

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Pro Tem Rivas, Council Members Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales: City Manager Squyres and Kathy Greiner. Mayor Diaz, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines absent.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve the minutes as submitted. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala passed on the Police Department Report.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, advised that the contractor on the water line project was given a 30 day extension on the project and he assured everyone that all yards, etc. would be cleaned up before they finished and that next weekend flyers would go out about water outages in the area of Kirby, Burman and Wiggins. He advised that next weekend they were going to put in three tie-in so they were going to have some water outages.

Mayor Pro Tem Rivas ask how long would they last and was advised 30 to 45 minutes.,

Mr. Reed advised that they were getting the mosquito machine ready to put on the street, that it looked like we were going to have an early Mosquito season this year and we would be ready.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director advised that they were doing good, staying busy with the ball fields, they were redoing the dugouts and they got very lucky this year, they had a company called Teamwork, he had met with them about some cement work and as

they knew, cement work was very expensive and Teamwork agreed to donate the work and that now the dugouts would be outside of the field instead of inside, they were being worked on now and should be finished within the next two week and the shades for Smith Park were being fabricated and should be here by April 1, 2017 which was opening day.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, stated that they continued to have more participants, that at the last meeting she had announced that we had ten (10) new participants and since that time we have two (2) more. She advised that the Seniors were looking forward to the Rodeo, that Precinct 2 had a bus that would hold 32 people. Elizabeth thanked Public Works for all the help they give them and thanked the Police Department for their assistance when the senior's lock their key in there car

Mayor Pro Tem Rivas stated that was a good thing about having an police department like our, that he was a little embarrassed to admit this but he had locked his key in the car and had to call them.

The Library thanked Ivan for all they do at the Library and discussed a new sign they have at the library.

Mayor Pro Tem Rivas stated it was time for the Mayor's report and she wasn't here but he was sure that she would want to say God Bless and have a great weekend.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres stated that we had promised the city for some time that we were going to take control over this cat population, that we were over run with cats, that nice hearted people were feeding them and causing them to reproduce over and over and now we are saturated with cats so the Council authorized us to start a program and we are going to work with a program called Emansipet and what

they do is take them and spay or neuter them and release them. He stated we wanted to control the population of cat and challenged everyone to do this. He stated that this was not going to be an overnight fix but we would eventually see the results.

Donna Dailey ask how many cats will they take and Lon replied 17 cats per week and Ms. Dailey ask what about cats with collars.

6. There was no Unfinished Business.

7> NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Resolution No. 2017-4R Approving the submission of and application for State of Texas Governor's Office Justice Assistance Computer Infrastructure Upgrade for Jacinto City Police Department.**

Lt. Longrigg explained the grant to everyone and advised that no Matching funds were required.

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Garcia. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

- 2. Presentation of 2016 Racial Profiling Report by the Police Department.**

Lt. Longrigg presented the 2016 Racial Profiling Report.

- 3. Council to consider proposal for Rehabilitation of Swimming pool building.**

City Manager Squyres stated that he was going to let Council Member Robinson present this, that in his job, he was a facilities manager so he reached out to several people that they use through the years and they also reached to some people to look at some competitive bids and Councilman Robinson was able to

get us some better deal, it uses one of the four co-operative purchasing agreements that we are members of so that works very well for us.

Council Member Robinson stated that one of the bids broke it down into two different phases, the interior of the facility and then the roof, that one of the things they looked at was the gable roof and they had a lot of problems getting the design on it so they backed off of that and went with a flat roof and the interior included a new floor and described the floor, new light fixture, walls to be redone, all petitions and all toilets and showers to be replaced, the interior and exterior of the building would be painted. He stated the roof would be a 20 year roof, that we had a couple of prices come in and this one was the cheapest and he was telling Lon just a little while ago that he got an e-mail and if they got started by the 2nd of March, it would be completely finished with close out documents by May 16th. He stated that the pool house came in at \$85,101., that the roof was \$33,053. And he made a proposal that we accept these offers and get them started on the pool house and that should get them in and out at probably about the same time the pool gets completed.

Council Member Lee ask if he said all the toilet fixtures and plumbing would be replaced and was the two prices that he quoted one just for the roof and one for the building rehab so we would need to add those two figures together.

City Manager Squyres stated it was one vendor and the total price on the project would be \$118,154.00 .

Council Member Garcia stated that he mentioned that the plumbing would be replaced that she read over the document that was sent to them and she sees the new toilets, faucets

Council Member Robinson stated that it was actually all

Plumbing, fixtures that what they were going to do was test the plumbing and water lines and if they need to do something to them, they will do it and looking at them, it seems they are all ok.

Council Member Lee ask about the drainage system.

Mr. Robinson stated that he had ask Lon to make sure that we camera it and make sure there are no problems because once we put the floor down he would hate to tear up the floor.

