

CITY OF INGLESIDE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2023
6:30 P.M.

Opening Agenda

1. Call Meeting to order.

The Regular Meeting of the City of Ingleside was called to order by Mayor Adame at 6:30 p.m. on February 28, 2023, at City Hall 2671 San Angelo Ingleside, TX and live video streaming.

2. Roll Call.

With Council Members present a quorum was established.

Council Members Present: Steve Diehl, David Pruitt, John Salinas, Tracy Long, Julio Salinas and Mayor Pedro Oscar Adame.

Council Members Absent: Stewart Wilson

3. Invocation.

Council member Pruitt led the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Adame led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

5. Citizen Comments and Reports

At this time, written comments received by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, on any subject matter that is not on the agenda, will be read and summarized in the minutes of the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Council and who have registered using the Citizen Participation Form will have up to three minutes to speak. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item that has not been posted on the agenda. While civil public criticism is not prohibited; disorderly conduct or disturbance of the peace as prohibited by law shall be cause for the chair to terminate the offender's time to speak.

City Secretary Ruby Mowles stated that one comment form was provided for item 14.

6. Staff Comments and Reports

The Council may discuss any subject which is specifically listed under this item.

a. Provide the council an update on the status of the lights and sidewalk requested for the right of way area on SH 361 west of Main Street and the intersection of SH 361 and Avenue J.

City Manager Lewis stated that the City has been in contact with TxDot Representatives to discuss the illumination on the sidewalk and highway.

Discussion was held between the Council and Staff about TxDot in regard to funding, incidents and fatalities because of poor lighting on the highway, AEP as an alternative, and approval from TxDot as it is a State Highway.

7. Council Comments and Reports

The Council may discuss any subject which is specifically listed under this item.

No Council Comments and Reports presented for this meeting.

Public Hearing

The City Council shall call a public hearing on each item below in this section. Any person wishing to address the City Council on these items should please come forward when that public hearing is called.

No Public Hearings scheduled for this meeting.

Mayor Adame called to move Item 14 before Item 8

Mayor Adame called to move Item 10 after Item 14

Executive Session

8. Closed Session

City Council will meet in Closed Session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- a. Consultation with Attorney – Robert Brown and Michael Morris**
- b. Section 551.087 Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations – Update on ongoing industry negotiations**

At 7:14 p.m. Mayor Adame convened the Ingleside City Council into a closed session pursuant to provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney and 551.087 Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations.

9. Open Session

City Council will reconvene in Open Session at which time action on the matter(s) discussed in Closed Session may be considered.

- a. Consultation with Attorney – Robert Brown and Michael Morris**
- b. Section 551.087 Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations – Update on ongoing industry negotiations**

At 7:51 p.m. Mayor Adame reconvened the Ingleside City Council into a closed session pursuant to provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney and 551.087 Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations

Item A: No action taken

Item B: No action taken

Presentations

10. Presentation from Port of Corpus Christi.

Mayor Adame called to move Agenda Item 10 after Agenda Item 14.

Director Carr addressed the Council about the presentation from the Port of Corpus Christi. Introducing Omar Garcia who is the Chief External Officer. Garcia addressed the Council and stated he wanted to give the City of Ingleside an update on the Port of Corpus Christi. He started off by addressing the City Manager, letting him know that he would be able to help with the TxDot funding for the street lighting for the State Highway. Along with TxDot the Port has no bills filed this year but are monitoring several bills this year at Legislation that provides funding to Ports. Ports are underfunded, and the funding comes from the Federal Government. He also spoke about requests in to support the 18C Ports, The Port of Corpus Christi is the number one Crude Oil export gateway, second largest in LNG export, Largest Port in terms of revenue tonnage in the Country, and the third largest Port by water borne tonnage. Enbridge is one of the largest customers formally known as Moda. He spoke on the following subjects: Economic Impact, Export ban being lifted that impacted the Port, 2022 record high, Top Cargo going to the Netherlands, Customers who invested in this Region, Channel Improvement Project Schedule, Cost of the Channel Improvement Project, Hydrogen being the next fuel source to be used all over the world, Competition with other states for the Hydrogen Hubs, Pipelines are already in place for the Hydrogen which is a low carbon alternative to natural gas, Carbon Capture to reduce emissions, Environmental Precepts, Commitment to surrounding communities, affordable learning lab to learn about the Port, and the partnership with the City of Ingleside.

