

**CITY OF INGLESIDE
MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 26, 2011**

1. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. with Mayor Pete Perkins presiding. Council Members present: Mayor Pete Perkins, and Council Members Cynthia Wilson, Steve Diehl, John F. Schack, Willie Vaden, and Paul Pierce. Council Members absent: Council Member Elaine Kemp. City of Ingleside Staff present: City Manager Jim Gray and City Secretary Kimberly Drysdale. There were approximately 50 guests.

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Presentations from the Audience

Mrs. Susan Coleman thanked Council Member Diehl for always responding to her emails, as well as the City Manager, Chief of Police and sometimes Council Member Wilson and Mayor Perkins. She stated that she had not received responses from other City Council Members.

5. Discussion of the Ingleside Industrial Corridor, also known as State Highway 200, with regards to the funding options currently available.

John Michael of Naismith Engineering explained that Phase I of the NEPA process for SH 200 is complete. It was funded through the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) via the Local Redevelopment Authority (LRA). Now there is a need for an additional \$1.5 Million Dollars to fund Phase II of the NEPA process to include construction design, specifications, and right-of-way acquisitions in order for this project to be "shovel ready" for construction. SH 200 was actually recognized back in the 1980s due to congestion and safety issues expected when driving through downtown Ingleside. These concerns have steadily increased as well as the need to transport large equipment through town, which often requires the blocking of traffic and movement of the stoplights. Currently over 26,000 cars/trucks go through the intersection of Hwy 361 and FM 1069 (Main Street) each day. The proposed corridor will be 1.9 miles long, four-lanes wide with shoulders, have turn lanes, and will allow 60 mph traffic. The main areas of concern are the old oil refinery and tank yards located on the Exxon and Ingleside ISD properties.

Texas Department of Transportation District Engineer, John Casey, stated he is working with the staff, engineers, county, and other entities as necessary to help get this project shovel ready. Mr. Casey stated he did not believe the State would have funds for construction of SH 200. Although he cannot guarantee funding, he can assist in promoting the concerns, needs, and anticipated relief this project will provide.

City Manager Jim Gray stated it is anticipated that the construction costs will be about 12-14 Million Dollars depending on the economy at the time. We are hopeful that once Phase II of the NEPA process is completed, that Economic Development Agency (EDA) will assist with majority of the funding.

San Patricio County Judge, Terry Simpson stated once the NEPA process is complete, the County can assist with pass through funding for Federal and State Funds. This will probably still cost the County a couple of million dollars that will not be reimbursable.

Mayor Perkins stated he and the City Manager have been meeting with different industry parties to help us fund the 1.5 Million Dollar. Council Member Diehl suggested that since this will assist the region, we may need to consider more regional partners.

6. Presentation by Port of Corpus Christi Authority.

Port of Corpus Christi Authority (POCCA) representatives present were: Judy Hawley, Greg Brubeck, and Tom Moore. They gave an overview of all the various projects ongoing throughout the area. The main focus at this time is the expected ground breaking of the TPCO plant and of course the purchase of the property formerly known as Naval Station Ingleside (NSI) by Canyon Supply and Logistics (Canyon). There will be a special POCCA meeting on May 2, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. regarding the contract with Canyon. The staff is very positive that all items will be negotiated by that time and everyone will be ready to finalize the contract. Since the TPCO plant is coming along rather quickly, other Chinese companies have begun contacting us and they are planning an agenda item on the May 12, 2011 agenda regarding another potential Chinese project.

7. Presentation by Canyon Supply and Logistics, LLC.

Larry Ramming a Partner and the Chairman of the Board for Canyon Supply and Logistics, LLC introduced his other staff: Tim Clower, John Bullard, Mike Castro, and Mark Meyers. At this time they are eager for the May 2, 2011 meeting with the Port of Corpus Christi Authority and believes they have made excellent progress with the purchase of the Port property. They continue with the dialog for the purchase of the Harbor Island Property, but the contract for the property formerly known as Naval Station Ingleside is almost final.

