

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2016, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Rivas to approved the minutes as presented. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Chief Ayala stated that he would pass on his report.

Chief Mier cautioned everyone about staying Hydrated during this hot weather and that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July would be here in about two week and the fireworks would be starting at 9:30 p.m..

Rosalinda Lucio, Parks and Recreation, advised that she was here representing Ivan and to report on the arts and craft program they had going on at the gym this summer and. reported that they had 43 kids signed up, that it was a good group and the kids were really enjoying the activities , that they have inside and outside activities from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the parents and staff are very impressed with the program.

Rosalinda reminded everyone about movie night on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that all was well at Heritage Hall and thanked the Fire Department for their assistance with one of the seniors that need help with her insulin injection. She advised that AAA was giving free portable air condition units to people that do not have air conditioning, etc. and they could call the center and they would give them more information and the number they could call.

Suellen Denton, Jacinto City Library advised that their summer reading program was going well, they had 120 kids and 43 adults signed up. She reminded everyone of the computer classes and advised that we would be loosing our tech in July but she would be teaching the class until they found someone. She stated they were having Summer Feast at the Library for 18 years and under, that the Food Bank was providing lunch on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday until August 4<sup>th</sup> up to 25 meals and if they needed to they could up this if they reached the maximum.

Mayor Diaz stated that was good to know.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Diaz stated that all was going well and since we did have a long agenda she was going to pass on her report.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

City Manager Squyres stated that we had entered into an agreement with Harris County, that we were going to buy a mosquito trap to add to the one that we have and we would get to choose the location and it would be down closer to the Lane Street area where there are many more mosquitoes due to the settlement zone. He stated that we also going to be opening the water line bids tonight and just to give them an update, that after the project that we are opening bids on tonight, we will have completed 63 blocks of our residential area and all of Mercury and Holland Avenue , that we have done very very well with that program. He advised that we had already written the grant for the following year to design the next section which will be everything between Kirby and Holland and that would take care of the Industrial Acres part of the city which was the biggest and oldest section of the city.

Mr. Squyres stated that he also met with Mr. DeFoyd about the pool situation and they agreed that the wisest course was to go ahead and hire a contract engineer to examine it and give us a report as to what happened , that he had made one trip to the pool and he now wanted them to pump the pool down and he will examine the pool and he would examine what mitigations were put in place and see if that was sufficient or not and then he would issue us a report and we would see if we could take measures to re-coop some of the cost.

Mr. Squyres stated that he just wanted to remind council that some time ago they outlawed kusch in the city and today City of Houston had a mass casualty event in Herman Park going to the hospital as kusch victims .

He stated that on the portable AC a lot of people don't think they need that because they have central or other units but if your central unit goes out it would sure be nice while you were waiting on your AC guy.and also as the Mayor mentioned that during the hurricane it took 18 day to get power back on and we are in hurricane season and it wouldn't hurt to have a small unit that could run off a generator.

Mayor Diaz stated she thought it was an excellent idea, that if any of the seniors qualify for the portable AC to go for it.

City Manager Squyres stated that we had talked about doing a water slide and we talked to the city's insurance agent and others that were specialist in that and they advised very strongly against it because the liabilities were huge so we were looking forward to a report on the pool and bringing a proposal to city council and by next season we would be doing something down there.

Mayor Diaz stated that Galena Park did allow us to continue our swimming lesson so they are having swimming lessons at Galena Park in the morning.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Council to receive and publically read bids on CDBG Water Mains and Fire Protection Project.

State Wide Services, Inc. 6819 Cadillac St., Houston, Tx.	Base Bid: \$1,055, 521.00 W/Supp. \$1,095,421.00
A Absolute Plumbing 16195 S. Hwy 288B Angleton, TX	Base Bid \$1,101,417.50 W/Supp. \$1,141,317.50
RAC Industries, LLC 2512 Cocoa Ln. Pasadena, TX	Base Bid \$1,304,090.50 W/Supp. \$1,364,951.00
Resicom, Inc. 5909 West Loop South Bellaire, TX	Base Bid \$1,169,717.50 W/Supp. \$1,215,957.50
T-Construction< LLC 12691 NcBaur Houston, TX	Base Bid \$1,200,373.00 W/Supp. \$1,245,323.00
Texas Pride Utilities, LLC 1902 Priest Dr. Houston, TX	Base Bid \$1,096,271.00 W/Supp. \$1,136,171.00
Raytec Construction Resources 1901 Hollister Houston, TX	Basic Bid \$1,648,255.00 W/Supp. \$1,720,155.00
MMG Contractors, LLC 1900 Charles St. Houston, TX	Base Bid \$ 973,446.00 W/Supp. \$ 1,013,346.00

Mayor Diaz stated that we were going to ask that Lon and Kyle review the bids.

