

CITY OF INGLESIDE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 11, 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 April 11, 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, Stewart Wilson, David Pruitt, John Salinas, Mayor Pro-Tem Tracy Long, Julio Salinas and Mayor Pedro Oscar Adame.

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.

Duane Rod, 2734 Avenue H, addressed the Council and stated that he had been in the City of Ingleside 40 years. He asked the Council if they had received copies of the pictures about the Cove Harbor boat launch. He stated he was not able to launch his kayak due to the entrance width not being wide enough to back up a truck through. He stated he had a solution. The dock is not adequate to launch a kayak. He suggests, if one post could be taken out to widen the entrance to launch a kayak.

City Manager Brenton B. Lewis made a statement of fact about complaints received about boats going into that area. Which is why we tried to make the entrance so that only a kayak would fit and not a boat.

Council Member Diehl also made a statement of fact about the new board for Cove Park and Council Member John Salinas sits on this board. Inquiries can be made to Council Member John Salinas.

Martha Habluetzel, 3508 Avenue A, submitted a comment through email and was read by City Secretary Ruby Mowles which asked when will the Ingleside Garden Club regain use of the Garden Center? The Garden Club is currently using the Humble Center, her yard, library, and Skate Park. She wrote about the \$1,000.00 scholarship and \$500.00 to project graduation. Around February 2022, Belinda told the Garden Club that the building could be ready. We are working on raising around \$14,500.00 for beautification of Ingleside and need a building they can use anytime.

Linda Timmerman, 1702 Indian Trail, addressed the Council and stated that she had been coming since October and has not been given an answer from the City Manager or Council about why the Police invaded her home when her husband was on hospice and passed away

on September 30, 2022. Due to the issue of hospice not having the correct phone number for Judge Susan Price and called the PD to only get the phone number. The Police then began to question and treat the situation like a murder scene. The Police ran warrants on her and her daughter. She explained that her daughter later told her that they ran warrants on her husband who had passed and the hospice nurses. She explained that after two and a half hours later when they had taken her husband, she realized she had not been able to tell her husband goodbye. She stated that she has done a timeline. She wants answers and an apology from the Chief of Police. She believes this did not warrant an investigation. She stated she still wants answers and is calling for her to resign.

Mariana Rodriguez, 2429 Henrietta Place, addressed the Council about the last City Council Meeting three (3) Firefighters were recognized. She stated that there is a whole force of Firefighters that will get up in the middle of the night to go address fires. She stated that there are other Firefighters who are lifetime members who were not recognized at the last meeting. The Fire Department isn't included in the City's Christmas Parties and Festivities anymore. Why are they not given the recognition they deserve. As a citizen we should be disappointed in how they are treated.

6. Staff Comments and Reports

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

a. Staff update on a report regarding the mold at the City of Ingleside Animal Shelter.

City Manager Lewis addressed the Council and stated that at a previous meeting a request had been made for an update on the mold at the Animal Shelter. He explained that two different firms had come in and looked at the mold that was there and one was determined to not be mold, but a root like structure. The areas have been cleaned and painted with future monitoring to make sure no mold is growing.

Discussion was held between the Council and Staff about working conditions of the staff, continued deterioration of the building and foundation, legal reading on the contract, pen and ink changes.

Mayor Adame pulled 11B and 12B and Item 21 from the agenda to give the City Manager and his staff to be able to come back with a budget for this coming year.

Discussion was held among the Council Members about Items being pulled, an additional request from Council Member Diehl to pull Item 14 from the agenda since he was the Council Member asking for this to be on the agenda which was not opposed by Council.

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.

Presentations

8. Proclamation to recognize the Ingleside High School BBQ Team.

Mayor Adame presented the Proclamation to the Ingleside High School BBQ Team Mustang Smoke Show. They were presented with a plaque. Mayor Adame read a brief about Hurtado BBQ from Arlington, Texas. Brandon Hurtado, owner of Hurtado BBQ, heard of the success of the team which inspired him to present the team with hats, stickers, and an official Texas Rangers game card. Hurtado BBQ is the first Official BBQ for the Texas Rangers. Congratulations to Mustang Smoke Show Team on their success.

9. Proclamation to recognize the Ingleside Public Library Staff for National Library Week, April 23 – 29, 2023.

Mayor Adame presented a Proclamation to the Ingleside Library Staff for National Library Week.

