

**COUNCIL MEETING, SETEMBER 22, 2016, 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council Met in regular session on Thursday, September 22 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 approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

**Mayor Diaz welcomed Ms. Melissa Boykin to our City Council Meeting , Stating that she was a City Council Member for the City of Seabrook and welcomed her to our meeting and she would have something to inform us about later.**

**Lt. Longrigg stated that Chief Ayala was on vacation and they were busy getting ready for National Night Out, that if anyone else wanted to host a party they could still contact the police department and they were still taking donations. He advised that they had 10 parties scheduled at this time.**

**Fire Chief Mier advised that they were working with the schools on Fire Prevention and that Jacinto City Elementary was scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and Whitter Elementary was scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup>. She stated they had been very fortunate with no fire and EMS calls.**

**Bernardo Perez, Public Works, advised that Mr. Reed was out , they have been very busy keeping up with mowing and that they were still spraying for mosquitoes.**

**Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, stated they were staying busy with the parks and reminded everyone that the Pumpkin Fest was Scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Mayor Diaz advised him that she was still getting compliments on the shades at Wilki Park.**

**Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that they were at the gym for a few days while they were working on the air condition at Heritage Hall and had been advised that they would be back at Heritage Hall on Monday. She stated that they would be taking some of the seniors to the Astros game tomorrow.**

**Suelen Denton, Jacinto City Library, advised that on September 29<sup>th</sup> Walgreens would be at the library giving flu shots for anyone over the age of 7 years. She reported that they had a good turn out for their program on September 15<sup>th</sup> and sold \$232 00 worth of tacos for Friends of the Library.**

**Ms. Denton announced that she would be leaving the library, that she was being transferred on October 1<sup>st</sup> and her replacement was Mr. Michael Saperstein, and they would really like him and this would be her last Council Meeting, She stated that she wanted to thank everyone for being so warm and welcoming , that she loved how we were all like family.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that we hated to see her go, but we wished her the best.**

**Mayor Diaz ask Ivan about vendors for the Pumpkin fest and he advised that we had a few signed up. She suggested that he get a flyer out to the schools, that all the different organizations were trying to raise money.**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**City Manager Squyres stated that tomorrow we had the ground breaking for the new police station at 10:00 a.m. in front of the old police station.**

**He advised that the a/c work was progressing at the Town Center and it should be done sometime next week and we would have a first class job.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**1. Council to receive RFP for swimming pool**

**City Manager Squyres advised that we had received two RFP'S, One from Progressive Commercial Aquatics Incorporated and one from Lakeshore Pool and that both companies attended the pre bid meeting. He stated that we all knew that this was going to be very complex, they have some pictures of some of the work they have done and the way it was going to be laid out it was going to be impossible to actually give solid prices because it was going to be like a pick list of things the committee that was going to evaluate it was going to choose from and bring back to council for a recommendation. He stated that we were documenting that both of them had submitted a proposal and they would start evaluation meetings on it next week and hoped to be ready to report back to council at the next council meeting, and two of the council members were on the evaluation committee.**

**Mayor Diaz ask if this included the splash pad and was advised that it did.**

**Mr. Squyres stated that the three components we ask that they make a proposal on was the pool itself, refurbish or replace and he thought that they had given us both options, Installation of the splash pad for little ones where the current the current kiddie**

**pool was and the thought there was that with zero depth you didn't need any lifeguards or anything you could self activate so it could be open when the pool was closed and the third was the building itself, a option to refurbish or replace the structure itself so those were the pieces of the puzzle that they were going to be examining.**

**Council Member Garcia stated tht so after they accepted the RFP's, they would get together with the committee and decide .**

**City Manager Squyres stated that they evaluate these and come back to council , put them on the table and let everybody look at them and tell them what the recommendation of that committee was, and which of the two vendors and try to come up with a piece meal and come up with a proposal and they would have an opportunity for input at that time , the main purpose of the committee is to pick one of those two vendors and then we could start working toward a construction contract.**

**Council Member Garcia ask long was it published, had it been a couple of weeks at least and was advised absolutely, we met all the requirements, it was published two weeks in a row and we reached out to several vendors.**

**Council Member Garcia stated that she was just worried that we only had two options to look at.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that we had A Texas Municipal Conference in two week and there would probably be pool vendors there and if for some reason they didn't like what they see here, there will be pool vendors there and you don't have to use an RFP process, you could use many vendors in the Co-operative purchasing agreements , we have three that we are members of.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Lee to evaluate the RFP'S received. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. A Proclamation designating Tuesday, October 4, 2016 as National Night out in Jacinto City was read by City Attorney DeFoyd.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that TML Conference was October 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> and that most of the Council would be out of town on National Night Out.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that she and Council Member Gonzales would be at City Hall until 7:00 p.m or so.**