8. Consideration and action of Industrial Agreements with Dupont, Oxy Chem, and Air Liquide.

City Manager Jim Gray explained that the only point the staff and industry representatives have not come to an agreement on was regarding the Franchise Fees. The City's current agreement with Koch includes a 4% franchise fee, the agreement with Kiewit does not specify one, but they do pay a franchise fee. The CoGen plant of DuPont is the large question. It is unknown what the fees could be because Air Liquide will not provide what they consider to be proprietary information, with us at this time. We could get an Attorney specialized with this type of utility service but it is unknown whether the cost of the Attorney is worth the possible revenue of the Franchise Fee. Staff's recommendation is to continue with the six-year agreement with all entities without the Franchise Fees being listed. Over the next five-years the staff can further research the issue.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to allow the staff and City Attorney to move forward with the Industrial Agreements without the Franchise Fees and bring back to the City Council for final approval on May 10, 2011 and was seconded by Mayor Perkins. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Perkins recessed the meeting for short break at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Perkins reconvened the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

9. Receive quarterly report from the Ingleside Municipal Court for the period of January through March 2011.

Ingleside Municipal Court Judge Cheryl Deal presented her quarterly report to the Council. The Warrant Amnesty Program was announced by local press prior to the City advertising and, therefore, we have already begun accepting those payments. The actual advertisement began April 21, 2011 in the local newspapers, radio, and television stations and will end May 13, 2011. The Warrant Officer has been hired from within the existing Police Department and will begin mid-May. There may be a need for additional funds to properly stripe the car and provide the officer with a hand-held radio.

10. Consideration and action of an Ordinance providing for a Municipal Court Building Security Fund; providing for an Assessment and Collection of a Municipal Court Building Security Fee; providing for severability; providing for publication and effective date; and ordaining other provisions related to the subject matter hereof. (First Reading)

Council Member Pierce suggested the Ordinance not specify a dollar figure, but rather refer to the maximum allowed by the State Statute. He also noted that these funds will only be utilized by the Municipal Court. Municipal Court Judge Cheryl stated these will only be about \$5-7,000 per year and will only help to cover a small portion of the salary for the dedicated Warrant Officer.

Council Member Vaden made a motion to pass to the second reading, an Ordinance providing for a Municipal Court Building Security Fund; providing for an Assessment and Collection of a Municipal Court Building Security Fee; providing for severability; providing for publication and effective date; and ordaining other provisions related to the subject matter hereof with the amendment suggested by Council Member Pierce and was seconded by Council Member Pierce. The motion was approved unanimously.

11. Consideration and action authorizing the appointment of three peace officers to serve as Auxiliary Officers.

Council Member Vaden made a motion authorizing the appointment of Douglas Thole, David Valadez, and Martin Garcia as peace officers to serve as Auxiliary Officers with the City of Ingleside and was seconded by Council Member Diehl. The motion was approved unanimously.

12. Consideration and action authorizing the use of 911 Public Safety Answering Point funds received from the Council of Government to renew the CodeRed phone warning system agreement for three years.

Council Member Diehl made a motion authorizing the use of 911 Public Safety Answering Point funds received from the Council of Government to renew the CodeRed phone warning system agreement for three years in the amount of \$ 18,396.00 and was seconded by Council Member Pierce. The motion was approved unanimously.

13. A Public Hearing concerning an Ordinance amending Chapter 50 by adding Article VI Youth Program's Standard of Care; providing the minimum standards by which the City of Ingleside's Recreation Department will operate the City's Youth Programs.

Mayor Perkins opened the Public Hearing at 8:40 p.m.

There were no speakers for or against this Ordinance.

Mayor Perkins closed the Public Hearing at 8:41 p.m.

14. Consideration and action of an Ordinance amending Chapter 50 by adding Article VI, adopting minimum standards by the City of Ingleside's Recreation Department to operate the City's Youth Programs.

Council Member Pierce suggested changes to the following sections:

Section 50-205 = to read "Program employees will report suspected child abuse in accordance with Texas Family Code and to the Parks and Recreation Coordinator ~~in accordance with Texas Family Code.~~"

Section 50-231(a) = it was decided to leave the ratio as 1 to 20 and if the employee felt they need assistance, they could call their supervisor.

Section 50-233(f) = to read "In instances where there is a danger to other participants or staff, offending participants will be removed ~~immediately~~ from the program site as soon as ~~possible~~ practical.

Section 50-247 = in this section it specifies that the annual fire inspection report will be provided to the Parks and Recreation Coordinator and later it says to the City Manager, which is it? It was clarified it will be due to the City Manager.

Section 50-248(e) = it was questioned that the facility will be inspected by which health department and it was clarified by the County health department.

Section 50-248(b) = it was questioned if the city's liability coverage will include the staff providing medication to the children and the City Manager stated he will confirm the coverage.

