CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING AND COUNCIL MEETING September 1, 2015

- I. Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Gillespie at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call: Present were: Mayor Gillespie, Alderman Tucker, Merrick, Ehmann, Robbins and Gillespie.

III. Business: Discussion

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Item A: 2015-2016 Proposed Budget

Discussion occurred concerning the proposed Budget. Review of the proposed Budget was held Alderman Ehmann stated changes discussed at the workshop are reflected in the proposed budget.

Item B: 2015 Property Tax Rate

Discussion was held concerning the Proposed Tax Rate. An explanation between roll back rates and effective rates was given.

IV. Mayor Gillespie adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

- I. City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Gillespie at 7:06 p.m.
- **II.** Alderman Ehmann gave the invocation.
- **III.** Mayor Gillespie led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Roll Call: Present were: Mayor Gillespie, Alderman Tucker, Merrick, Ehmann, Robbins and Gillespie.
- V. Minutes of Previous City Council Meeting of July 21, 2015 were approved as written.
- VI. Citizen Participation

Kathy Berryman stated she intends to file a claim concerning the wastewater back up in her house on April 22nd.

Charlie Kautz stated he is willing to volunteer to help in the city.

VII. Reports from Standing Committees

Item A: Planning & Zoning had no report.

Item B: Parks & Recreation had no report.

Item C: VFD reported no calls were responded to, Chad Champion passed away, Ingleside Fire Department held a memorial; he was a good friend to the IOBVFD.

VIII. Business: Discussion only

Item A. Any and all matters concerning the San Patricio County Appraisal District Texas State Representative J M Lozano and Luis Buentello, Field Representative to Representative Farenthold were present. Mayor Gillespie went over the process of IOB citizen's protests of land values going up city wide, in some cases 500% to 1500%, to the San Patricio County Appraisal District (SPCAD). The question of why the values were raised so high and what the County needs the money for was raised. Several citizens stated their property would never sell at the appraised value, include windstorm and flood insurance, no one would be able to afford to buy any property at the high appraised value. Mayor Gillespie explained what happened at the protest hearing and how the Appraisal Review Board (ARB) acted during the hearing. Several citizens stated their concerns of the fairness and legalities of the process, to include the members of the board serving on other boards. It was confirmed no one has received the certified letters from the ARB stating the findings of the protests and any further options for citizens' if they desire to pursue protesting the values. Representative Lozano stated he will look into the attitude and deceit of the SPCAD towards IOB's citizens.

IX. Reports/Announcements

Road Repair report was given

Wayne Jewell received a plaque and applause for his years of volunteer work for the city.

X. Mayor Gillespie adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted & attested:

Diane Hosea City Secretary Approved:

Howard Gillespie

Mayor