

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY JULY 28, 2016, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Garcia and City Attorney DeFoyd on vacation.

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 he would pass on his report.

Chief Mier advised that there call for July has decreased from June, she cautioned everyone to stay hydrated in the extreme heat we were having.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, reported that we had a small water leak on Tilia today, that the County had approved the CDBG water line project and we should be starting soon; That they were not getting any complaints on mosquitoes but they would be spraying tomorrow night and the best thing to do was stay inside.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation, advised that they were staying busy, they had movie night last Saturday with about 35 to 40 attending and they would have another movie night on August 19th. He stated the summer program would be ending on July 29th and Cummings, a company in the areas was providing pizza for the kids. He reported that the restrooms were in at Smith Park and they would be putting sidewalks around them.

Mayor Diaz stated that she had been getting a lot of compliments on them.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director advised that they had added four new home bounds from here in Jacinto City and one person at they center. She advised that everyone 60 and over was welcome to come out and join them and calendars showing all the evens were on the table.

Riley Mier reported on the activities at the library for Ms. Denton and called attention to the calendar listing all of the events at the library for the month of August.

City Manager Squyres advised that MMG Construction had been awarded the low bid on the CDBG waterline project.

City Manager Squyres stated that we had just found out today that TDOT was going to replace the bridge on Market Street near the sewer plant and planned to go out for bids in November. The only reason we found out about it was because the contractor contacted City of Houston about the water line that is connected to the bridge over the bayou and Houston told them it belonged to Jacinto City, and that water line is the only way we have to provide water to the public works facility. He stated that we would be discussing this with them and have more information later.

City Manager Squyres advised that we had information concerning the Zika virus on the website.

Mr. Squyres advised that on Friday, July 22nd at noon, that Congresswoman Shelia Jackson Lee and USDA State Director Valentin held a press conference at City Hall to present Jacinto City with a grant of \$12,300 for body cameras for the Police Department and a grant for \$90,000 for a new ambulance for the Fire Department. He thanked Joyce, Kathy and the city hall staff for providing lunch for the occasion.

Mayor Diaz stated that recently a bus with a college baseball team was coming through the city and saw our baseball field and stopped to practice, that another team that had reserved the field came up and just sat in the bleachers to watch the college team and the college team ask them to come out and practice with them. They were all very complimentary of our field.

City Manager Squyres stated that they paid to use the field and cleaned up after they were finished and even raked the field.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Council to receive and publicly read bids for Waste Disposal and Recycling Services.

City Manager Squyres opened and read the following bids:

Waste Management	\$19.50 Base Bid
WCA	\$19.51 Base Bid
Republic Services	\$23.00 Base Bid

City Manager recommended that the bids be table for review.

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Rivas to Table the bids for review by the City Manager, Public Works Director and City Attorney. Vote 4 For 0 Against

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council Consideration of Variance Board's recommendation at 1317 Mercury and 10309 Munn.

City Manager Squyres advised that the Variance Board met on July 26th on the request for a new building at 1317 Mercury that exceeded setback lines and the board voted 4 For 0 against to approve with the requested changes for the setbacks: North Side 10 Ft as per ordinance, East side adjust setback from 20 Ft to 10 Ft., South Side connect to current structure and West side adjust to current structure.

The Mayor and Council were advised that this would be a coffee and pastary shop and was family owned.

A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Robinson to Approve the variance as recommended by the Variance Board. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

City Manager Squyres stated that the Variance Board also met on July 26th to hear the request for a variance at 10309 Munn to allow their carport to be four feet from side property line

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to accept the recommendation of the Variance Board and approve the four ft set back line for the carport at 10309 Munn. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

2. Resolution 2016-7R to transfer the duty of registering births and deaths to the clerk of Harris County Texas

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Resolution 2016-7R as read. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

3. Appointment of Brandon Draper as Associate Municipal Court Judge.

City Manager Squyres advised that our Presiding Judge wa going to be out for about three months due to health issues and we need an additional judge to help fill in for court.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve Brandon Draper as Associate Municipal Court Judge. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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Dee Maner, 10249 Wiggins, stated that if we continued to use a panel on the monument out front each time we had a new Mayor or Council Member we would run out of panels and she thought it would be a lot better if we had a panel for Mayors, Council Member, City Managers, City Secretary , etc. and that way we could continue to add names to the same panel.

Mayor Diaz stated she thought that was a good Idea and ask City Manager Squyres if he would look into it.

Riley Mier, 10116 Muscatine, stated that they have a group of young people, ages 10 through 17, that would like to volunteer to help out in the city and they need members, they will be meeting at the Library on August 4th at 3:30 p.m. and if they knew anyone that might be interested to please let them know. She stated that Ms. Suellen Denton, the Librarian was helping them with this project.

Mayor Diaz advised her to get with Ivan at Parks and Recreation and ask him to put the meeting on the marquee for her.

Mr. Joe Navarro and Son stated that they had opened their business here in Jacinto City on March 12th at 10605 Market Street and would soon be having their Grand Opening and they wanted to come by and introduce their self and invite everyone to come by. He explained what kind of business it was and that the business name was Match My Color.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas cautioned everyone to stay hydrated and reminded them that movie night was August 19th and to have a great weekend and God bless.

Council Member Robinson stated that they did a good job on the press conference , wished every a good week and advised them to be careful in the heat.

Council Member Lee thanked everyone for coming out, wished them a good weekend and God Bless.

Council Member Gonzales thanked Joyce and Staff for the work they did for Congresswoman Lee press conference, thanked everyone for coming out .

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letter of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Joyce Raines
City Secretary