Council Member Lee ask if they were sealing the floor and Mr. Robinson replied that they would seal it with decorative chips in it, Mr. Lee ask if they did a procedure to clean it before they do that and was advised that they did.

Council Member Gonzales ask if the outside would remain the same as it is.

Mr. Robinson stated that the only change was that the brick would be a different color, the planters would remain and they would replace the broken wall by the garage doors in the back and they could choose the color to paint the brick.

Council Member Lee ask about the replacement of the petitions and was advised that they would all be plastic, no more particle board, all commercial grade.

Council Member Garcia ask if we had any picture of what any of this looked like, maybe some of their previous work they had done.

Council Member Robinson stated that he sent some pictures but could send some more.

Council Member Garcia stated that we hadn't really met on this or anything, that she did read over the document in writing but as a council they hadn't met or talked about any of this and she

appreciated that he had been going out there and talking to contractors. Council Member Garcia ask Kyle what he could say about the plumbing .

Mr. Reed stated that the plumbing was 60 years old and there was more discussion regarding the plumbing. It was stated that we would camera everything before anything was done and we should get the equipment in the next week or so.

City Manager Squyres stated the nice thing about that building was that all the plumbing was exposed, it was nothing like you see in a home with walls and interior plumbing, the pipes are mounted on the walls, they are all masonry walls. He stated that on the drainage side the nice thing about it was that we had also funded an SSO project this year and as part of that program we were going to be purchasing, in the very near future, a camera system because we will be cameraing every sewer line in the city that belongs to a home so as part of that, before anything gets done to that building, we want to camera that line to be sure we don't have any breaks or problems. If we don't have any problems, the work would progress and if we do have any problems they can be fixed.

Council Member Garcia ask if we would have to go under the building or anything and was advised that we would not. Ms. Garcia ask when this would go down and Mr. Squyres stated that we were hoping to purchase the camera and equipment in a week or two. Ms. Garcia ask what happens if we detect a leak or something and Mr. Squyres advised that we would stop the project until it was repaired.

Council Member Robinson stated that if we didn't move on these projects and it didn't matter with him, we could table it or whatever, We were running out of time, we were up here discussing this and all of a sudden we have questions on it, Lon sent out a lot of e-mails on it and nobody responded to them, they could decide what they wanted to do, he didn't care either way but we had a guy right here that could call a contractor and they could camera it next week.

Mr. Squyres stated that it would definitely be cameraed before we touched the building.

Ms. Donna Daily stated that she had a question, that this building was 60 years old, how much more would it cost to put PVC in there instead of keeping the old galvanized pipe.

Mr. Squyres ask if he could make a suggestion, why didn't we get a plumbing official or inspector, who had many years of plumbing inspections to go out and give us an opinion on it before we do it.

Council Member Garcia stated that she would feel more comfortable with it, she knew we had to get it done but if you were building a house, the foundation had to be strong.

City Manager Squyres stated that Mr. Ellis was very capable and he would be glad to go down there and do it and that we could also get someone to come out and check the foundation.

There was discussion on the foundation and the flat roof.

Ms. Garcia ask if we could maybe have a special meeting scheduled for next week, he could report the findings and that way it could be on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Mr. Squyres stated that we could do anything they wanted to do.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rivas addressed Council Member Robinson, stating there seem to be some concerns about this, did he think that maybe we could set up some time next week and he also understood that he was saying that we needed to jump on this immediately. Mr. Robinson stated that was fine with him.

There was discussion about what they would do if they found a problem with the drains and Kyle stated they would repipe.

City Manager Squyres stated that as he understood it, we were going to get the plumbing inspector to go out there and get an end to end inspection on both fresh water , potable water and drain, we were going camera it and if it would make them feel better they would get a foundation man to come out and look at the foundation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rivas stated that with the roof being flat, nothing changed as far as load bearing and if the foundation has been holding up well then no additional support needed to be done.

Council Member Garcia stated that we had a flat roof at city hall and we have had problems with that and also the police department.

City Manager Squyres stated that he hated flat roofs but look what we do inside that building, we showered so it was not a real big issue. He stated that originally we wanted, for looks as much as anything else, we wanted a gable roof but the cost to do that with the codes and restrictions that you have to do in the Gulf Coast Region would just not be cost effective, it would be in the \$60,000 plus range.

Council Member Lee stated that flat roofs today were a lot better than they used to be.

Mr. Squyres stated that the shower was designed outside the building so they would not have that moisture on the inside.

Council Member Gonzales ask if this would interfere in any way with the construction of the swimming pool and was advised by Mr. Squyres that it would not.

City Manager Squyres ask if he could make a suggestion just to expedite this and he knew that they suggested a meeting but if they would act tonight, with a provision that if we find problems before we contract we come give them a report and if any of them épress that they do want a meeting before we contract we would do that.