Council Member Diehl made a motion to pass to a second reading, an Ordinance amending Chapter 50 by adding Article VI, adopting minimum standards by the City of Ingleside's Recreation Department to operate the City's Youth Programs with the recommendations noted above and was seconded by Council Member Pierce. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 15. Consideration and action of a Resolution authorizing the Tax Resale of Lot 4, Blaschke Addition, San Patricio County, Texas, as described in Volume 386, Pg 140, Deed Records of San Patricio County, Texas (also known as 2885 Gussie).**

Council Member Vaden made a motion to approve Resolution # 1014 authorizing the Tax Resale of Lot 4, Blaschke Addition, San Patricio County, Texas, as described in Volume 386, Pg 140, Deed Records of San Patricio County, Texas (also known as 2885 Gussie) and was seconded by Mayor Perkins. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 16. Consideration and action of a Resolution authorizing the Tax Resale of Lots 9-10, Nystrom Subdivision, Town of Ingleside, as described in Volume 263, Page 553, Deed Records of San Patricio County, Texas (also known as 2994 & 2998 Mayfield Avenue).**

Council Member Vaden made a motion to approve Resolution # 1015 authorizing the Tax Resale of Lots 9-10, Nystrom Subdivision, Town of Ingleside, as described in Volume 263, Page 553, Deed Records of San Patricio County, Texas (also known as 2994 & 2998 Mayfield Avenue) and was seconded by Council Member Pierce. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 17. Consideration and action of a Resolution authorizing the Tax Resale of Lot 16, Block 1, Homeacres Addition to Ingleside, San Patricio County, Texas, according to the map of plat thereof, recorded in Volume 3, Page 4, Map Records of San Patricio County, Texas (near the intersection of Main and Church Street).**

Council Member Pierce made a motion to approve Resolution # 1016 authorizing the Tax Resale of Lot 16, Block 1, Homeacres Addition to Ingleside, San Patricio County, Texas, according to the map of plat thereof, recorded in Volume 3, Page 4, Map Records of San Patricio County, Texas (near the intersection of Main and Church Street) and was seconded by Mayor Perkins. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 18. Receive and discuss the City's financial situation, including but not limited to its budget, revenues, expenses, assets and debts.**

There were no questions from the Council regarding the financial report.

- 19. Consideration and action authorizing the staff to set the rates for the employee insurance plan(s) with Texas Municipal League - Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool (TML-IEBP).**

City Manager Jim Gray reminded the Council that they authorized the staff to continue the discussions with TML-IEBP regarding the rate options for the employee benefits. The rates have increased 15% above the current year. At this time the staff has provided two options for the Council to consider and the ranges can be adjusted anywhere within those options, we only need to know a set dollar figure the Council is willing to absorb within the budget and the staff can back into that amount. The options being presented are (Option 1) to continue with a 75/25 split of the dependent coverage, or (Option 2) to change to as much as a 50/50 split for dependent coverage. The City continues to cover 100% of the employee only coverage.

Council Member Vaden expressed his concern with increasing the staff's portion any more than necessary due the fact it is unknown whether there will be a wage increase with the coming budget.

Council Member Vaden made a motion to approve Option 1 rates for the employee insurance plan(s) with Texas Municipal League - Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool (TML-IEBP) and was seconded by Council Member Diehl.

Council Member Diehl questioned where the funds could come from to absorb the additional costs. Mr. Gray stated the \$25,000 from the current budget could come from the Council Contingency if necessary and the \$50,000 for the coming budget could be absorbed by the Industrial Agreements just approved.

Council Member Vaden amended his motion for the \$25,000 for the current budget year to be absorbed by the Council Contingency funds, if necessary, and was seconded by Council Member Diehl. The motion was approved unanimously.

20. Reports from Staff

City Manager Jim Gray stated that staff is preparing the travel to Washington, D.C. for him and the Mayor to meet with Congressman Farenthold and Senators Cornyn and Hutchison as well as the offices of OEA and EDA. Upcoming events are: Breakfast with Blake Farenthold – April 28, 2011 at 7:30 a.m. at the Humble Recreational Facility; Early Voting by personal appearance begins - May 2, 2011; and there will be a Special POCCA meeting regarding the contract with Canyon Supply and Logistic – May 2, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

21. Requests from Council

Council Member Diehl requested a Joint Meeting with the LRA at the next regular City Council Meeting of May 10, 2011.

22. Adjourn

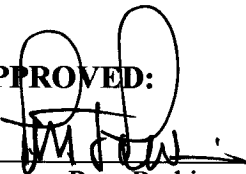
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

ATTEST:



 Kimberly Drysdale, City Secretary

APPROVED:



 Mayor, Pete Perkins