

**CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 18, 2008**

- 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 February 19, 2008 were approved as submitted.
- VI. Minutes of Previous City Council Workshop March 6, 2008 of were approved as submitted.

- VII. Costal Bend Council of Governments Report was given.
Treasurers Report was given.

- VIII. Citizen Participation was held.
Barbara May asked when a Meet the Candidates would be held?
Glen Vechell asked about the stop signs or speed bumps on Starlight to help with the speeding problem.
Wayne Jewell stated he felt the P&Z and P&R committees should have a say in who is appointed to the commissions. He felt the current members of P&Z were doing a good job, people with experience are needed. The annexation of property next to the city needed to be discussed. A reception for volunteers is a great idea. He stated his opinion of the city being divided and getting worse. The city needs more participation at council meetings.

- IX. Reports from Standing Committees

Item A: Planning & Zoning reported a public hearing and meeting was held on March 6 to consider a variance request for 713 Bayshore. The commission recommends denying the request. Copies of a mission statement from P&Z was distributed, the commission has been working on the items. Any input from Council and citizens is welcome.

Item B: Parks & Recreation reported a new application was received and the applicant would be a great asset to P&R, they recommend she be appointed to the commission.

Item C: VFD, Fire Chief Randy Haskin reported that the Department is in good shape, schools are being attended, training is being held, and the trucks are in good shape. Currently 15 members are active in the department, seven have advanced certifications and eight have the basic certifications. Equipment is constantly being upgraded with help from grants and donations. The department responded to three calls so far this year, last year 18 responses were made, including several mutual aid calls they were requested for. Pagers, radios and phones are used to contact members of calls, not all the members respond to all calls. Response time is approximately 10 minutes, which is a great response time. Questions were received and answered from Council and citizens. Chief Haskins stressed in case of a fire or emergency call 911! Possible brush fires in adjacent property can be handled by the VFD along with any mutual aid they may need to request. All presents thanked the VFD for their dedication and time.

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Item D: Emergency Management reported no meetings have been attended due to the chairman's injury. Planning for the next hurricane season is underway. Conferences and classes will be attended. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is still in review at the State level, copies will be provided after that review is finished. A citizens' hurricane preparedness meeting is being planned.

Ad Hoc: Funds and Grants had no report

X. Old Business:

Item A: Discuss and Possible Action concerning sewer rates

1. Mayor's Report on City of Ingleside's City Council Meetings

Mayor Foster reviewed the Workshop with the City of Ingleside. Information was received concerning where Ingleside came up with their information for billing and that IOB uses approximately 10% of their system which should equal 10% of cost for IOB. Council agreed that the ordinance wording stating outside city sewer customers would be charged the same as in City customers should be rescinded. All agreed going with Ingleside's rate of \$2.82 was the best option for the City. That new rate would be effective April 5. Alderman Gillespie stated it is his understanding that Ingleside has postponed any further increase at this time. Alderman Ehmann stated she felt we should go with the \$2.82 with a credit back to IOB for Ingleside's use; it is not worth taking a chance of Ingleside charging even more, like the water increase.

Alderman Ehmann made the motion to accept the \$2.82 cost for sewer from Ingleside. Alderman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Gillespie made the motion to rescind charging out of town rate for the City of Ingleside to pass through rate they will charge. Alderman Ehmann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Discuss and Possible Action concerning budget items for purchasing stop signs

Discussion occurred concerning areas of the budget to cover the cost of new signs. \$1,500 from Law enforcement and \$1,500 attorneys fees along with the sign budget will provide the funds.

Alderman Gillespie made the motion to take funds from the law enforcement and attorneys fees in the amount discussed. Alderman Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item C: Discuss and Possible Action to Approve/Disapprove Resolution Accepting the 2006-2007 Audit

Treasurer Susan Rychlicki recommended the Audit be accepted. Mayor Foster recommended this item be moved to the end of the meeting for further discussion and action. Alderman Gillespie made the motion to move this item to the end of the meeting for further discussion and action. Alderman Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council reviewed the audit and discussion continued. Alderman Garbutt made the motion to pass the resolution accepting the Audit. Alderman Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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XI. New Business:

Item A: Appoint member to Parks and Recreation to fill vacancy

Alderman Gillespie made the motion to appoint Brenda Riva to Parks and Recreation. Alderman Garbutt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Appoint members to Planning and Zoning to fill expired terms of Jane Hunt, Jim Tucker and Norman Fleeman. Alderman Morgan stated he appreciates all the applicants, it is a great turn out. He went on to state that Jane Hunt and Jim Tucker are currently on the commission and put forth a nomination for those two to remain on the commission. He also nominated Phil McMulin as the third. Alderman Ehmann agreed with those nominations.

Alderman Watson nominated Charlotte Lawrence.

Alderman Garbutt nominated Lewis Hewitt, Jane Hunt and Jim Tucker.

Mayor Foster closed the nominations.