10. Recognition of student participation in the Ingleside Explorers Program.

City Manager Brenton B. Lewis requested this to be on the agenda for the youth program that involves the Police Department, Fire Department, and Tri- County EMS.

Cody Elrod addressed the Council about the youth program that is associated with the Boy Scouts of America focused on training for Police, Fire, and EMS. Each of the students present wants to pursue a career in one of these fields. Students are from Ingleside, Aransas Pass, and Rockport. Each month the Explorers train with their respective agencies. 501C3 taking donations and keep it free for the students, equipment, and training experiences. Sponsors in attendance and those who take time out of their busy schedule from the Police, Fire, and EMS are greatly thanked for making a difference in the lives of these students. The students have competitions against students from other cities on a law enforcement competition and graded on building searches, domestic violence calls, DUI's, SFST's, Crime Scene Investigation, Active Shooter, Hostage Negotiations, Regular Traffic Stops, and EMS competitions. They will also get trained in CERT to help with natural disasters.

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.

No Consent Agenda items presented for this meeting.

Executive Session

11. 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. **Section 551.087 Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations – Update on ongoing industry and retail negotiations**
- b. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters – Restructuring**
- c. **Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney - IOB Contract**
- d. **Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney - SystemSeven**
- e. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters – Evaluation of Municipal Court Judge Glover**
- f. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters – Reappointment of Municipal Court Judge Glover in accordance with City Charter Section 4.02B and Texas Government Code Section 29.005 for a two (2) year term.**

Item 11 b was pulled from the agenda.

At 7:12 p.m. Mayor Adame convened the Ingleside City Council into a closed session pursuant to provision of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.087 Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations, Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney, and Section 551.074 Personnel Matters.

12. 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. **Section 551.087 Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations – Update on ongoing industry and retail negotiations**
- b. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters – Restructuring**
- c. **Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney - IOB Contract**
- d. **Section 551.071 Consultations with Attorney - SystemSeven**
- e. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters – Evaluation of Municipal Court Judge Glover**
- f. **Section 551.074 Personnel Matters – Reappointment of Municipal Court Judge Glover in accordance with City Charter Section 4.02B and Texas Government Code Section 29.005 for a two (2) year term.**

At 8:56 p.m. Mayor Adame reconvened the Ingleside City Council into an open session pursuant to provision of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to take any action necessary related to the executive session noted herein, or regular agenda items, noted above, and/or related items.

Item A: No action taken.

Item B: Item pulled from the agenda.

Item C Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to direct the City Manager to work with the City Attorney and bring back a smooth copy of the proposed contract. Council Member John Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carries with all present voting in favor.

Item D Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to direct the City Manager to execute the contract with System Seven. Council Member John Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carries with all present voting in favor.

Item E: No action taken.

Item F Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Long made a motion to reappoint the Municipal Court Judge Glover in accordance with City Charter Section 4.02B and Texas Government Code Section 29.005 for a two (2) year term. Council Member Pruitt seconded the motion.

Item F Amended Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Long amended the motion to reappoint the Municipal Court Judge Glover in accordance with City Charter Section 4.02B and Texas Government Code Section 29.005 for a two (2) year term excluding the city cell phone stipend. Council Member Pruitt seconded the motion. Motion carries with all present voting in favor.

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 Hearing presented for this meeting.

Regular Agenda

13. Deliberate and take appropriate action on a Resolution Supporting Legislation During the 88th Texas Legislative Session Related to the Composition of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority Commission and Other Matters Related to the Governance of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority.

Mayor Pro-Tem Long stated that the Mayor, City Manager, and himself have been involved with the current Legislature issues surrounding the Port of Corpus Christi. There is a bill going up to create accountability and representation in the Port Commission. He stated that this Resolution is a collective effort of Nueces County, City of Corpus Christi, and San Patricio County to achieve the goals of getting more representation and holding the Port accountable. Many cities in San Patricio County have already adopted this Resolution. Due to this being a local bill all three entities have to agree before it can move forward in the Texas Legislature.

Discussion was held among the Council Members and Staff about adding a seat to the Commission to represent San Patricio County, additional voting seat, needing a representative, chairmanship rotating, the current option vs. last Legislative options, showing Ingleside is involved, and San Patricio County becoming an economic driver.

