

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2017, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 6:00 pm. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Robinson, Lee and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Rivas absent due to work, Council Member Garcia arrived after roll call and City Attorney Defoyd absent due to illness.

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: 3 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala passed on his report.

Chief Mier stated that she had nothing to report at this time.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, stated that he would like to mention that we got 600 plus tires at the tire roundup and mosquito season was here and we would be spraying, hopefully this weekend when the wind dies down.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director reminded everyone of the summer programs they were having this year.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director reported that everything was going well at Heritage Hall.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres advised that the bridges on the East side of the city, the two bridges on Market Street, starting the first week of June

they would be under repair, they were going to tear them down and replace them starting with the one on the South side so for the next six months we were going to have two lanes of traffic on a very small bridge instead of a two lane bridge, that they did wait until school was out so that the buses and parents right now would not have to deal with that but when they go back and forth but in September they would have too so if you were going to have to go across those bridges to allow yourself a little for time or just jump over to the freeway and go that way.

He called attention to all of the construction we had going on, that we all watched the police station going up and that was great to see, that we had received the preliminary fire stations drawings yesterday and tomorrow we get the preliminary drawing for the pool so that was nice to see and they would be finalizing the constructions drawing and both of those projects would get going soon. He stated that another thing he would like to mention was that we had another fairly large business in the city, The Flaming Grill which was Chinese, Mexican and Italian and it had opened a couple of days ago over by Tinsel Town and he hears good things about them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 2017-3 setting salary for Mayor and Council.**

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Ordinance 2017-3 setting salary for Mayor and Council on the second and final reading. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

- 2. Council to receive and award bids on resurfacing of Kilroy St.. railroad to Lane St. on South side and Market St. to Oswego on the North side.**

Huff-Mitchell, Inc.	\$175,000.00
T-Construction LLC	\$165,000.00
Trinity Paving LLC	\$124,000.00

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to award the bid to the low bidder after review by the City Manager and Public Works Director to be sure they meet specification. Vote: 4 for 0 Against

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Chad Burke, Economic Alliance Houston Port Region presented the Annual Service Contract Report.**
- 2. Becky Gammage, representing the Jacinto City Dog Pound Rescue reported that they had their first fundraiser on May 13th and it was very successful because of the many people that donated money, time, food and all the other supplies that were needed, they wanted to thank the residents, businesses and city employees and everyone who contributed in even the smallest way and let them know how much they were appreciated. She stated that she could never name all of the people who contributed but did want to mention some of the wonderful people, that first off it would not have been a very successful BBQ without Bernardo Perez and TJ Perez, that Bernardo cooked enough for 400 people and they sold out and TJ organized and ran the serving line like a champ. Some of the other people she recognized for their dedication and hard work on the project were Ms. Diane Peacock, Michael Howard, DJ Hatley, Victoria Tauzin and her mother Charlotte Bean, who was 85 years old, Patricia Nagel and Shelia Rutherford, Gregg Robinson, Eric Jones, numerous city workers, Chief Ayala and his wonderful officers, Jordan Davis, Nancy Gammage and she had many more names but her time was up but thanks to the efforts and hard work of those named and many others she would like to report that they made \$7,311.36.**

Judy Clark and Brenda Kocian, members of the Jacinto City Dog Pound Rescue Group presented Flowers to Becky Gammage for her dedication and hard work for the Dog Pound Rescue.

- 3. Council to confirm Ali Kamali as a fulltime Jacinto City Police Officer and Michael A. Garcia as a Jacinto City Reserve Police Officer.**

Chief Ayala gave a brief bio on each officer and recommended that the Council Confirm them.

Mayor Diaz administered the Oath of Office to Ali Kamali and presented him with his Badge.

Mayor Diaz administered the Oath of Office to Michael Garcia as a Reserve Police Officer and presented him with his Badge.

Mayor Diaz welcomed them to the Jacinto City family.

