

CITY OF INGLESIDE
MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022
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 Tuesday, June 28, 2022, 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, Tracy Long, and Mayor Pedro Oscar Adame

Council Members Present via Zoom: Council Member Julio Salinas

Council Members Absent: John Salinas

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

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 by the Mayor 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. If there is a group of six or more individuals to speak on the same subject, they will be required to provide a single person to represent the group and have up to ten 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.

Denise De La Garza, 2969 Atlantic Blvd. Apt. 610, addressed the Council to discuss food truck permits. De La Garza asked the Council to consider allowing food truck permits in the City of Ingleside and asked to have this on the next agenda.

Council Member Diehl stated he was already aware of this item and was already working with staff to bring to the next agenda.

6. Introduction of Brenton B. Lewis, the new City of Ingleside, City Manager.

Brent B. Lewis addressed the Council and thanked them for the opportunity to be with the City of Ingleside.

Mayor Adame and Council Member Diehl thanked Ruby Mowles, City Secretary, for stepping up and serving as the Interim City Manager.

7. Introduction of Caron S. Vela, the new City of Ingleside, Finance Director.

Caron S. Vela addressed the Council and thanked them for the opportunity to be with the City of Ingleside.

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.

8. Deliberate and act on approval of the City of Ingleside expenditures paid over \$3,000.00 for the period of June 1, 2022 through June 21, 2022.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items, as presented. Council Member Pruitt seconded the motion. Motion carried 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.

Mayor Adame opened the Public Hearing at 6:38 p.m.

9. First Public Hearing in accordance with the provision of the Texas Local Government Code, Section 370.002 "Review of Juvenile Curfew Ordinance."

Speaking For: There was no one speaking for the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance

Speaking Against: There was no one speaking against the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance.

Mayor Adame closed the Public Hearing at 6:38 p.m.

Regular Agenda

10. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance re-adopting Section 38.26 through 38.31 of the City of Ingleside Code of Ordinances as required by Local Government Code 370.002.

Chief Burr addressed the Council and read the Executive summary which states Sec. 370.002 Review of Juvenile curfew order of Ordinance. She proposed to re-adopt section 38.26 through 38.31 of the City of Ingleside Code of Ordinances. Chief Burr stated that this was just a house keeping item and the curfew requirements are to be reviewed every 3 years.

Council Member Julio Salinas stated he would like to see the hours to increase to 9:00 p.m. instead of 11:00 p.m. and believes that 9:00 p.m. is enough time for juveniles to be out by themselves for the night.

Chief Burr stated that the lighting goes off at 11:00 p.m. at the basketball courts, which is why the curfew is at 11:00 p.m. and there is signage up stating this.

Chief Burr stated that due to locking bathrooms and other tactics this has cut down on violations.

Council Member Diehl, Pruitt, Long, and Mayor Adame all agreed that if there is not a current rise in violations that the time doesn't need to be changed.

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to pass to a second reading for the Ordinance re-adopting Section 38.26 through 38.31 of the City of Ingleside Code of Ordinances as required by Local Government Code 370.002. Council Member Long seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

11. TABLED 06/14/2022 Deliberate and Act to authorize the City Manager to approve the renewal of TML Health Benefits Plan for Oct. 1, 2022 through Sept. 30, 2023.

Victor Diaz, Account Executive with TML Health Benefits Pool (TMLHB), addressed the Council and thanked the City of Ingleside for 13 years of partnership. Diaz discussed the medical cost projections for the current plans and the 10 percent increase for the Plan Year 2022-23. He explained the paid claims vs premiums received and the group loss ratio threshold of 85 percent. Diaz stated during the last 24 months the City's group loss ratio is currently at 120.30 percent. In addition, explained the impact of Covid and how TMLHB paid \$282,598.43 in Covid claims for the City of Ingleside paid out of TMLHB equity. Diaz spoke about the renewal credit for the past two plan years and explained this would not be available on this renewal. Diaz stated there were no plan changes or premiums changes for either the Dental or the Vision plans. Diaz informed the Council that there is a team available for the City of Ingleside to assist with any questions.

Council Member Diehl questioned why IDC was paying for benefits for staff when the IDC is an individual corporation and a separate entity from the City.

City Secretary Mowles stated that she was looking into this and has already addressed this with the new City Manager and Finance Director.