JoAnn Ehmann, 436 Suntide Ingleside on the Bay, Mayor of Ingleside on the Bay addressed the Council and stated that the issue of representation for the Port has been discussed for the last six years. This is the first time all three appointing entities, which is Nueces County, San Patricio County, and the City of Corpus Christi have sat down face to face to talk. This is progress and issues that are still not agreed upon. There has been an agreement between the three appointing entities that the bill needs to be before the committee. This Resolution will show the Legislature that the cities within San Patricio County and other two appointing entities that we need to move forward.

Motion: Motion Mayor Pro-Tem Long made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-14, a Resolution Supporting Legislation During the 88th Texas Legislative Session Related to the Composition of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority Commission and Other Matters Related to the Governance of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority. Council Member Pruitt seconded the motion. Motion carries with all present voting in favor.

14. Deliberate and take appropriate action in consideration of establishing a Parks Board as set forth in the City Charter.

Item 14 was pulled from the agenda.

15. Deliberate and take appropriate action to authorize the City Manager to proceed with Playground, Etc. for the installation of shade structures at the Charles H. Doherty Municipal Swimming Pool through the Buy Board Purchasing Agreement.

City Manager Brenton B. Lewis addressed the Council about the quote to install the shade structure at the swimming pool. The shades were purchased for the Benny Diegel Field and are being repurposed. The company doing the installation is on the buy board so we will not have to go out for a bid. Since the cost exceeds the \$25,000.00 it needs to have Council action.

Parks & Recreation Director Tarkington addressed the Council and stated that this was bid on March 17, 2023 and we received no bids. This was due to asking companies to install someone else's product. Our Facilities Maintenance crew found this company who was willing to do the installation only.

Discussion was held between the Council Members and Staff about funding, doing the ball park, and being placed on the next meeting.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to authorize the City Manager to proceed with Playground, Etc. for the installation of shade structures at the Charles H. Doherty Municipal Swimming Pool through the Buy Board Purchasing Agreement. Mayor Adame seconded the motion. Motion carries with all present voting in favor.

16. Deliberate and take appropriate action on the capital projects fund balance and funding for current and future projects.

City Manager Brenton B. Lewis addressed the Council about combining Item 16, Item 18, and Item 19 as they are all related.

Mayor Adame called for items 16, 18, and 19 to all be combined.

City Manager Brenton B. Lewis again addressed the Council and stated that the Independent Auditor did look at the funds and did the drill down. We know how much cash we have on hand. Under Fund 30 which is the General Fund/Capital Funding sources the prior physical year balance was \$5.9 million. Transfers were \$97,000.00. On transfer from Fund 14 Houghton Improvement Fund was \$8.8 million. During the time the Houghton Project was being designed A to Z, and the City transferred money over to the Houghton Project. Now we are not going for the A to Z design we are only going for the drainage. This makes funding sources around \$14.8 million to \$ 14.9 million. The projects have been approved by the City Council. Staff has been projecting other items that we know are needed which includes N.O. Simmons Park: electrical, soccer field lighting, skate park restoration, playground surfacing maintenance, picnic pavilion structural repairs, and Live Oak Park: electrical around the loop, playground resurfacing project, basketball lighting. In addition to server infrastructure, city wide roof replacement, and city hall air condition replacement.

Discussion was held among the Council and Staff about details after the next budget process, prioritizing the items that need replaced and/or fixed, putting this in a workshop, CIP, cost of Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Garden Center.

No Action Taken

17. **TABLED 10/25/2022 Deliberate and take appropriate action on second and final reading of an Ordinance authorizing and providing, under the act governing the Texas Municipal Retirement System: (1) "Updated Service Credits" in said system on an annual basis for service performed by qualifying members of such system who a the effective date of the authorization are in the employment of the City of Ingleside; (2) Increased prior and current service annuities for retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees of the city; and (3) An increase to the rate of deposits to said system by the employees of the city; and establishing effective dates for the changes authorized by this ordinance.**

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to Retable for a length of time not to exceed September 30, 2023, to coincide with the budget preparation. Council Member Julio Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carries with all present voting in favor.

18. **Deliberate and take appropriate action on capital improvement projects identified in previous years for the Parks and Recreation Projects.**

Combined with Item 16.

