

**COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2016, 6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 14, 2016 with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Rivas arrived after roll call.

The meeting was opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Chief Ayala stated that they had been very busy, there was a lot of activity going on out there. He advised that he wanted to make an announcement, that on May 14<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 11:00 am. And 3:00 p.m. they were going to have a benefit for Jacinto City Softball and Little League baseball at the Town Center and they would see banners out and ask them to come out and support the kids, He stated that he wanted to pass this along to Lt Longrigg Who was going to make an announcement.

Lt Longrigg stated that the Jacinto City Police Department was pleased to announce that they were currently accepting applications for the fourth Citizens Patrol Academy that Jacinto City Police Department would be conducting and if they were interested in joining, it would be May 5<sup>th</sup> through May 30<sup>th</sup> on Thursday night from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m . and they were going to do a whole bunch of stuff and it would also include a trip to the Houston Forensic science center and if they were interested, they needed to 18 years of age or older and live and work in Jacinto City and not have a criminal background. He stated they have the applications if anyone was interested.

Fire Chief Mier, would make her report later.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, reported on the rabies clinic stating that they had 109 dogs which was less than last year but was still good. He stated they would be spraying for mosquitos and he knew that everyone had heard about the zika virus but that most of the people who were infected with this came in from out of the country. He reported that the tire roundup was scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> but because of the mosquito problem they were picking up tires when they see them to try to keep them off the street. Mr. Reed commended T & M Services for the great job they did on the sidewalks on Holland Avenue.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director advised that tomorrow would wrap up the registration for the senior Olympics which would kick off at Jacinto City Gym on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. and lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Town Center.

Chief Mier stated that with summer coming up, if anyone was interested in CPR classes to get with them and they would try to get a class together

Sue Ellen, Jacinto City Library, advised that all was great at the library and that they would be having digital one on one classes to help people learn to use their smart phones, etc. at the library tomorrow and also on April 29<sup>th</sup>, they would be having a star wars show for the Teens/tweens and that the library was on face books and they had a calendar of all the events.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Diaz stated that the city was doing good, she call attention to the beautification of the monument outside and that it looked really good . She stated that she got phone calls yesterday about a gentleman going door to door asking for money, staying it was to help pay for his son's funeral and this was not true, from her understanding he had been here since Saturday . She stated that she called Lon, he took care of it and it was a scam and he was Given a citation and hopefully he doesn't come back but if they see any thing suspicious please call the police and let them check it out. Mayor Diaz stated that baseball and softball Was going on and encourage everyone to go out and support the kids and she call attention to nice bright yellow stripping on our streets and they even put in some reflectors for us and we needed to thank Commissioner Jack Morman for helping us out.

**CITY MANAGER'S RPORT:**

City Manager Squyres thanked the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts for helping with the planting in the monument outside and picking up trash around the pool and Park. He thanked Ms. Raines, his wife and daughters for the refurbishing on the monument. He advised that the kick off date on the website and what all links would be on it and we were told this should go out next Thursday or Friday. He stated that we also ask TML, our insurance agent, to come out and tour the pool with us and do a safety analysis on the pool and they made a few suggestions and we would be implementing all of those and other than that, we were just very very busy this time of year. Mr. Squyres stated that Ivan had texted him a few minutes ago and he didn't know if they were aware of it but if they had never seen a natural bee hive in the wild, that we had two of the largest , prettiest natural bee hives he had ever seen but the problem was they were both in one tree directly across from the ball park and children with baseball and bee hives was not pretty so they encouraged the lady that owned the house to have them removed so she did have the one of real concern remove and apparently some of the bees got left behind and they are in the park now and they are bothering some of the kids and we wanted to make sure if it was a major issue, if so we would close the park tonight and that was where Ivan was, handling a bee crisis this afternoon.

There was no Unfinished Business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Proclamation Designating the Month of April 2016 as National Safe Digging Month in Jacinto City.**

A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the Proclamation as read. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

2. **City Manager Squyres presented the city's Investment Report for the 1<sup>st</sup>. Quarter of FY 2015/2016 (copy attached)**

Council Member Rivas ask what effect this would have on the Investment Report.

City Manager Squyres stated that it would increase the amount of money, short term at least, that we put into CD's until we allocate those funds to be spent on something so the projected amount of revenue for an increase of sales taxes of 1% , which was the proposed sales tax increase coming up, should yield approximately ¾ of a million dollars year so over the years that would be quite a bit of money and it was going to go to fund things, typically large projects such a new sewer plant, water lines on the North side of Market Street, which are the two he hears from Council more than anything else. He went on to explain how this would help finance these projects. He stated the interesting thing about the sales tax election is that the way HB 157 was passed, the way it was structured is that nobody other than City Council decides what to do with that money, they deal with that as General Fund income, he can submit it to them in a budget proposal and it ultimately the City Council decision

Mr. Squyres stated that he would like to talk a little bit about that since they had Opened the door for him, he stated this was an opportunity for us to gain revenue We were a small city landlocked on all sides, we didn't have a lot of opportunities, we were not going to develop a lot of new land because everything was pretty much taken but we have people that come into this city every day that don't live in Jacinto City but they use our roads and if they get sick they use our ambulances, they might have an issue and use our police department, they use our city services and those of us that live in the city are paying for them so a sales taxes allows them to help pay for the city services that they use.

3. **Council to confirm Brandon Kim Rogers as Jacinto City Police Officer.**

Chief Ayala gave a short bio on Mr. Rogers and recommended that the Council confirm him as a Jacinto City Police Officer.

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Garcia to confirm Brandon Kim Rogers as a Jacinto City Police Officer. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

Mayor Diaz administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Rogers and presented him with his badge.