Motion: Council Member Pruitt made a motion to authorize the City Manager to approve the renewal of TML Health Benefits Plan for Oct. 1, 2022 through Sept. 30, 2023. Council Member Long seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

12. Deliberate and act on approval of a contract extension with Ingleside Little League for the use of Bennie Diegel Baseball Complex for the period beginning July 2, 2022 to November 27, 2022.

Belinda Cassanova addressed the Council and stated that Victor Moreno was requesting a full contract extension for the Ingleside Little League with the use of Bennie Diegel Baseball Complex. She stated that Victor could answer any questions Council may have.

Council Member Wilson questioned if the contract would stay the same.

City Secretary Mowles stated that the contract is not changing except for the time frame extension.

Mayor Adame stated that if there are ever any after-hours issues at the baseball complex to call the Police Department and they would contact the on call Parks Department.

Council Member Pruitt, Julio Salinas, and Mayor Adame all want to see this program continue.

Motion: Council Member Pruitt made a motion to approve a contract extension with Ingleside Little League for the use of Bennie Diegel Baseball Complex for the period beginning July 2, 2022 to November 27, 2022. Council Member Julio Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

13. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance Amending Ingleside Code of Ordinances - Chapter 62-Traffic and Vehicles, Article V-Golf Carts and Neighborhood Electric Vehicles.

Chief Burr addressed the Council and stated that recent changes in Texas law now allow golf carts and most off highway vehicles to be operated on public roadways with certain restrictions and stipulations that must be met to legally drive on public roads. Chief stated that updating this ordinance would allow the City of Ingleside to conform to the current State of Texas law and allow the Police Department and Code Enforcement to enforce the Ordinance as it relates to these types of unique off-highway vehicles. The update of the Ordinance would require these vehicles to be inspected and permitted. If the Ordinance is not updated, it would allow residents to continue to operate these vehicles in an unsafe manner in the city parks due to the inability to take enforcement actions against them.

Chief Burr stated that the Texas State law changed in 2019 to include off-highway vehicles to operate on public roads and the City of Ingleside Ordinance has not been updated since 2017 and would only be allowed in parks with roads.

Council Member Julio Salinas stated he would like to see these vehicles not allowed in the parks except for special occasions only. Would permits be needed?

Chief Burr responded that the owner would have to get specific insurance, specific license plates, permits, triangles, and adhere to all specific requirements to operate on the road.

Council Member Julio Salinas posed many questions for the Ordinance about exhaust and noise and how to measure that. In addition, the width of the vehicles are different for each type of vehicle and it is in the State Ordinance that they can be no more than 50 inches wide.

Chief Burr explained that this is the State of Texas's minimum requirements and that it can be changed by the City of Ingleside as needed.

Council Member Long questioned why we need both State and local Ordinance if the Police Department can enforce the State law.

Chief Burr replied that the City of Ingleside needs to update the Ordinance to be in compliance with the State laws and have these vehicles permitted and require them to have the special plates.

Discussion among the Council Members about seatbelts, unauthorized underage drivers and responsibility, where do the funds from the permits and inspections go, would there be restricted hours of operation, what department would issue the permits, and what information will be required for permitting this issue was tabled.

Motion: Council Member Wilson made a motion to TABLE this item till July 12, 2022 to make revisions. Council Member Diehl seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

14. Deliberate and act on first reading of an Ordinance Amending Ingleside Code of Ordinances - Chapter 30-Environment, Article VI-Excavations, adding Sections 30-201 – 30-209, and adding a new Article VII- Recreational Vehicles.

Chief Burr addressed the council and presented the Ordinance to Amend Ingleside Code of Ordinance to prevent habitation of a recreational vehicle (RV) as a full-time residence or storage in an area not zoned for such use. This is to preserve the integrity of residential neighborhoods to inhibit them from becoming campgrounds or junkyards. This new Article would assist Law Enforcement and Code Enforcement to address violators and to educate residents on the rules of recreational vehicles in neighborhoods.

Council Member Diehl stated that the City of Ingleside will have an outcry due to the rights of the public and what rights they have as property owners. Can we find out how other cities are addressing this issue? Would citizens have the resources to fix the issue as we want to be careful to make sure selection is deemed a violation.

Chief Burr stated that this was started by the Building Department 2 years ago and used other cities as examples to see what they were doing. Some citizens have the ability to fix the violation. The Police Department would like to have a Q and A at the Humble Center and put the information of violations in the Newsletter. Code Enforcement can help with this as well.

