

CITY OF INGLESIDE ON THE BAY
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
May 6, 2008

- I. City Council Workshop was called to order by Mayor Foster at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Silent prayer was observed.
- III. Mayor Foster led the Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Roll Call: Present were Mayor Foster, Alderman Gillespie, Garbutt, , Ehmann, Morgan and Watson
- V. Citizen Participation

Jess Lawrence stated his understanding of Gary Hellman's effort to get Council and citizens to attend the Emergency Management Meetings, only the Mayor and Alderman Ehmann attended the meetings from Council. We need to work on communication skills.

Jim Isbell complemented the Mayor on getting an Emergency Management Plan together. He also wanted to respond to a false rumor concerning his property. He is above the storm surge and has a shelter; he plans to stay here during a storm.

Wayne Jewell explained it was his perception that he had accused the volunteers who worked in City Hall of stealing. He stated he did not say that. He explained, he said that the opportunity was there for the possibility of stealing, but he did not say they stole.

Ann Hubby stated during a past hurricane the water came half way up the bluff, anyone living on the bluff is above the flood waters.

Charlotte Lawrence stated during the budget process five volunteers helped out at City Hall. She did take previous comments made that the volunteers should not be behind the counter because they had access to information and she did take the comments to mean they stole while they were helping.

Susan Rychlicki thanked Gary Hellman for his work and efforts on the Mitigation Action Plan (MAP) and stated she was disappointed in comments made at the last meeting. A polite manner would have been better; we need to trust our volunteers.

Page Hall stated she was disappointed and disheartened by the comments at the last meeting. She thanked the volunteers for their help. We all need to pull together, use team work and treat the volunteers better. Egos need to be off the table and we need to move forward.

Hector Marroquin stated his views that the people now stating we need to work together and get along, are the ones who were just the opposite before.

Idana Merrick thanked everyone who helped her find a small dog its home.

Mayor's response to citizen Jim Isbell citizen participation

Mayor Foster stated she thought about what was said and stated she had said an Emergency Management Team was created not a plan. The phone books were put together for the team to contact citizens and for neighbors to be able to contact neighbors. It was also used for gathering information in case of an emergency, to respond to people who will stay during a storm and be able to forward the information to the VFD for first response. The VFD is charged with search and rescue, and the list will help them identify where to look first.

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The stickers will help to identify who lives in IOB and also help to identify residents who are returning from evacuations. The two way radios were donated from the state for the teams to communicate with each other because the phones will be down. Joel Case has ham radio capabilities to keep in touch with the County. The VFD Safety Officer is not responsible for the City the Mayor is. The County Judge is in charge. The City is under the San Patricio County Emergency Management Plan, however, the City will respond first until the County can arrive.

VI. Agenda Items: Discussion:

Item A: Discuss Ordinance 1995-03 Zoning Ordinance

1. Requirements for single family lots as to storage building, garages, sheds, etc.
2. Duplexes
3. Short Term Rentals
4. Mobile Homes
5. Boats-live aboard
6. Garage apartments

No new information was received.

Item B: Discuss Possible Dangerous Building Ordinance

No new information was received.

Item C: Discuss reimbursement of Sewer tap payment for Chris Carleton, 1100 Sandpiper
Discussion occurred concerning whether the tap was found, Jimmy Durham indicated to the City Secretary that the builder stated the plumber found the tap and capped it off. However, he has not actually located the original tap himself. Discussion occurred as to whether the City should set the precedence of reimbursing for taps not found. The owner explained what was done to find the original tap and that the tap found was not where the plans said it would be.

Item D: Discuss Emergency Management Plan, Emergency Management Team, Mitigation Action Plan for City

Mayor Foster stated the County's Emergency Management Plan is available for anyone to look at. Some of the information does not apply to us, but the City is responsible for following the plan. The County's Emergency Management Coordinator is the designated IOB Emergency Management coordinator as reported and confirmed by the State of Texas. IOB has an Emergency Management Team, the County has the Plan. The County Judge has control. Discussion of Gary Hellman's role as city coordinator or team leader was held. Whether or not the City had a plan as stated in past meetings. The question of whether Gary Hellman resigned or not was asked, Mayor Foster stated she did not accept his resignation. Mayor Foster stated she is in charge of Emergency Management for the City and Gary Hellman is the liaison with the emergency management team.

Mayor Foster stated the City had signed up to participate in the CBGOG Mitigation Action Plan but did not participate, so the City was left off of the Plan. A draft Mitigation Action Plan has been sent to the State for review, we are now recognized by the State for assistance. The draft will be returned with comments and any corrections needed. Public Hearings will be needed to proceed in finalizing

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the plan.

The County Representative has assured the City that our needs have been taken into consideration and will be met. Special needs people are covered under the County Plan. The question of past FEMA help was brought up, Mayor Foster explained that was done through the County.

Item E: Mayors report on Emergency Management meetings and status of Emergency Management Plan

Mayor Foster stated she attended a meeting last week with State and County Representatives. The City's needs were discussed and what the State can do to help. The County does have a plan for pets.

Item F: Discuss Information received from STAP and Possible Support of the STAP Long Term Contract

Mayor Foster stated she attended a meeting concerning the long term contract. The information is confidential and she can only give the basics. The contract would be for 24 years and the city would have to pay a sum up front. In the long run it does not look like it would be beneficial to the City. Discussion of the City's options occurred.

Item G: Discuss Fire Department use of boat from County and budget requirements and information regarding fireman trained and requirements for training/retention

Mayor Foster stated she had a discussion with the County Sheriff and was confused about information she received concerning the City receiving a boat for the VFD. The City would be 100% responsible for the insurance, maintenance and over all up keep. This needed to be discussed before the City can agree. Dick Ehmann explained no commitment has been made, the VFD has not looked into getting a boat, the idea was brought up during a conversation. No discussion was held with the Sheriff except a possibility, no specific terms were discussed. Discussion of whether a boat would be beneficial to the City occurred.

Charlotte Lawrence asked if the VFD had been broken into. Steve Hall explained what happened over the week end. Alderman Ehmann stated an investigation is on going. Comments from the audience continued. The City Secretary stated this item is not on the agenda. Alderman Gillespie called for point of order; the item is not on the agenda.

Alderman Ehmann stated the VFD holds training every Wednesday, outside training is also conducted. All the Firemen have keys to be able to respond to emergencies, they are allowed in the building to clean and perform tasks needed to keep the equipment maintained. Before any training is paid for the volunteers must meet certain requirements. Most gear is left at the VFD unless special permission is received from the Fire Chief. The majority of volunteers do not live here. Volunteers move on to bigger Departments, become profession fire fighters or join the military and leave. The city does not receive a lot of calls. Dick Ehmann stated incentives are being discussed within the department. Jennifer Beck stated she has attended training with the VFD and they do an excellent job and they are all appreciated.

Item H: Discuss citizen participation re: open meeting and first amendment right of free speech
Mayor Foster stated an incident at the last Council meeting and rumors of limiting who can talk during citizen participation needed to be addressed. Council needs to decide whether to allow all or

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none. She feels it should be unrestricted and made clear all will be allowed to speak as long as it is

City business. The decision made at the last meeting to restrict flyers being handed out was made by the City Secretary and the City Attorney, but Council stands behind the decision.

VI. Mayor Foster adjourned the workshop at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted & attested:

Approved:

Diane Hosea
City Secretary

Cynthia B. Foster
Mayor