

**CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 7, 2019**

- 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 City Council Meeting of April 16, 2019 were approved as written.
- VI. Citizen Participation
Jim Tucker requested that abandoned boats be places on the next agenda.
- VII. Reports from Standing Committees

Item A: Planning & Zoning reported the next meeting will be on May 23 at 7:17pm.

Item B: Parks & Recreation reported the weather has held up work on the part, the truck, jeep and slides are complete. Mayor Ehmann stated she is looking into replacing the rocks with either word mulch or rubber mulch; however that will cost about \$15,000.

Item C: VFD reported training was held on the Standard Operating Guidelines. Several members attended the hurricane conference. Howard will be in Austin again.

VIII. New Business: Discussion and Possible Action

Item A: Approve/Disapprove Ordinance 2019-01 Adopting the drought management plan
Mayor Ehmann explained the city needs to follow the same drought plan as Corpus Christi. And the San Patricio Municipal Water District (SPMWD). The plan has been updated and we are required to adopt it. Clarifications of the plan were made. Alderman Hewitt made the motion to approve Ordinance 2019-01 Adopting the drought management plan. Alderman Robbins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Approve/Disapprove Resolution 19-310 Suspending the June 5, 2019 effective date of AEP Texas, Inc requested rate change

The representative from AEP summarized the rate review process. He recommended the city approve the rate. He continued to explain other items of the process. Mayor Ehmann stated the resolution in the council packet came from the law firm who represents the city in TCAP, they recommend the city suspend the rate change. Clarifications were made concerning the resolution. Alderman Gillespie made the motion to approve the resolution suspending the rate change. Alderman Young seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Item C: Approve/Disapprove Resolution 19-311 in Appreciation of John P. LaRue

Mayor Ehmann read the resolution and explained how Mr. LaRue was instrumental in the city getting the jetty and the rock abutment on Bayshore Dr. He was a good friend to the city. Alderman Young made the motion to approve Resolution 19-311 in Appreciation of John P. LaRue. Alderman Robbins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item D: Approve/Disapprove funds for fences at Lift Stations 3 and 5

Mayor Ehmann explained the fences at lift stations 2, 4, and 6 were damaged during Harvey; they have been replaced using FEMA monies. The walls around Lift stations 3 and 5 are no longer up to code, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) changed the requirements to either have chain link and barbed wire or eight foot wooden fences around lift stations. She stated it would cost approximately \$7,000 to redo the fences at lift stations 3 and 5. Alderman Gillespie stated his concerns about lift station 3 on Bayshore, the residents have put landscaping around the wall and he felt it would be a detriment to put up an eight foot wooden fence. Mayor Ehmann stated the block wall is not secure, we may get away with not bringing them up to the new code, but if someone got hurt the city would be liable, it could be a legal issue. TCEQ changed the code and an upgrade is needed. Alderman Gillespie made the motion to postpone the decision. Alderman Robbins seconded the motion. The motion failed with Alderman Gillespie and Alderman Robbins voted in favor of the motion. Alderman Young, Merrick and Hewitt voted against the motion. Alderman Young stated because some may not like the fence does not mean we should not do it is a requirement. Discussion occurred concerning damage from Harvey, the attempt to save the landscaping and the fact it is a requirement and needs to be done. Alderman Young made the motion to approve the funds to upgrade the fences at lift station 3 and 5. Alderman Merrick seconded the motion. The motion passed with Alderman Young, Merrick, Hewitt and Robbins voting in favor and Alderman Gillespie voting against the motion.

IX. Updates

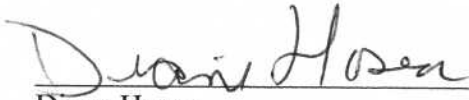
- **Port of Corpus Christi Hydrodynamic Study**
Mayor Ehmann explained a draft study was received; copies will be at city hall. Tom Mack stated in his opinion and impression of the study that there is a problem to be worked on.
- **Regional Waste Water Plan**
Mayor Ehmann stated the SPMWD is still considering the plan; however IOB will not be able to participate because Ingleside has pulled out and are working on their new plant. IOB's choices are now to renegotiate our contract with Ingleside, or build our own. There may be a slim chance that Aransas Pass may be interested. The City's engineer has been working on a possible self-contained system for us to be placed on the city's property on Seagull. Mayor Ehmann gave a brief history including the 2003 original contract with Ingleside is good for 20 years, it is almost time to renegotiate, but we will end up helping to pay for their new plant. The water contract negotiations ended up with IOB getting their own water plant due to the high cost Ingleside was charging for water to IOB residents.

X. Mayor Ehmann adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.


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Respectfully submitted & attested:

Approved:



Diane Hosea
City Secretary



Jo Ann Ehmann
Mayor