Cindy Wilson, 2635 San Angelo, addressed the Council and inquired as to why the Quarterly Newsletter stopped.

City Manager Lewis stated that this would be brought up at another meeting.

Council Member Long stated that property rights end with irresponsible homeowners. It depreciates property value and will cause issues.

Council Member Julio Salinas stated he supports keeping properties nice but thought the 12 foot of the roadway was excessive.

Economic Development Director Jodi Carr addressed the Council and she stated she knows that GLO has a boat cleanup and could look into this further if Council desired.

Chief Burr stated that the length away from the street could be changed but they calculated the 12 feet for the length of an emergency responder vehicle for emergency purposes.

Code Enforcement Officer Jarod Boudreaux addressed the Council and stated that the City of Ingleside would request clean-up first, Issue notice of violation second, and educate the homeowner and remove the vehicle later.

City Manager Lewis said that the City of Ingleside would have a clean-up day in reference to TCEQ.

Motion: Council Member Long made a motion to pass to a second reading of an Ordinance Amending Ingleside Code of Ordinances - Chapter 30-Environment, Article VI.-Excavations, adding Sections 30-201 – 30-209, and adding a new Article VII- Recreational Vehicles. Council Member Diehl seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

15. Presentation identifying purpose, definitions, design, pricing, and procedure for various traffic calming devices.

Chief Burr addressed the Council and presented the Traffic Calming Devices presentation. Chief Burr explained the different types of traffic calming devices: speed humps, radar speed signs, speed trailer, and speed limit enforcement by Police. Chief Burr explained the purpose of the presentation and the general guidelines for the application of speed humps to include operational and geometric characteristics of the street, and the design, construction, and maintenance. In addition, spoke about the advantages and disadvantages of traffic calming measures. Chief Burr spoke about the procedure to determine if traffic calming measures may be considered and the associated cost for a speed hump. Chief Burr addressed the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and the required advanced warning notices and markings. Chief Burr explained that a 9-day traffic study was conducted by the Ingleside Police Department and gave the disclaimer that this was performed by an inexpensive device to give a guideline to the traffic on Ave A. The traffic study recorded data is for informational purposes only and not official numbers.

Average Daily Traffic:

Weekday	Weekend	Total ADT
Cars: 1069	Cars: 1006	Cars: 1053
Trucks: 27	Trucks: 21	Trucks: 26
Total: 1097	Total: 1028	Total: 1079

Speed Totals:

50%: 28.3 mph	Top Speed: 98.9 mph	Avg Truck Speed: 29.6 mph
85%: 33.2 mph	Low Speed: 4.2 mph	Avg Car Speed: 28.1 mph
Avg: 28.1 mph	10mph Pace Speed: 23.7 – 33.6 (69.0%)	

Chief Burr stated that for 3 years Ex-Council Member Knippa had been seeking to get speed bumps installed in the City of Ingleside.

City Manager Lewis stated other cities make citizens pay for half of the cost for the study required and part of the cost for the installation. The speed bumps also make drivers slow down and then they speed up to get to the next one.

Council Member Diehl, Wilson, and Pruitt all agree that the Study needs to be done.

Former Council Member Knippa, at 3381 Avenue A, addressed the Council in favor of the speed bumps. He also stated that there is a petition in circulation if anyone wanted to sign it.

No action taken.

16. Deliberate and act in regard to awarding the construction contract pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Street Maintenance Projects, to Haas-Anderson Construction, Ltd. (HAC), not to exceed an amount of \$500,000; directing and authorizing the City Manager to sign and effect the contract between the City of Ingleside and Haas-Anderson Construction, Ltd. (HAC).

Project Manager John Shier addressed the Council and presented the street Maintenance Program which is set in place to automatically maintain the roadways in the City of Ingleside. There is \$772,462 allocated to this section of the program. These particular roads were chosen for maintenance to reutilize the curb and gutters. Other roads identified for repair require more extensive work and major utilities that also need repairs to be replaced at the time of roadway maintenance. The current roads presented for repairs would be the most cost effective for the program. When 12th, 4th, and Kenney Lane are completed, 1st and Todd Circle which are more intensive roadways will be presented for design and construction. The CIP Program will include these to be presented to Council for the FY 22/23 Budget Process. The roads will continue to decline unless the contract is awarded to save the curb and gutters to repurpose.

Discussion among the Council Members about a Master Road Plan, the length of the project in feet, what type of base mix, and making the public aware of road closures.