Discussion was held among the Council, Staff, and the presenter Omar Garcia about the Port buying inland property, different types of ports, access to deep water, trying to find a way to backfill some revenues, City of Ingleside being represented by the Commission for San Patricio County, how many acres the Port currently owns in the City of Ingleside, Texas, the leasing of the land the Port of Corpus Christi buys from the City of Ingleside and how that land will be developed, What the lease the Port of Corpus Christi would state as far as it concerns the City of Ingleside and Taxes, Briefing requested from the Port with the City Manager, Commitment that the Port will work with the City of Ingleside with taxes, Transporting the ammonia would be new underground pipelines, State Highway 200 and the financial assistance from the Port to make that happen, Erosion of the beach and funding from the GLO which was not granted to the Port, One of the Port's customers could possibly fund the money needed for a solution to the beach erosion, the need for a San Patricio County Commissioner, and citizen concerns with the amount of Industrial Construction in our Community already.

Consent Agenda

All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of the items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

Mayor Adame requested to pull Consent Agenda Item 11 and move it to Regular Agenda for further discussion.

12. **Deliberate and take appropriate action on a resolution of the City of Ingleside, Texas for Order of Cancellation for the General Election scheduled for May 6, 2023, and declaring each unopposed candidate elected to office in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code, Order of Cancellation, Unopposed Candidates.**
13. **Deliberate and take appropriate action on Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2023, and Special Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2023.**

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to accept the Consent agenda with the exception of Item 11. Council member Pruitt seconded the motion. Motion carries with all present voting in favor.

Regular Agenda

11. **Deliberate and take appropriate action on the acceptance of the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the City of Ingleside, Texas, in accordance with Section 2.052, Texas Election Code.**

Council Member Julio Salinas stated he wanted to thank the voters for putting their trust in the Council for another term and encouraged anyone who wants to serve to come forward for a future leadership program.

Motion: Council Member John Salinas made a motion to approve the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the City of Ingleside in accordance with Section 2.052, Texas Election Code. Council Member Long seconded the motion. Motion carries with all present voting in favor.

14. **Deliberate and take appropriate action regarding the issuance of Special Use Permit to Ingleside Garden Club for the usage of N.O. Simmons Park for May 5 through 6, 2023.**

Mayor Adame called for Agenda item 14 to be moved after Agenda Item 7.

Martha Habluetvel addressed the Council by introducing the back row as being with the Garden Club. She stated the Garden Club would like to use No Simmons Park for Market Days on May 5th and May 6th for Cinco de Mayo Market Days. She said that they were going to join the gypsies in Live Oak Park but could not afford a booth. The Garden Club felt like people would not want to spend their money to buy products if having to pay for entry. She explained that the Garden Club is requesting the permit to keep vendor costs down. Vendors such as youth organizations are free, first responders are free, 501C3's in

San Patricio County are free with a donation, and vendors are only \$2.00 with a donation to our raffle or auction.

Discussion was held among the Council about more use of the Parks, the Garden Club getting involved with the community, and the Garden Club also wanting to revitalize the Beautification Committee once funds are raised.

Motion: Council Member Long made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit to Ingleside Garden Club for usage of N.O. Simmons Park for May 5 through 6, 2023. Council Member Diehl seconded the motion. Motion carries with all present voting in favor.

15. Deliberate and take appropriate action regarding the authorization for the Mayor to execute the Contract for Fines and Fees Collection Services and Utility Collection Services between the City of Ingleside and Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP.

The City Manager stated that the City staff met with representatives of the Office of Linebarger and the Judge met with them at the second meeting. Staff recommends entering into the agreement with the firm for collections.

Discussion was held between Council and Staff on 60 days for delinquency, contract setup, and adding of fines to the citizens.

Motion #1: Motion was made by Council Member Diehl to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract for Fines and Fees Collection Services and Utility Collection Services between the City of Ingleside and Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP. Council Member John Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carries with all present voting in favor.

Motion #2: Motion was made by Council member Diehl to approve the document titled "Action Approving Contract". Council Member Pruitt seconded the motion. Motion carries with all present voting in favor.

