



**INGRAM CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR
MEETING
MARCH 18, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.
INGRAM CITY HALL
230 HWY 39, INGRAM TX 78025
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are provided. Requests for accommodation or interpretative services must be made to the City Secretary 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at 830-367-5115 for further information.

CALL TO ORDER:

On March 18th, 2024 at 6:08 pm, the Ingram City Council Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Claud Jordan, at City Hall, 230 Hwy 39, Ingram, Texas.

ROLL CALL:

- ✓ Mayor: Claud Jordan
- ✓ Mayor Pro Temp: Rocky Hawkins
- ✓ Council Member: David Britton
- ✓ Council Member: Robert Kimbrough
- Council Member: Ray Howard-Absent
- Council Member: Twanda Brown-Absent

CITY STAFF

- ✓ Heather Davis: City Secretary
- ✓ Heather Davis: Public Works
- ✓ Heather Davis: Finance
- ✓ Stuart Gross: Code Enforcement
- ✓ Steve Wheeler: City Chief Police

PRAYER: Mayor Claud Jordan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:

1. CITY EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

- a) Election: (Secretary Davis)
Secretary Davis, Stated that the 2024 Election has been cancelled due to a candidate withdrawing from the election & the city will be saving \$10K for the next 2 years

2. VISITORS/CITIZENS FORUM: COMMENT PERIOD-LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES TOTAL:

Any citizen with business not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the council. Prior to speaking, each speaker must fill out the speaker request form and give it to the Mayor. the council may not discuss or take any action on an item but may place the issue on a future agenda. Each speaker is limited to three minutes.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

All items listed below within the consent agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted with one motion. There will be no separate discussion of items unless the mayor or council members requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence.

- Possible action to approve minutes from Ingram City Council Regular Meeting held on February 19, 2024 & March 4th, 2024.

Councilman Rocky Hawkins made a motion to approve the minutes.

Councilman David Britton Second the motion

The motion carried 3-0

RK-aye

RH-aye

DB- aye

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BUSINESS ITEMS:

- a) Discussion & Possible Action on council meetings to be held once a month (Secretary Davis)

Councilman David Britton made a motion to approve having a council meeting once a month.

Councilman Rocky Hawkins Second the motion

The motion carried 3-0

RK-aye

RH-aye

DB- aye

- b) Discussion & Possible Action on reducing the speed limit in certain areas (Chief Wheeler)

Chief Wheeler stated that the state highways the state controls, the city Of Ingram controls the city speed limits. Chief wheeler recommended that the council change all the residential speed limits to 20 miles an hour other than Ingram loop and Main Street those are the two council should leave at 30 miles an hour. This will help safety wise and the way that our roads are being that they narrow and the shape they are in its best to lower the speed limit. Chief wheeler stated that the way the state law reads is all residential areas are 30 miles an hour unless

otherwise posted in Texas. Chief wheeler recommended to never getting a speed study because it could increase the speed limit after the study.

If we were to do this, we would need 2 signs on each street. Chief wheeler said he was not able to check into the price of the signs. Councilmember Rober Kimbrough and Rocky Hawkins wants to check on the cost of the signs before enforcing lowering the speed limit.

- TABLED to next meeting.
- c) Discussion & Possible Action on Closing City Hall for the Solar Eclipse Event & having a paid day (Secretary Davis)

Secretary Davis suggested that we close City Hall due to the solar eclipse event co. Councilmember Rocky Hawkins stated that we needed to be open but maybe not to the public but that the City Hall employees need to be at work.

Mayor stated that we can block off the driveway so that the public cannot come in and pay their bill and just park here during the solar eclipse event and use our parking lot just for parking. Mayor also stated that we close to the public that day & keep the door locked to lessen the traffic area.

- Councilman David Britton made a motion to not service the public on Monday April 8th but city employees need to be at work.

Councilman Rocky Hawkins Second the motion

The motion carried 3-0

RK-aye

RH-aye

DB- aye

- d) Discussion & Possible Action ordinance on recreational vehicles (RV) & review the junk car & towing ordinance (S.Gross)

S. Gross stated that our RV ordinance needs to be more specific, in regard to allowing RV's in good working order to be stowed away properly & the enforceability of the ordinance to state that the residents cannot live in their RV's at all, & the residents may not have the RV hooked up to water, power or sewage hook ups. If the resident wants to live in their RV they need to take it to an approved RV site. Tickets will be given if the ordinance is not followed, and the resident will be give a pink slip/ticket to let them know they are not abiding by the ordinance. Council will be responsible to the residence, but it needs to be enforced.

