

CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 18, 2011

- I. City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Ehmann at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Alderman Ehmann gave the invocation.
- III. Mayor Pro Tem Ehmann led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Roll Call: Present were: Mayor Pro Tem Ehmann, Aldermen Merrick, Morgan and Robbins. Mayor Gillespie and Alderman Marroquin were absent.

- V. Minutes of Previous City Council Meeting of January 4, 2011 were approved as written.

- VI. Treasurer Report was given.

- VII. Citizen Participation
Wayne Jewell commended Council and the County on the great work on the roads. However, the 1000 block of Sandpiper also needs work.

- IX. Reports from Standing Committees

Item A: Planning & Zoning had no report.

Item B: Parks & Recreation had no report.

Item C: VFD reported meetings will now be held on Thursdays at 7 p.m. A fish fry will be held on February 12th, donations of fish will be accepted.

- X. **Old Business:** Discussion and Possible Action

Item A: Approve/Disapprove bid for VFD Brush Truck
Mayor Pro Tem Ehmann announced that five bids were received. Two of the bids were high; two other bids did not meet the specifications. Deep South Fire Trucks Inc. was the only one to meet all specifications and within the allowed cost. Alderman Merrick made the motion to accept the bid from Deep South. Alderman Robbins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Approve/Disapprove transfer of funds for VFD Brush Truck
Mayor Pro Tem Ehmann stated the VFD has funds for the match of the grant; however she would like to transfer enough to cover the match along with the cost of the truck then as the fund raisers are held the monies can be placed back into the account. The city will need to pay for the truck in its entirety, once the truck is purchased the Forestry Service will reimburse the city. The Capital Improvement Account has the monies to transfer. Alderman Morgan made the motion to transfer the funds from the Capital Improvement Account to purchase the VFD Brush Truck. Alderman Robbins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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XII. New Business: Discussion and Possible Action

Item A: Discussion concerning an update on the Port of Corpus Christi activities

Mayor Pro Tem Ehmann announced that the Port of Corpus Christi will give a presentation/update on February 1st.


Item B: Discussion and Possible Action concerning water loss issues

Mayor Pro Tem Ehmann stated that after reviewing the utility billing, discrepancies between citizen usage and the usage the City pays Ingleside was found. The difference is due to the Water Department needing to flush the lines to keep the chlorine residuals up to the required level. Large amounts of water are flushed each month. Dick Ehmann stated he and the water department have discussed the problem with the City of Ingleside and the San Patricio Water District to find the reason for the low chlorine residuals, the residuals meet the State standards and the water is not bad. However, the continuing flushing is affecting the amount being paid to Ingleside for water. Discussion occurred concerning reasons why the residuals are low. Meetings with the City of Ingleside and the Water District are scheduled in the near future to find a reasonable solution to keep the chlorine levels up in the water system. The fire hydrants and new water lines are put on hold until a later date. Dick Ehmann reiterated that the water is good and meets or exceeds the State's requirement, however, Council needs to be aware of the higher cost for water due to more frequent flushing of the water lines. No action was taken.

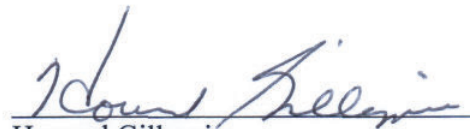
XII. Mayor Pro Tem Ehmann adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted & attested:

Approved:



Diane Hosea
City Secretary



Howard Gillespie
Mayor