Parks & Recreation Director Tarkington addressed the Council about Sports Park at Live Oak Field Shade Structures. Staff did get written quotes with two companies submitting bids. We are working the bids to bring back to Council on the next Agenda. He stated that he spoke with the Little League and their Spring season finishes approximately by July 5, 2023. This would be difficult to do during their season. The projected highest cost is \$62,803.00 and both bids are just about the same. This will be presented to the Council on April 25, 2023, Council Meeting. He stated that the Library Landscaping had begun by removing all the weeds. Treatment of the weeds is ongoing. The weeds keep coming back and the Parks & Recreation Department does not currently have an employee who is licensed to spray. They are using environmentally safe products for weed control.

Library Director Cassanova stated that the Library would be purchasing extra products to continue treating the weeds as the weather continues to get hotter since the cost is minimal. She stated the Garden Club had been helping but is waiting on funds to help add more plants. The Women's Club and the Friends Group also wanted to help in the future.

Director Tarkington then addressed the Swimming Pool Electrical Issues. The electricity went through the Garden Center facility. There is now a stand-alone electricity 200-amp service. AEP has run power and now tests will be performed to make sure it is working. The issue with the water fountain has been resolved. The cost of repairs was \$3,430.00.

Director Tarkington stated that the Pool Shade Structures that were supposed to be for another project will be installed at the pool. The buy board of \$26,729.00 is for transporting and installing the shade structures. Staff is requesting these to be installed before the pool opens on May 27, 2023.

Director Tarkington stated that the Faith Park Ball Fields were resodded by Hellas as of April and will take three to four months to take root. The fields will be ready for use in the fall of 2023. City staff will be trained to set the lighting schedule. The cost of the contract with Hellas is \$2,735,883.00.

Director Tarkington stated that an Industrial or Commercial use Pool Gazebo will be purchased for use outside the pool for approximately \$10,000.00. Staff has been researching various options. F.E.M.A. will reimburse the city up to \$6,299.00 as a replacement for the original gazebo destroyed by Hurricane Harvey. Staff intends to purchase the new gazebo in the next month to be available for use in the upcoming pool season.

Director Tarkington stated that the Faith Park Walking Trail is part of the quality-of-life standards by the Council and has been incorporated into the Capital Improvement Plan projects. The estimated cost is approximately \$200,000.00.

Director Tarkington stated that the N.O. Simmons Soccer Field Lighting needs 2 additional light poles added to provide adequate lighting for the soccer field per Musco. The estimated cost for the 2 light poles would be \$400,000.00. Musco is considered the "gold standard"

in sport lighting. Other companies can provide almost the same quality at a reduced price. Staff is requesting the Council to determine if cost or quality is preferred.

Discussion was held between Council Members and Staff about taking another look at the cost for the lighting as the cost presented seem too high for poles, our current system is Musco, poles must be able to withstand a hurricane, compared these light poles to the football field, and cost increase over the last few years.

Director Tarkington stated that on June 14, 2022, the Council voted unanimously to replace and repurpose the current Garden Center and build a new Garden Center on the same foundation. It was suggested that the new building have a 10-foot ceiling. It was stated that organizations that use the building be included in the reconstruction design. The expected cost was presented in June 2022 as \$400,650.00 by John Shrier. With the 10-foot ceiling, inflation, and upgrades the current estimate is now \$800,000.00.

Discussion was held between the Council and Staff about the cost increasing and prioritizing projects, cost to dispose of asbestos in the tiles if necessary, and repurposing the current building.

No Action Taken.

19. **Deliberate and take appropriate action on capital improvement projects identified in previous years for General Projects: Kenny Lane Improvements, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Houghton Drainage Improvements, Avenue B-C Alley, Avenue C-D Alley, Citizen Collection Station, Street Maintenance Projects, 4th Street Improvements, 12th Street Improvements, Animal Control Facility, Hultgreen Improvements, and West Main Parking Lot.**

Combined with Item 16.

Infrastructure Director Paredez addressed the Council and gave an update on projects. He stated that McKinney Lane Improvements project is currently on hold, which was an A-to-Z project that was designed and submitted to TCEQ. The water and wastewater has already been approved. It is on hold for budgetary purposes. This was originally budgeted for \$1.8 million. Staff has configured 32% contingency with an updated cost of \$2.394 million. Funded by the 2020 Bond program and the 2021 Street Bond program.

