

CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 16, 2018

- I. City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ehmann at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Mayor Ehmann gave the invocation.
- III. Mayor Ehmann led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Roll Call: Present were: Mayor Ehmann, Alderman Young, Merrick, Hewitt, Gillespie and Robbins.
- V. Minutes of Previous Public Hearing and City Council Meeting of September 18, 2018 were approved as written.
- VI. Treasurer Report was given.
- VII. Citizen Participation

Grover Ferdon thank the County Commissioner for the road repairs. He has a problem with all the high weed lots, the ordinance is very clear; there is high grass and junk in several places. People need to mow, if it was a short term rental issue it would have been taken care of fast. Also he thanked the city for spraying for mosquitos.

Steve Wilder stated his opinion of what he considers malicious attacks against the marina and their music by a council member. He feels these attacks are against the citizens and tax payers of the community and are uncalled for and unfortunate. He also feels they violate his right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

David Philpott stated they have lived here for two years; the community came together after Harvey. He also goes to the marina. The issue needs to be addressed on both sides. He also feels it is malicious. The noise from the resident is very loud at high decibel levels. He further explained his disability and the result the loud noise has on him.

Wes Williams made a statement containing how important he feels the marina is to the community and how the city grew up around the marina. He offers public access to the water. He feels he is a good community partner, they allow school buses to turn around in their parking lot, the Coast Guard uses it as a port, they routinely pull people out of the mud down the street, many kids have caught their first fish there, married, celebrated birthdays and anniversaries and been memorialized after death. They are a safe harbor during storms and don't charge people for the temporary use of the marina. He feels he is a good neighbor and does not like the attempt to damage his business and reputation along with what he feels is harassment of either the sheriff being called or the disrupting noise from a resident. He feels he has worked to resolve the issue, but the effort is all on his part, after they had agreed to try to resolve the issue. He called on Susan Hewitt to either cease and desist or resign from council.

Lou Hewitt stated he did not expect to speak but he was amazed at the dishonesty at the meeting. He found it hard to sit and hear the lies and half-truths from people who only heard one side of the story and don't know all the facts. He also stated he has tried to work with the marina for months.

Mediation was set up through the efforts of the Mayor. An agreement was made; all parties were to work together so that the music would not bother the other party. Instead of talking to him and continuing trying to work things out, Wes brought it back to Council and publically criticized him and his wife. The marina thinks they have the right to do whatever they want. Rex Mosser stated he agreed with everyone but Lou and Susan should resign.

VIII. Reports from Standing Committees

Item A: Planning & Zoning had no report.

Item B: Parks & Recreation reported a new contractor is still being looked for.

Item C: VFD reported brush one has been repaired, thanks to the mayor for saving money. SBCA training will be held. A contractor has been found to repair the building weather permitting.

IX. New Business: Discussion and Possible Action

Item A: Approve/Disapprove Re-Appointment of Idana Merrick and Pam Smith to the Planning and Zoning Commission

Mayor Ehmann explained that several people have expressed interest in applying for the commission and she feels it may be a good idea to table these items to allow people to apply.

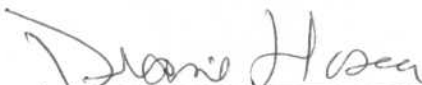
Item B: Approve/Disapprove Appointment of Brenda Duncan, LeAnn Franklin and Susan Wilder to the Planning and Zoning Commission

Alderman Young made the motion to table the appointments to Planning and Zoning. Alderman Robbins seconded the motion. The motion passed with Alderman Young, Merrick, Hewitt and Robbins voting in favor. Alderman Gillespie opposed the motion.


X. Mayor Ehmann adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted & attested:

Approved:



Diane Hosea
City Secretary



Jo Ann Ehmann
Mayor