Project Manager John Shrier will put information on the map for residence, let Council Members know the square yard conversion into feet, and put together a Master Road Plan with Public Works Department.

Motion: Council Member Julio Salinas made a motion to award the construction contract pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Street Maintenance Projects, to Haas-Anderson Construction, Ltd. (HAC), not to exceed an amount of \$500,000; directing and authorizing the City Manager to sign and effect the contract between the City of Ingleside and Haas-Anderson Construction, Ltd. (HAC). Council Member Pruitt seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

17. Deliberate and act on approval of a Membership Agreement between Keep Texas Recycling, a program of Keep Texas Beautiful, and the City of Ingleside; directing and authorizing the City Manager to sign and effect the agreement between Keep Texas Beautiful and the City of Ingleside.

Director of Public Works Donald Paty addressed the Council and stated the Membership agreement with Keep Texas Beautiful gives them exclusive rights to market and sell the material collected from the City of Ingleside and 10% of the proceeds to Keep Texas Recycling for service. The service provided is the handling transport, marketing, and sale of recyclable materials collected. The City of Ingleside doesn't have the manpower or transportation available to transport, market, and sell the recycled materials and would have to hire an outside service.

Cindy Wilson, 2635 San Angelo, addressed the Council wanting to know how the public will be informed.

Mayor Adame stated that flyers should be mailed out as not all public can use a computer. Maybe have a commercial made, news station notification, and hand flyers out door to door.

Project Manager John Shrier stated that information will be going out on the utility bills, multi-media web site, and can send mail.

Council Member Diehl stated that there is a bulletin board on Channel 3 News.

Discussion among the Council Members about who would be able to recycle, is it just Ingleside or surrounding cities also.

City Secretary Mowles stated it is for all of San Patricio County.

Motion: Council Member Julio Salinas made a motion to approve a Membership Agreement between Keep Texas Recycling, a program of Keep Texas Beautiful, and the City of Ingleside; directing and authorizing the City Manager to sign and effect the agreement between Keep Texas Beautiful and the City of Ingleside. Council Member Diehl seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

18. Deliberate and act on a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Ingleside, San Patricio County, State of Texas authorizing and designating the official signatures of the City of Ingleside for banking and depository services.

City Secretary Mowles addressed the Council about authorizing and designating the official signatures for banking and allowing the necessary bank transactions to operate as normal.

No discussion among Council

Motion: Council Member Diehl made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-18, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Ingleside, San Patricio County, State of Texas authorizing and designating the official signatures of the City of Ingleside for banking and depository services. Council Member Long seconded the motion. Motion carried with all present voting in favor.

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

City Secretary Mowles stated the Recycling Center Grand Opening will be Thursday, July 7, 2022 with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 9:30 a.m. and open to the public at 10:00 a.m. The location is 1580 4th Street Ingleside, TX 78362 (4th Street/CR 150 between Danforth Lane and FM 2725).

20. Items to consider for placement on future agendas.

Council Member Diehl requested for a status update on SH 200. Diehl explained that if staff does the research may find that we can get TxDot to pay for it and be able to put the \$4M back into budget. Council Member Diehl stated SH 200 has been in the works for many years and does not benefit the City at this point.

Council Member Diehl requested for the Equipment Operational Status Report from PW, Streets, and Parks. Diehl was specific in wanting to know about the repair equipment for streets.

Council Member Diehl requests staff to look into the proper disposal of used oil. Diehl expressed a concern for residents running a mechanic repair business from home. Diehl explained this is not for the private individual who is maintaining a personal vehicle at home.

Council Member Diehl thanked the Chief and the Ingleside Police Department for doing a great job and being visible.

Mayor Adame request for the appointment of a Road Committee.

Mayor Adame request for staff to look into grants for drainage. Adame would like to have further discussion on Alternate drainage route on the Northwest side of the City that would run behind HEB.

Mayor Adame stated there is a concern for speeders through Hultgreen and 8th Street.

Mayor Adame thanked City Secretary Mowles for stepping up for staff and helping out.

Mayor Adame requested for staff to look into the City News Letter.


Council Member Diehl request for staff to consider having a steering committee to begin the process for Cove Park.

Council Member Diehl request for a Mobile Food Vender Ordinance to allow food trucks in the City.

21. Adjourn


Mayor Adame adjourned the Regular Meeting of the City of Ingleside at 9:22 p.m.

APPROVED:



Pedro Oscar Adame, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ruby Mowles, City Secretary