

**CITY OF INGLESIDE
MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 10, 2014**

1. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. with Mayor Pete Perkins presiding. Council Members present: Mayor Pete Perkins and Council Members Cynthia Wilson, Ben Tucker, Elaine Kemp, Kevin Robbins, and Willie Vaden. Council Members absent: Council Member Paul Pierce. Staff present: City Manager, Jim Gray, Finance Director Rosie Vela, and City Secretary Kimberly Drysdale. There were approximately 50 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 City Council Meeting of May 27, 2014.

Mayor Perkins noted a correction with Item # 1 to delete the statement that Council Member Pierce arrived at 6:35 p.m. because it is noted between agenda items # 4 and # 5. He also noted a correction between agenda item #s 9 and 10 to state: "Subsequently, Council Member Robbins left the Council meeting and was an unexcused absence for the remainder of the Council Meeting." And the final correction was the spelling of Mr. Whitley within the last paragraph of agenda item # 16.

Council Member Vaden made a motion to approve the Minutes of the City Council Meeting of May 27, 2014 with the amendments noted by Mayor Perkins above; and was seconded by Council Member Wilson. The motion was approved with Mayor Perkins and Council Members Wilson, Tucker, Kemp, and Vaden voting aye; and Council Member Robbins voting no because he did not agree with the amendments made by Mayor Perkins.

6. Public Hearing regarding an application to rezone property located at Lots 24, 25, and 26, Block 18, R.J. Williams Subdivision from R-1 (Single Family Residential) District to M (Multi-Family Residential) District.

Mayor Perkins opened the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.

Mr. Manuel Arjona spoke in favor of the rezone for the purpose of building six single-bedroom apartments. He stated he plans to build them within the next twelve months.

There were no speakers against this rezone.

Mayor Perkins closed the Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m.

- 7. Consideration and action of and Ordinance changing the zoning for the following property from its present zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to M (Multi-Family Residential District) and further providing effective date, reading, severance and publication: Lots 24, 25, and 26, Block 18, R.J. Williams Subdivision. (First Reading)**

Council Member Vaden made a motion to pass to a second reading the Ordinance changing the zoning for the following property from its present zoning of R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to M (Multi-Family Residential District) and further providing effective date, reading, severance and publication: Lots 24, 25, and 26, Block 18, R.J. Williams Subdivision; and was seconded by Council Member Kemp. The motion was approved with Mayor Perkins and Council Members Wilson, Tucker, Kemp, and Vaden voting aye; and Council Member Robbins voting no.

- 8. Consideration and action awarding the contract(s) for the Limestone Base Materials and the Two-Course Overlay Project for the Year 2014 Street Improvements Project and authorizing the use of the Street Maintenance Sales Tax Funds.**

City Manager Jim Gray explained that only one bid was received for the Two-Course Overlay, but no bids were received for the Limestone Base. A second bidder attempted to submit a bid after the deadline; however it was not accepted. Staff recommends to reject all bids and republish for a more competitive process.

Council Member Kemp made a motion to decline the proposal received and republish both of the requests for proposals (construction and materials); and was seconded by Council Member Wilson. The motion was approved with Mayor Perkins and Council Members Wilson, Tucker, Kemp, and Vaden voting aye; and Council Member Robbins voting no.

- 9. Consideration and action authorizing the staff to purchase and install cameras at the new Water Tower, City Hall, Library, and Police Department Gates as well as gate repairs.**

City Manager Jim Gray explained that since the cameras at the N.O. Simmons Park have been installed, we have been able to rewind and capture events on the recordings and thereby force individuals to repair the damages they caused to the city equipment. This has been very beneficial. At this time, we would like to take the next step by placing more cameras at the City Hall, Library, the new Water Tower, and replace the camera at the Police Department gate, as well as repair the automatic gate at the Police Department. The gate has just worn out over time and needs to be repaired. Recently a prisoner used the open gate as an opportunity to evade transportation to the County Jail, but he was apprehended within minutes of his attempted escape. There are sufficient funds in both the CIP and Council Reserve Funds. Again, the city staff will perform the labor once the equipment is purchased.

Council Member Wilson questioned getting cameras at Live Oak Park and Mr. Gray explained that the staff are already looking into that; however, one of the concerns is where to place the equipment and another concern is ability to get the wireless signal to/from the site.