City Manager Squyres advised that the County was the primary funding agent for this and they have ask us to expedite this and conditionally award it to the lowest bidder that is qualified, it had to be reviewed by himself, Mr. Reed and most importantly the Engineering firm and Mr. DeFoyd, so the engineering firm was the primary people to look at this because they did specs so if they could pass it conditionally to the lowest bidder.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to award the bid to the low bidder meeting specifications. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mr. Joe Muniz thanked the Mayor and Council for having them here today, that he Was representing the Gathering of Eagles Veterans Organization that had been together since 1995, an organization with a mission inspiring others to develop a sense of love in country and become good American citizens., and discussed the different activities they participate in and that they were a 501 organization. Mr. Muniz stated that on June 4<sup>th</sup> they had their Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts here in Jacinto city honor them by joining them at a Korean War Event that they had at the Houston Community College off I-45 and Woodridge and with the help of several of our city officials, Chief Ayala, Lon Squyres he was able to gather this good group of kids here along with their Troop leaders to be part of their event and they did a great job of honoring the Veterans and presenting our colors He stated that he was honored to have been the one to bring them in. He introduced the Scouts, Troop Leaders and Presented them with Certificate of Appreciation and T-shirts. .He stated that he wanted them to know that they did a great job of representing Jacinto City.

2. Council action on Variance Board's recommendation at 1002 Mercury Dr

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve the request for a setback variance at 1002 Mercury so the gentleman could put up the new building there. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

3. A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and Seconded by Council Member Lee to approve Resolution 2016-5R submitting application to obtain Federal assistance from USDA Rural Development to acquire body cameras for the police department. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

4. A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Garcia To approve Resolution 2016-6R submitting application to obtain Federal assistance from USDA Rural Development to acquire ambulance for the fire department. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dee Maner, 1316 Mercury Dr., stated that she didn't know if JJ wanted to stand up and take a bow or what because she was going to pat him on the back so hard. Ms. Maner stated that Lon had ask her to work with Kyle and JJ on the swimming pool and that was something that she actually knew a lot about and JJ had been fantastic , he was a great student and Kyle Reed, they immediately got the pool to start circulating , just keeping the water turning and chlorine put in the water and got it balance so we wouldn't have any mosquito problems and Lon got busy and got a contractor out there that we talked to and JJ had been there the whole way and if they wanted to see a pool expert, that was the man and she understood that he pulled Gregg right in and he had been listening to everything that was said and she could not say enough how hard Kyle Reed worked and how intelligent he is and how much JJ and Gregg have been on board helping and she would say there was great progress being made and she was not going to give Lon the secrets but she knew them but Lon wanted to get all the information in and then he would address the Council and she was hoping that all of them would become pool experts like JJ Rivas and she was ready to make Gregg an expert too anytime he wanted to go through swimming pool 101.

Mr. Joe Muniz advised that they had a great turn out at the BBQ fund raising event and thanked everyone for coming out to help them.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas stated that he had said it before and he would say it again, that we get up here and poke fun at each other but if there is something for us to do, we step up and get right in the middle of it. He stated that was what he did that was what they elected him for. He stated that he had a citizen bring him the paper showing where Galena Park was getting new LED street lights and he didn't know about it

Mayor Diaz stated that we were too.

Council Member Rivas said Galena Park was getting five additional one, how many were we getting.

City Manager Squyres advised that we had the same contract , that we just signed the contract and we were trying to identify the areas, but there were some specific requirements for those but it was the exact same contract.

Council Member Rivas stated they were free right and was advised they were.

City Manager Squyres stated that the one he could tell them for sure was going to be at the pipeline easement and there might be a couple there, one on each end.

Council Member Robinson stated that he wanted to thank the Boy Scouts, they did a good job and thank Mr. Muniz for recognizing them. He stated that like Dee said, the pool was a big issue and we didn't always agree on everything but we worked together.

Council Member Lee thanked everyone for coming out and he was really thrilled to hear about the air conditioners, he was at the police department last week and he just happened to ask one of the police officers how the heat affected the crime in the city and there were four officer there and they all shook their head that it did affect it so he thought it was a great idea to try to get some of these homes cooled off.

Council Member Garcia stated that we might not have a pool this summer but we sure had programs going on and she appreciated everything they were putting into these programs. She thanked Mr. Muniz for getting the youth involved, there was nothing that excited her more than seeing the kids out there.

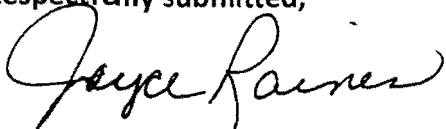
Council Member Gonzales thanked the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts , that a good trait to have was a caring hear and they all had that.

Chief Ayala stated that he just wanted to say that we have a resident here in Jacinto City and his name was Brian Parrot, Ms. Donna Dailey's son, and he was very sure that many of them had heard of the struggle he was going through and it was basically a flesh eating bacteria , he lost his leg and the treatment was still on going and he just wanted to let everybody know and if they could , they have a fund that you could contribute to or just keep the family in your prayers and if there was anything anyone could do to help the family he knew they would appreciate it, they were residents of the city and Ms. Dailey had been here for the city and we also want to let her know that we care about her family .

Mayor Diaz thank Chief Ayala and advised Donna that we were so sorry to hear about this and that they were in our Prayers and anything they could do for her to just let them know.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce Raines  
City secretary