4. Council to authorize advertising to sell used equipment from the Public Works and Police Departments as per attached list.

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Robinson to authorize advertising to sell used equipment from the Public Works and Police Departments with bids due back at the May 26, 2016 Council Meeting.

Vote: 5 For 0 Against

Mayor Diaz announced that the annual Jacinto City/Galena Park Rotary Cake Auction Would be held on April 20, 2016 from 12:00 – 1:00 at the Galena Park Community Center and that all the money raised would help provide scholarships for students in GPISD.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Shelly Rivas, 1307 Horatio, stated that the reason she brought up the sales tax was she had spoken to some of the citizens and telling them that they needed to vote for the sales tax but she couldn't give them a reason why and today she got ask why were we going up 1% and not have public transportation so that really needs to get put out there that we are not doing it to get Metro here, we are doing it to keep the money here because the way she explains it as an accountant was that we either get the 1% or the County get ½ %.. She thanked Lon for Explaining it a little more in depth but maybe a newsletter or something else needs to be put out there explaining this because she really liked the way he explained it, that the people who come into our city and use our services will be helping to pay for the use by paying sales taxes.

City Manager Squyres thanked her for mentioning the County , the way the law was written she was exactly right, for some reason we voted this down there was a possibility that the county could go in and take half of it so they could raise our tax by ½ of a percent and we don't get anything from it.. He stated that the only reason we could do this in the first place was because we were only an 7.25% and the maximum in the state was 8.25%.

Allan Jamail , 10710 Flaxman, stated that he just wanted a little history behind the 1% for Metro and City Attorney DeFoyd would recall this. He stated that he was on the council when the 1% for Metro came up and the reason our city didn't join with the other

Municipalities was we could not get a commitment from them that they would put a bus stop in our city so his argument back then was why should we fund something out of our citizens sales tax when our citizens didn't reap any benefits so they urged the citizens to vote against that and we didn't pass that but he see now they put up a couple of bus stops because the public now has ended up demanding it and not only that they saw there was a loss of revenue .

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Council Member Rivas stated that on this Proclamation, he knew a guy that does this day in and day out for a living and he could tell them that it was very important , that he could show them some pictures on that as far as what they come across , it keeps you safe and it keeps your neighbors safe , helps the environment and doesn't injure first responders and it was a simple 811 call free of charge. He wished everyone a good weekend and God Bless.

Council Member Robinson welcomed Officer Rogers and caution everyone to have a safe and good weekend.

Council Member Lee welcomed Officer Rogers . He stated there was a lot of work done Saturday for clean up Jacinto City day and they kind of took advantage of this over at their Church and did a lot of work, he saw his neighbors putting out a lot of trash and he drove by and saw Lon, his family and Joyce out here working on the monument , he wanted to stop and help but he was busy. He stated that we had lost several of our residents in death during The last few weeks , a lot of people are grieving please keep them in your Prayers , that this town always pulls together for good and bad and he appreciates that and he appreciates all the departments heads and everyone up here. God bless everyone.

Council Member Garcia stated that Ms. Cortez did not explain what these fine chocolates were for and ask what we were supporting and was advised that it was the Galena Park High School Band of Gold. And Ms. Garcia ask every to buy chocolate before they left and support the Kids in GPISD.

She welcomed Officer Rogers and stated she had a million dollar question for a dark chocolate bar and ask Officer Rogers what year Jacinto City was incorporated and he Replied 1946 which was correct. She advised him that he would love the city that it was very family oriented , she was reminded to give him the candy bar.

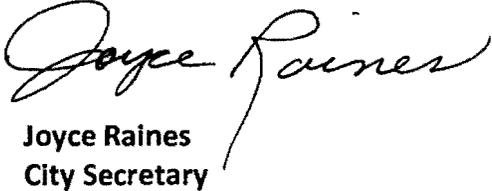
Council Member Gonzales welcomed Officer Rogers aboard , that he was joining a good team with a great coach. He thanked everyone for coming our tonight.

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Mayor Diaz stated that she just wanted to say before we closed this meeting and adjourned , that she was sure that they had all seen on the news and face book regarding the Constable from Precinct 7 , that these officers could just be stopped anywhere and be ambushed, she ask that we keep the family in our prayers and be safe. She thanked all the officers present for their service, stating that we really appreciated them.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Joyce Raines  
City Secretary

**City of Jacinto City**

**Investment Report By Type and Fund Holding Investment**

**1st Quarter PY 2015-2016**

**General Fund**

| <b>Period</b> | <b>Interest</b> | <b>Total</b>   |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| October 2015  | \$ 332.54       | \$8,704,110.94 |
| November 2015 | \$944.13        | \$8,202,680.53 |
| December 2015 | \$541.67        | \$8,203,222.20 |

**Enterprise Fund**

| <b>Period</b> | <b>Interest</b> | <b>Total</b>  |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| October 2015  | \$ 1.59         | \$ 506,287.17 |
| November 2015 | \$ 0.00         | \$ 506,287.17 |
| December 2015 | \$ 63.00        | \$ 506,350.17 |

**Interest & Sinking Fund**

| <b>Period</b> | <b>Interest</b> | <b>Total</b>  |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| October 2015  | \$ 0.00         | \$ 387,245.04 |
| November 2015 | \$ 0.00         | \$ 387,245.04 |
| December 2015 | \$ 90.71        | \$ 387,335.75 |

**Total Investments Value as of January 1, ~~2106~~<sub>2016</sub> = \$ 9,096,908.12**

**Submitted By Lon Squyres**

**3/15/2016**



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