- 4. Resolution 2017-6R designating the week of May 21st to May 27, 2017 “National Public Works Week” in the City of Jacinto City.**

The Resolution was read by City Manager Squyres.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve Resolution 2017-6R. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

- 5. Teresa Arzapala, President of Keep Jacinto City Clean Committee to thank Mayor, Council, City Administration and Public Work for removing dangerous mosquito breeding places.**

Ms. Arzapala stated that she wanted to thank Mayor Ana Diaz, the City Council, City Manager Lon Squyres and Public Works Director Kyle Reed for taking quick action to correct the

mosquito breeding problem they report at the City Council meeting a few weeks ago.

She stated that as time permitted they are present the city with another list of tires so they can have door hangers put on the resident's doors, so the tires can be picked up. She stated that whenever they report health problems and the city corrects them, this is what their mission was, working together to make our city cleaner and healthier.

Mayor Diaz thanked her, stating that she was glad that we were able to take care of what they sent us and to keep bringing us these things and we will do what we can to take care of them.

6. Former Mayor Allan Jamail to commend Public Works Director Kyle Reed and to recognize Public Works Appreciation Month.

Mr. Jamail stated that he was honored to be able to come up here again to address the citizens and the administration, he wanted to thank each of them for the service they were giving to the community, we live in an exceptional good city and if they would notice in the newspaper, a day of good works, that was an article that he wrote of events that was in just one day and he also submitted the work that the Jacinto City Dog Pound Rescue Organization did that same day but he was not the one that make the choice of what goes in the paper and they didn't have enough room so they got left out but he was going to take a group picture after the meeting and get it in this next week.

He stated that he wanted to thank each of them, that he had been up here thanking the Fire Department, the Police Department and he usually tries to thank everybody because he thinks he is really blessed to live in the city and if you look at the day of good works, that is just one day of things that this city did on that one day. He stated we had a City Manager that brought

his family out that day and they did volunteer service we had a remarkable City Administration and City Staff but tonight he wanted to speak specifically about the Public Works Department, that when he was first elected in 1973 the Public Works employees and that department had a tin building that was hot in the summer time and cold in the winter time and he was happy to say that our city has progressed and we now have a more modern facility. He stated that he had seen the city progress and he had seen public works progress, when we call the police they come and when we call the fire department they come but you know when we turn on the water faucet we get water instantly 7/24 and we could not get that if it wasn't for Public Works, that we have police and fire that is on call 7/24 and so is public works, we call them out in the winter time when we are in our warm homes and they get out and get in these ditches to fix water leaks, to unstop sewer lines in freezing and raining weather but they put on slicker suits and get out there and do the work and they need to be recognized. He stated this was National Public Works Recognition Month and he wanted to bring that to the attention of the city and the citizens how much these people do for our community, we take it for granted, we drive on these streets, we turn on our water, we flush our toilets and everything works and if it don't work we are upset but they get a call and Kyle Reed, the Director of Public Works, has a program and plan that is administered under the City Manager and they go to work. He stated that Public Works was overlooked a lot times but we needed to start paying more appreciation to them and tonight he would like Kyle Reed to come forward he presented him with a plaque of appreciation and advised that today was also his birthday and ask everyone to join them for cake and punch after the meeting.

Kyle stated that in his 21 years of service this was his first time at this podium and he thanked Mr. Jamail and the Keep Jacinto City Clean Committee, stating that we have always tried to do the best that they could for the city, they want to keep it clean

and be proud of it and they were. He stated that he didn't live in Jacinto city but if he ever moved from Crosby he would certainly consider JC to be the place for him and his family, he felt safe here, we had a good police protection, a good fire department and good administration and good people, he was amazed that so many people from here in JC volunteer to help with the Dog Pound Rescue. He stated that we did have some public works guys here, that he invited them all but it had been a pretty tough day and he ask the public works workers to stand up and be recognized.

- 7. Council approval of budget amendment to Fire Department Budget Code 14-6799 in the amount of \$6,700 for repair to fire truck.**

City Manager Squyres explained that this was a \$400,000 piece of equipment and they were expensive to maintain.

