

**COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2016, 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Robinson, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. Council Members Rivas, Council Member Lee and City Attorney DeFoyd absent.**

**The Meeting was opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve the minutes as presented.**

**Vote: 3 For 0 Against**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Chief Ayala reminded everyone that National Night Out was on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 and if anyone would like to host a party to please call the police station and let them know.**

**The Chief announced that Officer Garvey would be retiring on September 1<sup>st</sup>, that he and his wife were going to do some traveling.**

**Chief Ayala called attention to a service call report that he had provided the Mayor and Council showing the date, time, location and disposition of call made during the month of August.**

**Mayor Diaz thanked Chief Ayala for the report.**

**Mayor Diaz ask the Police Officers present to please introduce themselves.**

**Officer Castillo stated that he had been here for 4 years.**

**Officer Ramos stated that he had been here for 4 years.**

**Officer Flores stated that he had been here for 11 years.**

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**Mayor Diaz thanked them for their service.**

**Chief Mier stated that it was quite at the Fire Station, They were still having problems with the generator in the ambulance.**

**Mayor Diaz ask about the cause of a fire in the house on Munn St and was advised that they could report to her in private but not in public.**

**Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, advised that they were behind on mowing because of all the rain, the water line on Tilia St. was almost complete and they had to replace four valves in Jacinto Oaks and they would get all the yards back in order just as soon as weather permitted. He advised that they were spraying when they could but did not have that many complaints about mosquitoes.**

**Mayor Diaz reminded everyone to call with mosquito complaints so that public works could justify spraying.**

**Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation, reminded everyone that the movie that had been cancelled on August 19<sup>th</sup> was rescheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> and they would be showing Sandlot. He advised that the rehab had been finished on the meeting room at the gym and the men had worked on the awnings for the ball parks but had to stop because of rain.**

**Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, stated that she had been out of Heritage Hall for a few day at a conference, that they had increased the Home Bound numbers and reminded everyone that meals were provided for members of Heritage Hall that were 60 years or over. She stated that tomorrow they would have a birthday party for all August birthdays.**

**Suelen Denton, Jacinto City Library, stated that she was glad to be back at the meeting and introduced Lilly De La Fuente, the new Youth Librarian. Ms. Denton stated that they had met with Whittier**

**Elementary about their concerns for books for children and other programs and that the library's teen group had volunteered to do after school tutoring . She advised that Friends of the Library were looking for new members, that the President had retired and that Roland Garza was now President.**

**Mayor Diaz ask what the duties of Friends of the Library were and was advised that they helped with different fund raisers and events.**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**City Manager Squyres advised that the old school house by the fire station was gone, the old restroom at Smith Park was demolished and the same contractor was moving over to Lane Street at Hart to remove all the trees and brush that had grown over there and there were a few select trees that they would be taking down.He stated that the water line situation on the CDBG Funds has been delayed but the delay has nothing to do with the city, it was between the contractor, engineer and the County and they were working through those issues.**

**He stated that the Zika issue was still an issue for us, we were spraying a couple of time a week and with the additional rain we were stepping that up . He stated that we were also watching tropical systems that were getting more active out in the gulf and advised everyone to keep their gas tanks filled just in case.**

**He stated that on September 12<sup>th</sup> last year, the Governor's office honored Lt. Walker, that a few years ago he was involved in a very bad situation where he and another officer suffered gun shoot wounds while responding to a call here in the city, both came very close to loosing their lives and thankfully officer Walker was able to return to work but the officer with him was not so Officer Jennifer Simpson Castanada was being recognized this year by the Governor's office and like Officer Walker she will receive the Texas Star Award from the Governor on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in Austin , Texas in the S enate Chamber. If anyone would like more information concerning**

the event please let city hall know and we will provide you that information. He stated that last year we actually broadcasted it live at Town Center so we would probably be making arrangements to do that again this year, that it was a very positive event, that it was probably going to be a very long event because we have lost so many officers over the last year in the State of Texas.

Mayor Diaz stated for those who didn't know, would Lt. Walker please rise (Lt. Walker received a round of applause)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Council to receive and award bid on Market Street Paving.

Trinity Paving LLC	\$ 97,000
T-Construction	114,380
Huff & Mitchell, Inc.	105,000
AAA Asphalt Paving Inc.	119,598
T&M Services	105,600

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to table bids for review and award to the low bidder meeting specifications. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. First Reading of Ordinance 2016-4 Adopting a budget for FY 2016/2017

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2016-4 adopting a budget for FY 2016/2017. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

2. Council approval to advertise for RFP's for swimming pool.

**City Manager Squyres explained that as they had talked about in the first budget hearing the council had ask us to issue RFP/RFQ which was basically going out and advertising for vendors to come in and make proposals for a swimming pool and the building as well to complete the facility . We will have a pre bid meeting with them and give them some guidance as to what is going on with the pool , where we are at and give them some ideas as to basically what we would like to see done, that Ms. Dee had given us a lot of the things to consider and we appreciate her guidance. In other words, we were going to give them ideas of what we want done and give them parameters to work around. He stated the Mayor had ask several of them to serve on the review committee once these come back to us in a month, that way they would be able to organize their thoughts and make a proposal to city council as to what to do with our pool situation. He stated the review committee was Council Member Rivas, Council Member Robinson, Ivan Rojas, Kyle Reed, City Attorney DeFoyd and himself and they would be outsourcing for guidance from people like Ms. Dee Maner.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve advertising for RFP/RFQ for the swimming pool. Vote: 3 For 0 Against**