Council Member Lee stated that was what we were going to do anyway.

Mr. Squyres stated that what he was going to say was that in the process we were going to do anyway, that if we discovered issues we would come to the council and if any of them feel that we needed to have a meeting and do this in a public setting we would do that and if we need to make any change we would have a workshop to authorize any additional funding.

Council Member Robinson stated they could table it until March 9th which was the next Council Meeting.

Council Member Garcia stated that if the reports came in earlier, we could have that special meeting and that way everyone is more informed.

Mayor Pro Tem Rivas stated that Council Member Robinson's motion to consider the rehabilitation of the swimming pool building died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Garcia to table Item 3, consider proposal for rehabilitation of swimming pool building. Vote: 2 For 2 Against (Robinson and Lee against)

Mayor Pro- Tem voted to table the Item making the vote: 3 For 2 Against.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Becky Gammage, 1318 Belin, stated that she was representing the Jacinto City Dog Pound Rescue and she wanted to let them know that the fun raiser was still scheduled for May 13th at the Town Center and tonight begins the presale of BBQ tickets, that plates would be \$8.00,

sandwiches \$5.00 and sausage on a stick \$3.00 and you also get a drink with each one and they would also be selling raffle tickets and they had some really nice things and went over some of the items, the drawing would be at 2:00 p.m. that day and you did not have to be present to win and they would be serving from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.. She stated that starting March 4th she would be at Smith Park selling Tickets, she encourage everyone to come out and support this worthy event and to buy tickets early so she would know how much BBQ to buy.

Robert Hernandez, 10245 Chadwick, stated that he was here to make comments from the public right again advising Kyle that he was perfect just the way he was, not to change a thing to hang in there brother, he loved him. He stated that he had a question about the showers, did that include the men's room and did they have hot water in the showers.

Council Member Robinson stated they talked about it but if the city didn't maintain them there was nothing he could do about it.

Mr. Hernandez stated that he had a question for the police department about the Racial Profiling, He stated that if a child got a bike stolen and came to the station to make a report was the race of the child noted. (the answer was answered by the police department but was not picked up by the sound system. Mr. Hernandez ask what about a traffic stop was it noted and was advised that it was and that was where part of the information came from for the Racial Profiling Report. Mr. Hernandez ask what about when the officer helped one of the seniors who had locked their keys in their car and he was advised that there was no paper work on that, it was community service.

Donna Dailey, 1701 Horatio, stated there was a lot of things going on with our new President and there was a lot of Hispanics talking about rachial profiling and she ask if somebody was just stopped and they were not legal, we were not going to take them to jail were we.

Lt. Longrigg advised that was not what we looked for.

There was more discussion on the question and Chief Ayala explained about stopping someone and when we call immigration.

Ms. Dailey stated that she was just wondering, that we have a lot of good people here but we had a lot of gang member too and if you were to stop someone and you knew they were a gang member couldn't you use that if they were not legal or did we have to send them to Harris County that according to our President, if you stop someone and they are gang affiliated and they are not legal to call ICE, would that not help our city.

Chief Ayala stated that he did want to say that a situation of a traffic stop, that we have racial profiling policy and we don't ask people that question, we are responsible for a traffic violation and their identification. Now say they give us false information , if they are in the process of an investigation chances are that they are going to County jail and if we find out that they are a threat to security and a threat to our residents then we will call immigration to advise them of what we have and named some of the charges that were unacceptable to the peace of the community here they would call.

Ms. Dailey stated that in Jacinto City he knew that we have illegals, he knew that we had gang members, he knew that we had people selling drugs and every time the police are called out they say they can't do anything because they have to see this, if we didn't see it, they can't do it. She stated that it happened on Horatio Street and he knew who she was talking about and nothing could be done but if there were illegals there couldn't you use that to kind of clean up our city.

Chief Ayala stated that they couldn't just go over there and ask them if they were here illegally, not under the present laws but he was not going to get into that, he explained that if they were in an

investigated mode and they get into something like that, they can go a little bit further with it and explained what they would do.

Ms. Dailey stated that according to the news, Harris County had made a decision to not have their officers call ICE to check if a person was legal or not and if Harris County wasn't going to do it then we had a problem.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Robinson stated that he hoped that everyone had a happy Valentine and a good weekend.

Council Member Lee thanked everyone for coming out, we appreciated them and God Bless.

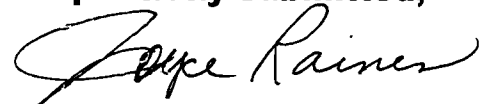
Council Member Garcia thanked everyone for coming out and spending this time with us and to let us know if they had any concerns about any thing in the city.

Council Member Gonzales thanked everyone for their participation and to be safe.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rivas thanked everyone for coming out, wished them a good weekend, that it was supposed to be nice weather so go out and enjoy it.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rivas adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,



**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**