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the \$6,700 budget amendment to repair the fire truck. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chief Ayala stated that he just wanted to say something concerning the Public Works Division and the Public Works Director and over all the years he had been here he remembers the Public Works Director and his staff, you know that we are talking about a public safety issue, year around during the hurricane season and during the times of flooding they are always out there 24 hours a day and they are there to make it more convenient for everyone in this community and he remembers many a time when they were out there and also during the parade and various events they assist us with crowd control, removing trees that have fallen and are threatening the citizens of the community but they are always out here around

the clock and he just wanted to extend congratulations to Mr. Reed and his workers for the fine job they do.

Mr. Allan Jamail stated that he had another individual that he wanted to recognize tonight and this was a young man that had done an astonishing thing and accomplishment and he thought he should be recognized and at this time he was going to ask Salvador Flores and his mother Norma to stand. He stated that this young man, at a very young age at a middle school in Galena Park decided that he wanted to play a saxophone and he worked hard at it, he practiced all the time and when he got into high school he decided that he wanted to submit an application of his talents to an organization to where he might could win some type of recognition so he submitted a solo saxophone performance to National Young Arts Association and they reviewed it and they selected him with 700 other people in the United States to go to Miami, Florida this last January and with limited funds he made the trip, this was an example of what people can do if they just put some effort into it. He stated that he performed down there and the United States Scholar Foundation, that only recognizes 161 students in the United States of America so he performed along with the other 699 and they reviewed it and after several weeks and also in Florida they interviewed him, they had to make sure this was him and that he really knew his stuff and so he was selected two weeks ago and he was one of the 161 United States Presidential Scholar in the United States of America.

Mr. Jamail stated that he has now been selected for a full scholarship \$65,000 annually from the University of Michigan where he will be going to study music of course and his desire is to be a professor there at the University and to also be a professional musician for a career so this young man needs to be recognized and he is recognized tonight, our Mayor and Council recognizes him and Keep Jacinto Clean does.

Mr. Flores stated that he was not very good at this public speaking and ask that they bear with him. He stated that he wanted to thank his family first that his mother had provided a lot for him and she destresses him life for him in a way and his father was not here with them today because he was in Mexico with a sick family member but he was the reason he was a musician today he felt something and persuaded him to do it and he was here thanks to him and he would really like to thank him for that. He stated that his community members and all of them had provided him with lot of inspiration just now with all the work they do with the dog pound and the public works and he thank them for inspiration. He thanked his mom and stated that he loved her.

Mayor Diaz Congratulated Mr. Flores and encouraged him to keep going.

Miguel stated that speaking about dogs, that when you are walking you dog you have to be aware of the other dogs and that dogs should be kept secure so you are able to walk your dog.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Robinson welcome the new officers and to please let him know if he could help them in anyway. He stated that Public Works knew how he felt about them, they did a good job out there and wished Salvador Flores all the best.

Council Member Lee thanked everyone for being here tonight and he appreciated all the different types of work we had talked about tonight and wanted to welcome our new police officers and wished Mr. Flores the best and we were proud of him and wished Kyle a Happy Birthday.

Council Member Garcia sang Happy Birthday to Kyle and stated that if they had never been to the Public Works Department they had to go, Kyle has a open door policy, they treat everyone fairly and his department is family, they take care of each other and they were not the kind of people that like to be recognized and she was glad it was being done tonight and she thanked Kyle and his guys for everything they do. She ask Officer Kamali and Officer Garcia if they knew when Jacinto City was Incorporated and Officer Kamali replied 1946, which was the right answer and she welcomed them to the family. She advised Miguel that she hoped this was not the last time he spoke that it was good to start young.

Ms. Garcia thanked the Jacinto City Dog Pound Rescue ladies for everything they did and thanked Mr. Jamail for the presentation, that she loved recognizing people.

Council Member Gonzales welcomed Officers Kamali and Garcia to our city and if there was anything they needed help with anyone in this building would be willing to help them. He thanked Mr. Jamail and the Keep Jacinto City Clean Committee for all that they do and wished Kyle a Happy Birthday.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**