Director Paredez stated that the Wastewater Treatment Plant project is current and a permit has been filed with TCEQ. This project funded by a TWDB loan was originally slated at \$22,000,000.00 and now the updates OPCC projects this to be \$26,942,000.00.

Discussion was held between the Council and Staff about this project being priority.

Director Paredez stated that the Houghton Drainage improvements project is funded by CDBG-DR grant and the Capital funds are \$4,276,852.75 has been bid and awarded to JJ Fox construction. This was bid was awarded on March 14, 2022 with construction projected for 270 days.

Director Paredez stated that the Avenue B-C Alley project was funded by the 2020 bond program for \$224,917.00 and was issued as an added alternate to the 4th Street project. The Avenue C-D Alley project was also funded by the 2020 bond program for \$167,328.00 and issued as an alternate to the 4th Street project and is almost complete. The Citizen Collection Station project was funded by the 2021 bond program for \$500,000.00 with the initial construction ending at the cost of \$200,000.00. The Street Maintenance project was funded by the 2021/2022 Capital funds for \$742,000.00 which was bid but not awarded. The 4th Street Improvement project was funded by the 2020 Street Bond program for \$5,608,004.00. This project is currently under construction and is almost complete. The 12th Street Improvement project was funded by the 2020 Street Bond program for \$2,705,306.00. This project is complete. The Animal Control Facility project is funded by the 2021 Bond Program for \$1,500,000.00 originally and updated OPCC of \$2,400,000.00. This project has been designed and is ready to bid. Hanson Professional Services is putting the contract documents together. The Hultgreen Improvements project is funded by the ARPA Grant and Wastewater Impact fees. This project is budgeted for \$3,503,000.00. It is at 60% design and is scheduled to be fully designed in May of 2023. The West Main

Parking Lot project is funded by the Capital Fund and IDC Fund for \$1,870,439.00. Currently a schematic design is completed and when coordinated with Union Pacific Railroad it will go into full design mode.

20. TABLED 11/08/2022 Deliberate and take appropriate action on the purchase of a GPS tracking and vehicle maintenance system from SHI/GS.

City Manager Lewis addressed the Council about the GPS tracking system being tabled at a previous meeting and is now being recommended by staff to have real time tracking and preventative maintenance program. The current count is 81 units down from 100 units originally which brings the cost down to \$21,459.00 for 81 vehicles with an annual fee of \$264.00 per vehicle.

Discussion was held between the Council and Staff about this assisting the City with the maintenance schedule, keeping track of which vehicles that are being used the most, cost of installation, getting competitive quotes, test run on certain vehicles, which vehicle, budgeted, economic advantages and cost savings, where the vehicles are what their being used for, wear and tear on vehicles, monitoring the system, web based system, and if a vehicle is in a crash it will show the speed limit.

Motion: Council Member Julio Salinas made a motion to allow the City Manager to execute the purchase of a GPS tracking and vehicle maintenance system. Mayor Pro-Tem Long seconded the motion. Motion carries with all present voting in favor.

21. Deliberate and take appropriate action on first and only reading of an Ordinance amending the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget for the City of Ingleside, Texas, for the General, Utility, and the Hotel/Motel Funds for department restructuring and operating budget adjustments.

Item 21 pulled from the agenda.

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

- a. Ingleside Rotary Club Fishing Tournament April 15, 2023
- b. Scrabble Tournament for Literacy Portland April 21, 2023
- c. Trashion Fashion Show April 22, 2023
- d. Ingleside Tire Take Back April 29, 2023
- e. State of the Port Luncheon Aransas Pass May 31, 2023
- f. Nueces Basin Summit Portland June 21-23, 2023
- g. Ingleside Fire Rescue Golf Tournament Sinton June 24, 2023


23. Items to consider for placement on future agendas.

Mayor Adame requested for State Hwy 200 budget and actions, animal shelter, and Cove Park all be on the next agenda.

24. Adjourn.

Mayor Adame adjourned the Regular City Council Meeting at 10:18 p.m.

APPROVED:


Pedro Oscar Adame, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jana Stork, Assistant City Secretary