

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 8, 2017 with the following members present: Mayor Diaz; Council Members Rivas, Robinson and Lee; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Garcia arrived after roll call and Council Member Gonzales 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 Garcia to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Lt. Longrigg advised that Chief Ayala was on vacation. The police department was staying busy but to please call if they needed anything.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, Reported that Trinity Paving was not through with the paving on Kilroy yet but they were doing a great job. He also called attention to a dip on Market Street, in front of the police station that had been repaired numerous time but was still a problem and that it was a County project and they would out on Monday to repair it. He also advised that the mosquito truck was on the street most nights.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, reminded everyone of the Kids Summer Program Monday through Friday and that they have 25 kids at the present time and the nutrition program would be going on for three more days. He reported that he was also working with the Food Bank about providing lunch for the kids in the summer programs.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, reported that all was going well at the center and that yesterday the Food Bank was there and they had about 43 people receive food; she explained that it was not

just for members at the center but the general public who were 60 plus.

Idalia Avezuela introduced herself as the new librarian at the Jacinto City Branch and reported that their Summer Reading Program had started on Monday, that they had a lot of activities going on and provided a flyer with a schedule.

Mayor Diaz stated that Galena Park High School was providing breakfast and lunch during the summer.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres reported that we have received three closing dates so far on the bridge on Market Street and we were still waiting for them to start.

He gave a status report on the progress of the police station, the fire station and the swimming pool.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Council to receive and award bid on sale of used vehicle – 2013 Dodge Charge – sold as is**

Mr. Squyres advised that we did not receive any bids on the vehicle.

There was general discussion on the vehicle and Mr. Squyres advise that it was the vehicle hit on the feeder street during a traffic stop.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Council action on recommendation of Variance Board at 10410 S. Lacrosse**

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City Manager Squyres advised that Mr. Antonio Arredondo at 10410 S. LaCrosse had applied for this variance, that he had built a porch on his house that exceeded the setback line and had not applied for a permit to build the porch and a stop work order had been placed on the project and his variance request was to allow him to keep the porch as built. Mr. Squyres provided a picture of the porch for the Mayor and Council and advised that the Variance Board had voted unanimously to allow the porch.

Mayor Diaz ask Mr. Arredondo if he would like to speak.

Mr. Arredondo apologized for not obtaining the permit and realized now that it was the wrong thing to do. He discussed the construction of the porch, stating that he was trying to improve the appearance of the house.

There was discussion by the Mayor and Council concerning the porch and Mr. Arredondo not obtaining a permit.

Mr. Rivas ask the City Manager if he would still be required to get a permit if they approved the variance.

City Manager Squyres advised that he would and the cost of the permit would be doubled and the building inspector would go out and inspected the structure and if there was a problem with anything he would be required to bring it up to the building code.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve the recommendation of the Variance Board and allow the variance at 10410 S. Lacross.

Vote: 4 For 0 Against

Council Member Rivas stated that he hoped that Mr. Arredondo would be a spokesman for getting permits with his neighbors.

- 2. Council to consider amendment of Sewer Department Budget Code 33-6799 in the amount of \$18,550.00 to repair engine in sewer truck.**

Mr. Reed advised that this was a \$75,000 2011 Ford F450 service vehicle with 39,00 miles on it and they did not know what had happened, they have the maintenance records on it showing that it had been taken care of. He stated that they had taken it to Chastain Ford because of knocking in the engine and the mechanic there said it was a valve failure.

Mayor Diaz ask if it was better to fix it or buy a new one.

Council Member Robinson stated it would be better to fix it, that it would be a new engine.

Council Member Lee ask what kind of warranty would we have on it and was advised that it was a two year warranty,

Public Works Director Reed advised that he would recommend fixing the vehicle, that it would be a new engine and the vehicle was in good condition.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Lee. Vote: 3 For 1 Against (Rivas Against)

There were no comments from the public.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas had no comments.

Council Member Robinson cautioned everyone to stay cool.

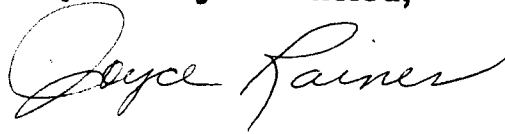
Council Member Lee thanked everyone for coming out.

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Council Member Garcia thanked everyone for being here and invited them to please come back.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**