- No action was taken on the junk car & towing ordinance waiting on discussion with Chief Wheeler
- Councilman Robert Kimbrough made a motion to amend our ordinance on the recreational vehicles (RV) to be more specific in saying no living in RV's and no water, power or sewer hook ups.

Councilman David Britton Second the motion

The motion carried 3-0

RK-aye

RH-aye

DB- aye

- e) Discussion & Possible Action on RCI Records Proposal for the old maps (Secretary Davis)

H. Davis proposed on site processing from RCI at \$15 per map based on 132 maps the cost would equal \$1980.00. Mayor & councilmember Hawkins stated to keep all maps.

- No vote taken

- f) Discussion & Possible Action on New Proposal on TextMyGov (Tabled last meeting) (Secretary Davis)

Secretary Davis brought a new proposal to the council's attention the new price is \$1250.00 for implementation/setup fee, for the first year.

The first proposal was going to cost for the implementation /setup fee \$1500.

The second (New) proposal is \$3750.00 will be for the first year & the cost annually is 2500.00 moving forward.

In the first proposal the first-year total would be \$4500 and the remaining reoccurring would be \$3000 annually.

Secretary Davis spoke to the company the following day after the meeting and the customer service lowered the price once more for the implementation/set up fee to \$500.00.

Secretary Davis proposed that the city integrate TextMyGov it allows citizens to find information using our smart texting solutions. Citizens can ask questions via text messaging and TextMyGov will look for key words to send back answers or links. • Residents can text in their questions to find information about permits, events, taxes, etc.

Citizens can report issues, such as potholes, stray animals or water leaks by simply texting from their personal phone. From there TextMyGov will automatically engage with the citizen to gather more information and send it to the correct department. • Residents can report information such as road issues or water issues. This can also be used to conduct local surveys. We can also send alerts/notifications from emergencies to events. Municipalities using TextMyGov can send their citizens alerts or notifications with a few clicks. • Ability to alert residents about events, road closures, water shutoffs, and other general information.

Mayor & Chief Wheeler stated that it would be a great way to reach out to our citizens

- Councilman David Britton made a motion to purchase TextMyGov
Councilman Robert Kimbrough Second the motion

The motion carried 3-0

RK-aye

RH-aye

DB- aye

5. **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

- a) N/A

6. **STAFF REPORTS:**

- a) PD Department (Chief Wheeler)

Said that the Lieutenant has the new police officers going to the businesses introducing themselves to our community letting them know that they are here and they're here to help and protect. Chief Wheeler stated that his number one goal is to get his officers trained before the solar eclipse event April 8th 2024.

- b) Code Enforcement (S Gross) N/A

- c) City Secretary (Secretary Davis) N/A

- d) Finance Officer (Secretary Davis) Financial & Payroll Reports.
N/A

- e) Public Works Report (Secretary Davis)

Secretary Davis stated that she is inquiring on a grant for our City Park. This grant would be for new playground equipment and to turn the City Park into a beautiful park. Secretary Davis would go around to business introducing herself and asking for donations to put towards the Ingram City Park grant and to get this process started.

7. **OLD/NEW BUSINESS INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:**

- a) N/A

8. **BUSINESS DISCUSSION ONLY – NO ACTION TAKEN**

- a) N/A

9. **ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

- a) N/A

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 551.074**

- a) City Council may, as permitted by law, adjourn into executive session at any time to discuss any matter listed above if they meet the qualifications in Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney), 551.072 (deliberation regarding real property), 551.073 (deliberation regarding gifts), 551.074 (personnel/officers), 551.076 (deliberation regarding security devices), and 551.087 (deliberation regarding economic development negotiations) of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Volunteer Fire Department Discussion

11. ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a) No Action taken


ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Rocky Hawkins made the motion to adjourn at 7:28 pm. Councilmember Robert Kimbrough seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

RK-aye

RH-aye

DB- aye

Approved By: 
Claud Jordan, Jr., Mayor

Attest: 
Heather Davis, City Secretary