- 2. A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Garcia to amend Capital Outlay in the Street Department budget for Market Street paving in the amount of \$7,453.00. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Maria Cortez, 1721 Kirby, advised she was here to present a fund raiser that the bank was holding , it was called a Marchathon , they would be walking in Jacinto City and Galena Park and it was \$1.00 per Kilometer or they could make a \$10.00 donation, they were trying to reach their goal of \$10,000 to have their trailer wrapped because right now it was orange and they didn't really want to look like a moving van and they would appreciate donations of \$10.00 and thank you.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that they would be marching this week end and if anyone was interested to please donate to the Galena Park Band of**

**Gold.**

**Chris Diaz Jr. stated that he was selling chocolate for the Galena Park Baseball Team and would be available after the meeting.**

**Donna Dailey, 1701 Chazen, ask that they please make sure they remember when they are working on the new pool to make the steps where the seniors can get into it, we don't want it like Galena Park. Ms. Dailey ask the Fire Department why they didn't ever do anything with Pyburn Elementary , a lot of our students from Jacinto City from Holland Avenue East go to Pyburn, they need to add them to their list. She said the library said they were having free shots and unless this was different, they just did this over in Galena Park at the third Friday dinner and it was free because they take your insurance when you come in and they fill out all the paper work for you, they were turning people away that didn't have insurance or if their insurance wouldn't cover it so she didn't know if it was the same program.**

**Ms. Denton stated it was the Walgreens here in Jacinto City and Ms. Daily advised that was to and Ms. Denton stated that they verified this was free.**

**Dr. Boykin, 2106 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Seabrook, Texas stated that she just wanted to inform them that Galena Park FFA had their Livestock Show and auction coming up, it was always the week before Thanksgiving and she just wanted to reach out to the Mayor, Council and citizens and invite everyone to come out and support these kids, it goes to a great cause. She stated that she was a product of the agricultural background, she took those classes in school and these kids work very hard raising and showing these animals and they would appreciate any help you could give them**

**Mayor Diaz stated that a lot of the council does show up for the show and we also invite them to participate in our Christmas Parade and year before last they had some of their animal in the parade.**

**Mayor Diaz introduced Mr. Chis, stating that he was the new President of the Jacinto City Baseball and the owner of the batting cages across the street from us.**

**Mr. Chris stated that on behalf of Jacinto City Little League he just wanted to say thank you for putting up the shades, they had been getting a lot of compliments . He stated they were looking for a good year this year and with the support of the city and everyone else he wanted to say thank you, to keep on supporting little league and thank you.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Rivas wished everyone a good weekend and God Bless.**

**Council Member Robinson stated that he was glad to see everybody, to have a good weekend and let's go watch football.**

**Council Member Lee stated that he hadn't heard anything official but face book claimed that we caught an alligator today in Jacinto City , it was about 5 ft. long and the animal control officer put some pictures on face book. He stated that he had spoken to the Mayor and people on the Council about a favorite food contest from the many restruants in the city and we were hopefully going to be putting that on line and giving the citizens an opportunity to vote on their favorite food and there would be catagories and he was sure everybody would vote only once, we would be advertising that, we wanted all of them to vote and tell their friends and hopefully get some of our vendors to show up for the Tree Lighting Ceremony .**

**Mayor Diaz stated that was a great idea to have some of the businesses participate in our Tree Lighting Ceremony that we have a lot of people show up and she thought this year we had two school choirs participating and that would be twice the number of people there and schools, clubs, etc. were welcome to set up booths.**

**Council Member Lee stated there were a lot more restaurants in Jacinto City than he thought and went over the different things they served.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that was an excellent idea and thanked him for coming up with that.**

**Council Member Garcia Thanked everyone for coming out and it was nice to meet Mr. Chris, the new President of Jacinto City Baseball and thanked him for coming out and supporting Little League.**

**Council Member Gonzales thanked everyone for coming out and reminded them about National Night Out and to support your Police Department, they do a great job for us, he know there are time they don't get the recognition they deserve for the job they do so be sure and let them know how much we appreciate them for what they do for us.**

**Mayor Diaz ask everyone to help out the Galena Park students with their fund raising projects.**

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines".

**Joyce Raines  
City Secretary**