

CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 6, 2019

- I. City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ehmann at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Polly Garbutt gave the invocation.
- III. Mayor Ehmann led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Roll Call: Present were: Mayor Ehmann, Alderman Cain, Nyberg, Wilder, Gillespie and Robbins.
- V. Minutes of Previous City Council Meeting of July 16, 2019 were approved as corrected.
- VI. Presentation by Carrie DeLeon, Tri Count EMS
Carrie DeLeon introduced David Long, from the Coastal Bend Regional Advisory Council. Mr. Long explained that government grants and funding provide First Responders and EMS with CPR deliberators. The IOB VFD is a recipient of a grant for the equipment. Mayor Ehmann stated she applied for the grant a few months ago and was selected. Mr. Long presented the equipment to Fire Chief Gillespie.
- VII. Citizen Participation
Pattey Miller stated she would like to see an item on the agenda to purchase and use a projector (power point) so the citizens could see the information under discussion.
Judy Tucker explained her idea of lowering the speed limit throughout the city to help slow people down, there are a lot of citizens who walk, children playing and animals. Also the streets are narrow with people parking along the streets, especially on both sides of the street, making them even narrower. She continued with a possible beautify the bay idea, which would set up a group to help make our city more unique. The lift stations could be decorated or landscaped, maybe with the help of grants or volunteer groups.
- VIII. Reports from Standing Committees

Item A: Planning & Zoning reported a meeting was held on July 23. Katya Wowk from TAMU-CC's Harte Research Institute has agreed to help with the comprehensive planning process at no cost. The consensus of the commission is it will be beneficial to the city and should proceed. Mayor Pro Tem Gillespie attended and gave his views of the comprehensive plan. They have made the plan their priority and have voted to dissolve the two working committees for commercial zoning and comprehensive plan. Possible grants were discussed. Discussion of conflict of interest issues was held. A budget amount of \$500 was requested.

Item B: Parks & Recreation had no report.

Item C: VFD reported Chief Gillespie announced a County wide burn ban is in effect. The VFD received a \$40,000 donation from MODA mainstream for new bunker gear. The VFD attended and supported the ATF bomb squad training demonstration at the County Airport.

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IX. Old Business: Discussion and Possible Action

Item A: Approve/Disapprove funds for brush dumpsters

Discussion occurred concerning clarification of budget monies for the project, the date of September 28th was decided on. Alderman Nyberg made the motion to approve \$800.00 for the dumpsters and to set September 28th for the date. Alderman Wilder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

X. New Business: Discussion and Possible Action

Item A: Approve/Disapprove Resolution 19-320 Finding AEP Texas Inc.'s requested increase to its electric transmission and distribution rates and charges within the City should be denied.

Mayor Ehmann explained the resolution. Alderman Gillespie made the motion to approve Resolution 19-320 denying the AEP rate increase. Alderman Robbins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Discussion only: Discuss public property and right of ways

Mayor Pro Tem Gillespie stated he was asked about this item; however the citizens who asked about it are not at the meeting. He covered the street right-of-ways (row's), width of the city streets, parking along streets, no building is allowed in the row's, property owners are responsible for maintaining the row's, including the allies and along streets, the row's belong to the city but the adjacent property owners are responsible for mowing and keeping them clean. Everyone is allowed in the park, it is a public park. The VFD, water plant and lift stations have separate rules and no one should be at them who are not authorized to be there.

Discussion occurred covering the allies, drainage culverts, street repairs, and damage done to streets. Kathryn Masten Cain asked if City Hall could be used for meetings. Mayor Ehmann stated City Hall is an open office and has easy access to the computers and other equipment. The building could be used during normal business hours with the City Secretary present. The VFD has a training room and the bay area which has been used in the past for different events. A request would need to be made to use the City Hall/VFD building. Commissioner Gillespie stated his office at the airport also has a large conference room which is also available.

XI. Reports/Updates

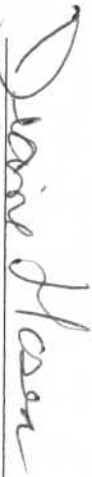
- Drainage Plan

Mayor Ehmann went over the map and explained updated issues. The map notes what projects are done. The Drainage District does ditch mowing, which is covered under the maintenance program. The easement issue on Woodhaven has been worked out, and the project will be started soon. Any issues need to be identified and added to the list. Discussion occurred concerning what projects could be considered maintenance and what would be projects funds would be spent on. A city drainage plan may use up any funds available for repairs, the possibility of grants, hazard mitigation and property owner taking care of some of the issues on their own property.

XII. Mayor Ehmann adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted & attested:

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Diane Hosea
City Secretary

Approved:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jo Ann Ehmann", written over a horizontal line.

Jo Ann Ehmann
Mayor