**3. Resolution 2016-9R authorizing use of National co-operative purchasing alliance (NCPA).**

**A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Resolution 2016-9R authorizing the use of National Co-operative Purchasing Alliance. Vote: 3 For 0 Against**

**4. Council to Confirm James Z. Holley as a full time Jacinto City Police Officer and Misty Diggs as a Reserve Jacinto City Police Officer.**

**Chief Ayala gave a short bio on each officer, stating that he highly recommended them both.**

**Chief Ayala welcomed the families Mr. Holly introduced his mother, fiancé, stating that they were getting married this weekend and his brother who had just out of the service.**

**Mayor Diaz ask Mr. Holly to come forward, administered the Oath of Office and presented him with his badge.**

**Ms. Diggs introduced her family and Chief Ayala also advised that she had been in the United States Army Reserve since 2009.**

**Mayor Diaz administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Diggs and presented her with her badge.**

**Mayor Diaz welcomed both officers to Jacinto City and the Jacinto City Police Department.**

**Chief Ayala stated that Officer Diggs could have applied for a full time position, however she loved the job she now has and wanted to test the water first.**

**The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Holly's brother and Ms. Diggs for their service to our country.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Mr. Robert Hernandez, 10245 Chadwick, welcomed the two new officers aboard, stating it was good to have them in Jacinto City.**

**Mr. Hernandez stated that he had a concern about the traffic here in Jacinto City , that on Saturday he was visiting a local business at 1509 Mercury and traffic was backed up in front of the business , he went out and looked and thre was a train so the traffic had been backed up**

**almost to Munn St. , that the train was there from 10:47 to 10:53, the train cleared at 10:53 but there was still traffic in front of the business**

**at 10:59 and this affected all the businesses all up and down Mercury on both sides and ask if there was any way to synchronize the lights.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that it was a train, there was nothing we could do about a train.**

**Mr. Hernandez stated but they could synchronize the lights better,**

**Council Member Robinson stated that we were not going to put an officer down the road because of a train and that was just his opinion. What did he do when Galena Park had a train over there and we have traffic all the way over there.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that we couldn't control the trains.**

**Mr. Hernandez stated there was an answer for everything, they just didn't want to do it.**

**City Manager Sqsyres stated that from time to time the light didn't cycle like they were supposed to and we would take a look at it.**

**Dee Maner stated that we have a great Fire Chief and she wanted to tell them what she did, she was tuff on health issues, she would say that 24 hour fitness now has the best pool they have ever had , the cleanest and the safest and ask Chief Mier to stand up because we have a code enforcement officer , that this lady did not leave one stone unturned and she understands that their telephone system is now working correctly , that she actually found that their phones would not call 911 so she would not allow the pool to be opened until that facility was safe and they could call 911. She ask tht they give a round of applause to a brave, smart lady.**

**Mr. Joe Navarro, 10605 Market St from Match My Color, stated that he just wanted to thank them for allowing him to put flyers at city hall and other building and they had a great turn out at their opening, if they were into automotive free training assessments they had it at their store on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and he wanted to mention they would have a customer appreciation week September 20<sup>th</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> and he would bring that up at the next meeting.**

**Ms. Muniz, 10434 Chadwick, ask who was in charge of Emergency Management for the City and was advised by City Manager Squyres that he was. She stated that she had some concerns about how the city handled emergencies, that some time ago there had been a incident at one of the plants in Pasadena and Galena Park had been advised to shelter in place but Jacinto City had not and she was curious how this was handled and how would they know to shelter in place, etc..**

**Mr. Squyres explained that he was aware of that and Jacinto City had been notified that it was not necessary for them to shelter in place and explained what the procedures for notification of chemical spills, etc. and how the communities were notified.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Robinson welcomed the new police officers aboard and if they see them on the street, stop and talk to them and he also wanted to thank them for their service to our country and helping give us the freedom that we have, he appreciated it.**

**Council Member Garcia welcomed Officer Holley and Officer Diggs and they would get a raise if they could answer the question of what year Jacinto City was incorporated. Officer Holley advised her it was in 1946.**

**Ms. Garcia ask Chief Ayala about National Night Out, did he have a set date and he advised her it was October 4<sup>th</sup>.**



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**Council Member Gonzales welcomed the new officers and advise them that any time they needed any help to please feel free to contact any of them.**

**Mayor Diaz advised Chief Ayala that she had forgot to mention something, that on Tuesday she went to an event that she had to attend with Chris and she had five miss call on her phone and it was her 10 year old , she finally called him and he was crying over the phone, that he had entered their house without entering the alarm code on time and she didn't know what officers went to her house but she wanted to thank them because he was a little scared**

**Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m..**

**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Joyce Raines  
City Secretary**