Jane Hunt received five nominations, Jim Tucker received five nominations, Philip McMulin received three nominations, Charlotte Lawrence and Lewis Hewitt each received one nomination. Mayor Foster stated Jane Hunt, Jim Tucker and Philip McMulin will be appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Item C: Discuss and Possible Action regarding annexation of the City Park Property and adjacent properties, Block 105 Lots 1-6 and Block 93 Lots 1-6

Mayor Foster stated this was a concern when it was realized the park was not in the city limits. She has opened dialog with Corpus Christi City Council. The other properties adjacent to the city have also requested to be annexed into the City. She requested to be able to go forward to Corpus Christi City Council to release the ETJ of the property. Alderman Gillespie made the motion to allow Mayor Foster to go forward to the Corpus Christi City Council to release the ETJ for our annexation purposes. Alderman Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item D: Discuss and Possible Action regarding attorney fees for the water rate dispute with Ingleside. Mayor Foster stated the attorney's fees have been paid as allocated in the budget, the payments were made out of the utility fund, and a transfer between accounts may need to be done.

Item E: Discuss and Possible Action regarding Ingleside on the Bay's Hazard Mitigation Plan

Alderman Gillespie stated he attended a hurricane exercise, where he talked with a CBGOG representative who stated he has not reviewed the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan. Alderman Gillespie stated he would like a copy of the Plan at City Hall for review. A previous request for a copy was denied. Gary Hellman stated the representative of the State explained to him the Plan went first to the State, then on to City Council and the CBGOG for review. It was not a requirement for Council to review the plan before being submitted to the State. As long as the Plan is submitted to the State, the City of Ingleside on the Bay is recognized as a participant.

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Item F: Discuss and Possible Action to purchase crushed concrete for pot hole repair and road repair
Alderman

Alderman Garbutt explained crushed concrete works best in pot holes under the cold patch. This item does not need any action at this time, because we do not need to purchase any due to Frank Smith offering his excess form building to the City for free.

Item G: Discuss and Possible Action to Approve/Disapprove Variance request from Steve Hunter for property located at block 142 Lots 7&8, 713 Bayshore

Alderman Watson stated he did not agree with seven foot setbacks, Planning and Zoning had received three letters against the variance and one letter in favor of it. Planning and Zoning had recommend denying the variance. Alderman Morgan and Ehmann agreed with denying the variance. The Jimmy Durham, Building Inspector, stated a current permit for a detached garage is in force, however, if a variance is granted the issue of the rear set back needs to be addressed.

Alderman Watson made the motion to deny the variance request for 713 Bayshore. Alderman Ehmann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item H: Discuss and Possible Action to Approve/Disapprove reception for IOB Volunteers

Mayor Foster stated she would like to take the opportunity to thank and recognize the City's volunteers one hour before the next City Council Meeting, April 1st at 6:00 p.m. at the VFD.

Alderman Gillespie made the motion to have a volunteer appreciation get together one hour before the next City Council Meeting, April 1st at 6:00 p.m. at the VFD. Alderman Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item I: Discussion and Possible Action concerning VFD transfer of assets to City

Mayor Foster explained after looking at the VFD ordinance it was noticed the paperwork was not executed. Since then the originals were located. She would like to understand what was involved in the transfer of assets from the VFD to the City. Were the assets transferred and where is the list. Also the deed is in the VFD's name. Alderman Ehmann stated at the time of transfer the only asset was a 1963 pumper, which was taken into the City; all other trucks were on loan from the Forestry Service. The current trucks are titled in the City's name. All bunker equipment has been gotten by grants; all other equipment has been gotten after the transfer. The deed was done before she was involved in the VFD. Mayor Foster stated she would investigate the deed with the County.

XI. Reports from Council concerning Long Term Goals and Expired Permitting information

1. Water line replacement
2. roads
3. erosion
4. drainage

Alderman Gillespie stated he is researching a self help project to help reduce the cost of road repair, he is waiting on a letter from the County Judge concerning cost. Mr. Pawly of Pawly Construction has pledged trucks, heavy equipment and operators. Volunteers will be needed. He is hoping that the city will be able to do at least one mile of roads a year. Discussion of costs occurred.

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Report from Alderman Gillespie on the CGCOB HUREX 08 Tabletop Exercise held at Flint Hills on February 21, 2008

Alderman Gillespie stated he attended the HUREX 08 Tabletop seminar and gave a brief report on what he learned and info received. The handout and information will be left with the City Secretary. Special need people are a priority concern.

Report from Alderman Gillespie on the progress of the Park Grant

Wendy Kovach of the Recreation Grants Branch of the Texas Parks and Wildlife will visit the City on the 28th to view the park. Several items of the grant request were clarified. An ordinance will be needed after the grant is awarded.

XII. Mayor Foster adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted & attested:

Approved:

Diane Hosea
City Secretary

Cynthia B. Foster
Mayor