp made a motion authorizing the use of Council Reserve Funds for the purchase of body cameras to equip the Police Officers, Animal Control, and Code Enforcement personnel; and was seconded by Council Member Tucker. The motion was approved unanimously.

**13. Second Public Hearing regarding the proposed Budget, the proposed Tax Rate, and the proposed Tax Revenue for FY 2014/2015.**

Mayor Perkins opened the Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m.

There were no speakers for or against the proposed Budget, the proposed Tax Rate, and the proposed Tax Revenue for FY 2014/2015.

Mayor Perkins closed the Public Hearings and reopened the Regular Meeting at 8:01 p.m.

**14. Discussion and direction from Council to the Staff regarding the proposed Budget and the proposed Tax Revenue for FY 2014/2015.**

It was noted that the current draft includes a reduction of the tax rate to \$0.615/\$100 value, a reduction of the Attorney Fees from \$300,000 to \$250,000, and a 3% wage increase for the staff. Council Member Pierce questioned what was going to be done about the high Utility Fund balance previously noted by Finance Director Rosie Vela. City Manager Jim Gray and Mrs. Vela explained although these funds are a little more than is needed at this time, they anticipate projects such as the expansion of FM 1069 and possible other utility projects that will need funding within the next 12-24 months. Mrs. Vela provided a recap of the revised finances and cover page wording.

Council Member Vaden requested clarification regarding the Emergency Funds and Mrs. Vela stated she would make a note on the next monthly Finance Report.

**15. Consideration and action regarding the proposed tax rate with regards to the FY 2014/2015 Budget.**

Council Member Kemp made a motion that the proposed property tax rate be set at \$0.615 per \$100 value and noted that this year's proposed tax rate does not exceed the effective tax; and was seconded by Mayor Perkins. The motion was approved unanimously.

**16. Receive the Departmental Reports for the month of August 2014.**

There were no questions from the Council regarding the Departmental Reports for the month of August 2014.

**17. Staff Reports**

City Manager Jim Gray recognized Mayor Perkins for his TML Award and notices within the Coastal Bend Herald, Ingleside Index, and the Corpus Christi Caller Times. He also provided updates regarding the FM 1069 expansion, SPMWD water rates, and that Ingleside on the Bay is officially off of our water system.

**18. Requests from Council Members**

There were no requests by Council Members.

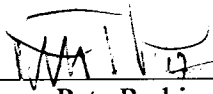
**19. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
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 Kimberly Dysdale, City Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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 Mayor Paul Perkins