Council Member Robbins inquired who would be monitoring the cameras. Mr. Gray stated that the N.O. Simmons Parks cameras are monitored at the dispatcher's station at the Police Department; however, most of these situations are not witnessed immediately because the staff are otherwise engaged. It is once the incident is reported that we review the tapes and are able to identify the individuals. The officers also have the ability to access these cameras in their patrol units.

Council Member Vaden made a motion authorizing the use of Council Reserve Funds to purchase and install cameras at the new Water Tower, City Hall, Library, and Police Department Gates as well as gate repairs; and was seconded by Council Member Wilson. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 10. Consideration and action of an Ordinance amending the Ingleside City Code Chapter 74, Article III, Wrecker Service; by repealing the current sections 171 through 178 in their entirety, and adopting the current Section's 171- through 210, providing for an offense, providing for the option of a wrecker rotation list, providing for an application fee, providing for an annual wrecker rotation list fee, providing for review the Chief of Police for compliance with this section, providing a requirement for insurance coverage, providing for an appeal process to the City Manager for suspension or revocation of permit, providing for the inspection of vehicle storage facilities, providing for inspection of wrecker and the required equipment of participating wreckers, providing for maximum auto wrecker service and storage fee rates, providing for a towing fee study if requested, providing for an allowable annual rate adjustment tied to the consumer price index, and providing for a severance clause, and providing for publication and an effective date. (First Reading)**

Police Chief Stan Bynum explained this is similar to the Ordinance used by Aransas Pass, Corpus Christi, and other area cities with a few slight variances. This came about because of a situation wherein a towing company charged an exorbitant amount for the tow fee and an even more inflated storage fee. This Ordinance will allow us to set maximum fees a towing company can charge our citizens.

Council Member Vaden made a motion to pass to a second reading an Ordinance amending the Ingleside City Code Chapter 74, Article III, Wrecker Service; by repealing the current sections 171 through 178 in their entirety, and adopting the current Section's 171- through 210, providing for an offense, providing for the option of a wrecker rotation list, providing for an application fee, providing for an annual wrecker rotation list fee, providing for review by the Chief of Police for compliance with this section, providing a requirement for insurance coverage, providing for an appeal process to the City Manager for suspension or revocation of permit, providing for the inspection of vehicle storage facilities, providing for inspection of wrecker and the required equipment of participating wreckers, providing for maximum auto wrecker service and storage fee rates, providing for a towing fee study if requested, providing for an allowable annual rate adjustment tied to the consumer price index, and providing for a severance clause, and providing for publication and an effective date: and was seconded by Council Member Kemp. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 11. Consideration and action of the City's Investment Policy Statement or Strategy.**

City Manager Jim Gray explained that as per City Charter requirements, the Investment Committee must meet at least once a year to review and make recommendations regarding the investment policy. Today Mayor Perkins, Council Member Vaden, Finance Director Rosie Vela and he all met and concur with the existing investment policy with no changes.

Council Member Kemp made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Investment Committee to adopt the existing Investment Policy without changes; and was seconded by Council Member Tucker. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 12. Receive the Monthly Departmental Reports for the month of May 2014.**

City Manager Jim Gray stated there was one correction to the City Manager Staff Report. The most recent court that awarded in favor of Corpus Christi regarding the boundary dispute was not a Nueces County Court, it was an Edinburg Court. We are appealing this case to the State Supreme Court.

13. Staff Reports

City Manager Jim Gray reminded the Council to get with the staff if they plan to attend the TML Annual Conference scheduled for September 30-October 3, 2014. He also asked the Council to RSVP if they would like to attend the TML Quarterly Region 11 Meeting scheduled for Friday, June 27, 2014. The Joint Meeting with IISD and the City of Ingleside is currently being scheduled for July 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. The location will be determined as we get closer to that date. The School District has offered for the City to host it this year; however, there may be a conflict with a Planning and Zoning meeting scheduled for that same evening.

14. Requests from Council Members

Council Member Kemp requested a future agenda item with an update regarding the Corpus Christi Boundary Dispute and City Manager Jim Gray stated the Attorney has scheduled an update for the July 8, 2014 City Council Meeting.

Council Member Tucker requested the staff contact TxDOT to clean the gutters along the highway from HEB to Kiewit. Mr. Gray stated the staff will make that request.

15. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Kimberly Drysdale, City Secretary

Mayor Pete Perkins