16. Deliberate and take appropriate action on a resolution authorizing collection fees in the amount of 30% of debts and accounts receivable such as unpaid fines, fees, court costs, forfeited bonds, and restitution ordered paid by a municipal court serving the city, and amounts in cases in which the accused has failed to appear:

- 1) **As promised under Subchapter A, Chapter 543, Transportation Code, or other law;**
- 2) **In compliance with a lawful written notice to appear issued under Article 14.06(b), Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, or other law;**
- 3) **In compliance with a lawful summons issued under Article 15.03(b), Texas Code of Criminal Procedure;**
- 4) **In compliance with a lawful order of a court serving the city; or**
- 5) **As specified in a citation, summons, or other notice authorized by Section 682.002, Transportation Code, that charges the accused with a parking or stopping offense, when such debts, accounts receivable and amounts are more than 60 days past due and have been referred to an attorney or other vendor for collection.**

The City Manager addressed the Council and stated that this Resolution would authorize the collection of the fines and fees.

Motion: Council Member Julio Salinas made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-10 as presented. Council Member Long seconded the motion. Motion carries with all present voting in favor.

17. Deliberate and take appropriate action as authorize submittal of a Project Information Form (PIF) to Texas Water Development Board for Wastewater Plant Project funding.

The City Manager stated that this is item is a project information form. Director Gary Paredez addressed the Council and explained that this put us in line to secure additional funding for the completion of the wastewater plant which must be submitted by March

3,2023, to be considered. If you don't submit for the (PIF) Project Information Form, you can't apply for the loan. Submitting for the (PIF) only puts the City in line for the loan and does not obligate the City. If submitted and the Water Development Board decides to invite the City to apply, the City can still turn it down. Staff recommends submitting for the (PIF).

Discussion was held between the Council and Staff about additional funding for an unspecified amount, being under State mandates, reassessment of cost, time frame, approval of permit submitted, task fees to submit the (PIF), obligations, official capacity of time frame of 75-80 percent, design being at 60 percent, and rising costs.

Motion: Motion was made by Council Member Julio Salinas to authorize submittal of a Project Information Form (PIF) to Texas Water Development Board for Wastewater Plant Project funding. Council Member Diehl seconded the motion. Motion carries with all present voting in favor.

18. Deliberate and take appropriate action on Hanson Engineering Contract for Services.

Mayor Adame pulled item 18 from the agenda.

19. Deliberate and take appropriate action to appoint two citizen members to the Cove Park Advisory Group.

City Secretary Ruby Mowles stated to the Council that one application was accidentally left out of the agenda packet and a copy was provided at the dais.

At 7:49 p.m. Mayor Adame left the dais.

Discussion was held among Council and Staff about recommendations on the four (4) applications from Benjamin Tucker, Cynthia Wilson, Stephen Cardenas, and Teresa Flores.

Council Member John Salinas stated that his recommendation would be an Angler, Steve Cardenas and 2nd choice would be Ben Tucker due to his overall plan of the city's vision for Cove Park.

At 7:52 p.m. Mayor Adame returned to the dais.

Further discussion was held on the size of the committee, eventually adding the Director of Parks and Recreation to have two (2) staff members on the board, Ordinance for Park Board section 50-76, Tournaments, Allocation of money for maintenance and repairs.

Motion: Motion was made by Council Member John Salinas to accept his recommendation for the Cove Park Advisory Group. Council Member Long seconded the motion. Motion carries with all present voting in favor.

20. Announcements of Community Interest and/or upcoming events.

- a. City of Ingleside Kickball Tournament March 11, 2023
- b. San Patricio County Day in Austin, TX March 23, 2023
- c. Ingleside Round Up Days and Music Festival March 24-25, 2023
- d. Flashlight Egg Hunt March 31, 2023
- e. Scrabble Tournament for Literacy Portland, TX April 21, 2023
- f. Trashion Fashion Show April 22, 2023

21. Items to consider for placement on future agendas.

Council Member Diehl requested the starting unincumbered balance adopted & projected unincumbered balance.

Council Member Long requested the I&I presentation and the capacity on lift stations presented.

Council member Julio Salinas requested staff to investigate Lighting & Sidewalks.

Mayor Adame requested staff to get with TxDot on Main Street cracking down to Kiewit & Policies and Procedure Protocol on any emergency (Notification).

22. Adjourn.

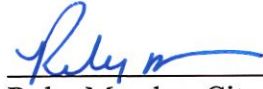
Mayor Adame adjourned the Regular City Council Meeting at 8:32 p.m.

APPROVED:



Pedro Oscar Adame, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ruby Mowles, City Secretary