

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Pro Tem Rivas, Council Members Robinson, Lee and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Mayor Diaz and Council Member Garcia 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 Lee to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND COMMITTEES:

Chief Ayala ask everyone to watch for any suspicious activity and report it to the police department.

He stated that we had an accident that started in Galena Park and ended up in the drainage ditch at Mercury and the high road damaging a Jacinto City Drainage pipe emptying into the drainage ditch. They had been able to get the insurance information and would be turning this information over to the Flood Control District.

Mayor Pro Tem Rivas ask how important was the Turkey Run Gulley to us as far as the flow of water in there and was advised that it was vital, if that flood way was blocked completely we would be in a lot of trouble. Mr. Rivas stated that it was very good that someone was observant and called this in, the car could have been pulled out and we would not have discovered this until we had a problem.

Chief Mier advised that the ambulance was still on schedule and that we did have this cold front on the way and they just wanted to remind everyone to be careful if using space heaters.

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Mayor Pro Tem Rivas ask if we ever had classes at the station to inform people of the need for safety while using space heaters.

There was discussion on the different types of space heaters and Chief Mier stated they had not had any request for this type of information.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director advised that things were going good right now . He stated that he was sure that everyone had noticed all the barrels and cone at the corner of Holland and Mercury, that it was a Harris County Problem , it is safe but it didn't look good and he was hoping that it would be fixed by the parade but probably not. He stated that the waterline project was pretty much shut down because of the rain but they would have every thing cleaned up by Santa on the Fire Truck, they were working on it right now.

Mayor Pro Tem Rivas advised Kyle that he knew that his group hung up the Christmas lights on the poles and his nephew, who was eight years old told him that he really like the lights but that watermelon with the things sticking out the top and he had to tell it it wasn't a watermelon, it was a candle stick holder.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, advise that everything was going good , he was staying busy helping to get everything ready for this weekend. They were trying to keep the parks looking good with all the rain . He advised that the gym was open in case anybody wanted to come in and warm up.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, was not pickup by the sound system.

Jacinto City Library advised that Santa would be coming to the libray on December 15th and Council Member Lee would be reading to the Children and they would be going to Whittier Elementary to do a craft Program.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres stated that hopefully a lot of people had notice that we had new street lights , council approved a new contract a few months ago with Centerpoint, which had a zero cost to the city, and we would have a reduced energy cost due to fact that they were LED t cleaner light so just enjoy them . He stated there might be a few places where you would see an old one and it really just helped you appreciate the new ones more, it was night and day difference.

He advised that he had a meeting to day, that the Port has ask Galena Park and us and the Port Commissioner, Don Carlos from Baytown about the much talked about sidewalk between Galena Park and Jacinto City. It had been scaled down dramatically, it was going to completely circle the levy and now it was going to be what they called Phase 1, along side Mercury Drive on the high road off beside the road between the two cities and we again advised them that Jacinto City can't contribute financially to a project that in another city., like pour concrete, it was illegal, if there was a bridge, and it looked like there might be a bridge crossing Turkey Rum Gulley to allow people to go over to that trail and if that was the case then we would consult with the City Attorney to see if it was possible for us to contribute to part of that.

Mr. Squyres stated that after last weeks discussion on the swimming pool, they were going to take another look at it.

He reported that progress on the police station was booming, they found an old tank back there that nobody remembered so that was having to be removed.

He stated that the Mayor ask that he mention the annual contest for holiday lights and we were doing it a little different this year, because Anyone will be able to Vote for their choice on the city's website.

There was no unfinished business:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Council to receive and award bid for electrical provider to supply power to various facilities within Jacinto City.**

City Manager Squyres stated that we have had TXU as our provider for about 10 years , that when they started power deregulation many years ago, we wanted to get a better price for energy and we went with HGAC , a local power aggregation group they sought the best price for us, they had the expertize to do that and the vendor was TXU. He stated we renewed with them about three time and now the contract was up for renewal again and it was always a good idea to go out and look at the competition once in a while. He stated that we had two primary bids and we also had the aggregation group which did not go through our process so we could look at these and then at the aggregation groups.

He stated that we had two bids tonight , one from TXU and one from Reliant or NRG:

He stated the first was the Texas Associates of Energy Providers and what we were going to do was read them the cost per KWH that was being proposed.

Hudson Industry	60 months	3.9 cents /KWH
Cirro Energy	60 months	4.275 cents/KWH

He stated that just for a point of interest, right now we are paying 5.8 cents per KWH and the price of natural gas has dropped considerable since the last time we did this.

TXU	60 months	Commodity Charge
		3.569 cents per KWH

He stated that as we go through here we need to remember that price might not be the most important thing to consider. Some will give you bonus points, rebates, etc.

Reliant

60 Months

4.6 cents/KWH

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to table the bids for review by City Manager and City Attorney. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

2. Kim Peterson to address mayor and council regarding police communication.

Kim Peterson, 11514 Celtis, stated that last Friday night she was driving home from work and it was already dark and there was a house on the corner of Munn and Jennifer that has traditionally had issues with leaving their dog tied up outside without any type of protection so Friday night it was outside again and it was starting to drizzle and rain and it was cold, she called the police department and they said they would have an officer go out and check it. She stated that Saturday morning she went by and he was out in the same condition , it was muddy, it was raining harder and it was cold and she called again, She stated that she had gone out of town and when she came home that evening and the situation was still the same so she called three times and they told her that no one would follow up with her and that she would not get a return call and that her number was only taken as a consideration if the officer needed to call her for any reason so her question was one, it broke her heart that no one else was calling and reporting this, it is a high traffic area, she shouldn't even have had to call, the police should have noticed this immediately . She stated that the research she did this was a Class C charge so she would like to have a copy of the report, she would like to know what has been done. She stated that she was scared to drive by there, she has taken a different route because she is scared that nothing has been done . She stated that her concern was that we were getting into bad

weather and what was going to be done about people doing this to their animals.

Chief Ayala stated that he would look into this and see what happened, that when we leave here he will go by and check it.

Ms. Peterson stated that what she need to know was what were we going to do from here forward. She stated that she was an animal advocate.

Kyle Reed stated that during cold weather they were always looking out for this and if he sees anything they would respond.

Ms. Peterson stated that Kyle and staff had always been pro active but they were only here during the day, what were they going to do at night.

Kyle advised her that if she sees something at night to be sure and call him and he will make sure something happens, that he gets calls at all hours during the night.

Mr. Squyres stated that she had his cell number and to not ever hesitate to call him if she sees something that needs to be addressed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Miss Cortez, 1721 Kerby, stated that the GPISD Band was seeking donation to try to wrap the truck that carries the bands equipment and explained how businesses and individual could get their name on the truck and that they were also selling popcorn if anyone was interested.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Robinson advised that we would be delivering toys and food baskets on December 14, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m..

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Council Member Lee stated that we now had the results of the favorite foods and restaurant contest and read the winners. (Copy attached)

Council Member Gonzales thanked everyone for coming out and reminded them of the upcoming Christmas Parade and Santa on the Fire Trck.

Mayor Pro Tem Rivas reminded everyone that December 7th was the 76th anniversary of Pearl Harbor and thanked everyone for coming out.

Mr. Rivas adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**