

**CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
November 20, 2007**

- I.** City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Foster at 7:00 p.m.
- II.** Silent prayer was observed.
- III.** Mayor Foster led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV.** Roll Call: Present were: Mayor Foster, Alderman Gillespie, Garbutt, Ehmann, Morgan and Watson.
- V.** Minutes of Previous City Council Meeting of October 16, 2007 were approved as submitted.  
Minutes of Previous City Council Workshop of November 6, 2007 were approved as submitted.
  
- VI.** Costal Bend Council of Governments Report was given; an update on the Solid Waste Grant was given.  
Treasurers Report was given and accepted. A request was made to receive copies of the report earlier than the meeting.
  
- VII.** Citizen Participation  
Charlotte Lawrence stated her views on the City needing positive input; she thanked Council for all their work and stated she would like to see the City move in a positive direction.  
Rhoda Poenisch stated she received her directory and is pleased with the finished product and she thanked all for putting it together.  
Wayne Jewell thanked the City and the County for getting the ditched mowed and when on to state his views against the City getting a shredder.
  
- VIII.** Reports from Standing Committees  
  
Item A: Planning & Zoning reported no meeting was held due to no quorum present at the last meeting.  
  
Item B: Parks & Recreation reported a meeting will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m., the park equipment requested during the budgeting process is to be considered at the Council Meeting.  
  
Item C: VFD had no report.  
  
Item D: Emergency Management reported a Steering Committee has met concerning the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City; the plan will be submitted to the State and then forwarded to FEMA.  
  
Ad Hoc: Funds and Grants had no report.
  
- IX. Old Business:**  
  
Item A: Discuss and Possible Action concerning the contract/budget for the San Patricio County Sheriff's Department  
No new information has been received. Discussion occurred concerning comments made at previous Council meetings and the amount to pay the Sheriff's Department. Alderman Watson made the

motion to pay \$1,500 to the San Patricio County Sheriff's Department for last fiscal year. Alderman Gillespie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Discuss and Possible Action concerning Incomplete files and/or expired permits for residences listed in report submitted by Building Inspector not solved during the Workshop of November 6

The City Secretary explained her conversation with the Building Inspector concerning the incomplete files and/or expired permits. The Building Inspector intended to speak with the owners and follow up with letters. Mayor Foster asked Alderman Gillespie and Alderman Watson to investigate what other cities do in similar situations.

Item C: Discuss Possible and Possible Action to Approve/Disapprove Ordinance for Parking and Storage of vehicles on Public Streets and Private Property  
Council reviewed the proposed ordinance. No motion was made. No action was taken.

Item D: Discuss and Possible Action to Approve/Disapprove Ordinance for Abandoned Vehicles and Watercraft

Discussion occurred concerning the Parks and Wildlife Code. Questions were discussed and clarified. No action was taken.

## **X. New Business**

Item A: Discuss and Possible Action concerning traffic and street signs through-out the City  
Mayor Foster stated her concerns of the speeding problem in the City and the obscured street signs. The Sheriff's Dept can give tickets for not stopping at stop signs. Council was asked to look into where possible stop signs could be placed and any other input concerning traffic problems. Discussion occurred concerning speed limits and stop sign placement.

Item B: Discuss and Possible Action concerning Parks and Recreation request to purchase playground equipment for the park  
Discussion occurred concerning procedures for requests and specific items to be purchased. Alderman Watson made the motion to allow the playground equipment asked for to be purchased. Alderman Gillespie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item C: Discuss and Possible Action concerning purchase of scanner and computer for City Hall  
The Treasurer went over the request and the reason for the equipment. Discussion occurred covering the best type of machines and if a computer could be put together to meet the needs for document protection. Alderman Garbutt made the motion to allow the Treasurer to go forward to gather information and costs. Alderman Gillespie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item D: Discuss and Possible Action concerning TML letter recommending railing and toe-board for overhead area in City Hall/VFD  
The City Secretary explained the letter from TML. Alderman Gillespie made the motion to have the railing or wall built. Alderman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item E: Discuss and Possible Action concerning purchase requisition and expenditures procedures  
The Treasurer explained the reason a procedure needs to be put in place and what documentation is needed to proceed with a request. Requests need to be stream lined. Discussion occurred on how and what items should be brought before Council, the use of Purchase Orders, invoices or documentation and whether approval from the Treasurer was needed.

Item F: Discuss and Possible Action to Approve/Disapprove Resolution to Authorizing Submission of an Application to the Coastal Bend Council of Governments for 2008/09 Regional Solid Waste Grant Program funds to purchase a chipper/shredder and associated equipment  
Martha Drake made a brief presentation on the grant program for solid waste disposal and how the City could improve its chance of receiving a grant. A resolution was needed to continue to move forward with the grant process. Ms. Drake informed the City Council that if the City decided to sell the equipment, the equipment could only be sold for up to the amount of the grant, not more than the amount of the grant. Mayor Foster clarified why the particular chipper was chosen and that volunteers are available. Discussion occurred concerning if the City needed a shredder, where the mulch would be placed, cost of maintenance, insurance and storage. Alderman Watson made the motion to approve the resolution. Alderman Garbutt seconded the motion. The motion failed with Alderman Watson and Alderman Garbutt voting in favor of the motion and Alderman Gillespie, Alderman Ehmann and Alderman Morgan voting against the motion.

**XI. Report on TML State Conference**

Mayor Foster gave an update on information she received at the TML State Conference to include City Requirements, the City's plans for the future and the attitude of the City's leaders.

**XII. Mayor Foster adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted & attested:

Approved:

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Diane Hosea  
City Secretary

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Cynthia B. Foster  
Mayor