

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2017, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City council met in regular session on Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson and Lee; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. Council Members Garcia and Gonzales absent due to family 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 Rivas to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala passed on his report.

Chief Mier cautioned everyone on being very careful out in the storm.

Kyle Reed, Public works Director, advised that they were preparing for the storm the best they could, by being sure drains were clear and explained that they would move equipment out of the barn to be sure it would be accessible and would be out wherever they were needed during the storm.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director reported that the movie and refreshments on Saturday, August 19th was enjoyed by approximately 60 people and was enjoyed by everyone.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director reported that the seniors were busy getting ready for the storm.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres reminded everyone of the dog and cat neutering or spaying program on October 7th and advised that they would get a

mailer in their next water bill on how to sign up for it, etc. but they did have to sign up for it ahead.

He stated he had a little to say on the potential flooding, that with Harvey out there and after talking with the Harris County Judge we decided not to have court this next Monday night, it was trial night and we had sent out notices to over a 100 people for jury duty and we didn't want to put them out on the road in that kind of weather nor the defendants so today the court clerks started calling and writing letters to everyone one they could and in addition, one of the biggest things we could do to mitigate any flooding was to eliminate the competition we Have with the cities flooding situation and explained how our city drained he explained that when the Port of Houston, Flood Control District and the Corp of Engineers redesigned the levy system between here and Galena Park and we get most of the water, that he had talked with them about draining the levy and then blocking the drains so that when the rains comes our water will drain off first.

He stated they could go to the city website or Friends of Jacinto City for information and if the winds got up to 50 miles per hour we would shut down our people and equipment but we would however use the 6 wheel drive high water vehicle that we have at the police department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Receive and award bids on PD Unit #28**

City Manager Squyres advised that we did not receive any bids on the vehicle and we would probably sell the vehicle for scrap.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. First reading of Ordinance 2017-3 Adopting a Budget for FY 2017/2018**

City Manager Squyres advised that we went through these numbers during the Public Hearing and read the Ordinance.

City Manager Squyres advised that the way State Law dictated, we couldn't just let council vote on this, we had to poll each member for their vote.

**Vote: 3 For, Council Members Rivas, Robinson and Lee.
0 Voting against**

2. Resolution 2017-8R Nominating a candidate for a position on the Board of Directors of Harris County Appraisal District.

City Manager Squyres advised that the cities other than Houston had the opportunity to nominate one candidate and the Harris County Mayor's and Council's Association had recommended Mr. Ed Heathcott and read the Resolution.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Rivas to nominate Mr. Ed Heathcott as Representative to Harris County Appraisal Board of Directors.

Vote: 3 For 0 Against

3. First reading of Ordinance 2017-4 Amending Chapter 2, Sec. 3 "Dogs" Subsection B annual license fee; waiving license fee for up to two dogs per owner or household upon proof such dog(s) have been neutered or spayed.

City Manager Squyres advised that this was discussed at the last council meeting and it seemed that we had a consensus so this ordinance was up for their vote tonight and he read Ordinance 2017-4.

There was discussion on the ordinance as to how it would be enforced and Mr. Squyres stated that our license did have a description of the dog and we could go back to that each year.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2017-4. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

- 4. First reading of Ordinance 2017-5 Approving a design manual for the installation of Network Nodes and Node Support Poles; and approving a pole attachment agreement regulating the installation of network nodes on city service poles, etc.**

City Manager Squyres advised that these next two ordinances were extensive, they had been posted on the internet and website for over a week now and if it was alright with council, he would like to read them by brief captions, especially Ordinance 2017-5 which with attachments was very long. He stated that as a background on both of these, they were at the suggestion of the Texas Municipal League because the Senate and House, this year in Austin, decided they wanted to give cell phone companies the ability to not only have cell towers that are tall like on our water tower or free standing poles with all the antennas on them; they want to be able to have cell antennas in people's back yards, in alleys, in easements and even on top of stop sign poles so there had to be some kind of common sense to this where we can tell them what and how they can do it if they are going to use the city's easement or poles and a fee structure to go with that as well. He stated that this was not going to be Ms. Raines favorite topic because she was probably going to be the one to keep track of it, that it was very similar in nature to the pipelines, it was very detailed and very technical and he read the Ordinance by caption.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2017-5. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

There was discussion on how cities could control this and that we

**Could not keep them from coming into the city we could only try
To control them with the Ordinances.**

- 5. First reading of Ordinance No. 2017-6 regulating the physical use, occupancy and maintenance of city right-of-way by wireless network providers, etc.**

City Manager Squyres read Ordinance 2017-6 by captions.

Council Member Lee ask if they would be allowed to put these nodes on our poles that we use for Christmas decoration and was advised by Mr. Squyres that they would not, that TML felt we were Covered on that. He also advised that one thing we wanted to make sure about was that if they were putting wireless devices out that it did not interfere with public safety radio whatsoever because we didn't want some patrol car that was typing in somebody's license number to be interfered with by somebody using their cell phone.

A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Ordinance 2017-6 on the first reading. Vote: 3 for 0 Against

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Cortez, 1721 Kerby, stated he had a question about the dogs, that they were saying that it was only two dogs and that people would not be allowed to get a new dog and they mentioned something about micro chips being placed and wouldn't that be a way to recognize the dog.

Mr. Squyres stated it would but we were not mandating microchips on dogs but at the event we were hosting on October 7th they were going to provide free microchips but he was right, that was a really good way to make sure it was the same dog.

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Mr. Cortez ask when were they going to start installing the network towers.

Mr. Squyres advised that the law took effect on September 1st. and he knew of one cell company that had already expressed an interest in doing that but we haven't had any applications for it yet, that it was going to be a headache for the city but it might mean a lot better and faster internet service for people.

Mr. Cortez stated that he wanted to thank the Mayor, City Council, Police Department, Fire Department and city crews, they were doing a great job for the city.

A representative from Furr High School welcomed everyone to the new school year for 2017/2018, that Furr High School was going to open up on August 29th but on September 8th at 6:00 p.m. they would like to invite everyone in Jacinto City, especially the ones that were high school students back since 1961. She stated they were having a big celebration and they would be having TV stations to celebrate four schools that received grants and Furr High School was going to be one of them that was going to be featured and they would like everybody to come and to please pass the word and they were working on invitations and would bringing them to everyone.

Mayor Diaz stated she had seen a video of the new school and it was really nice and it was posted on GPISD's website.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas stated that on this cell tower business it was better to have the ability to govern this than not having the ability to do anything. He stated the storm was coming to take care of themselves and God Bless.

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Council Member Robinson stated that like Council Member Rivas said, the storm was coming to take care of themselves and we would have people out there working.

Council Member Lee cautioned everyone to be careful and check on their neighbors and he could tell them this was the best place he had ever lived for going through an emergency situation that people take care of each other so take care.

Mayor Diaz ask Chief Ayala if we would have full staff on duty during this storm and the Chief advised that we would.

Mayor Diaz stated that like Councilman Lee said, please look after your neighbors, that a lot of our seniors live alone and would be scared and ask about getting a list of our seniors and we could get Constable Diaz to go around and check on our seniors and to please call her or the council if they needed anything that they would be here.

City Manager Squyres stated that one thing the Mayor mentioned was calling and they had probably see or heard the advertisement where ones that needed to could call 211 and register with the State of Texas for help with evacuations, etc. and today the city hall staff actually called everyone on that list in our city, found out if they were ok, what their plans were and if they needed assistance and tomorrow Chief Ayala, Chief Mier and himself were going to go down to Big Bass and have a conversation with them about what happens if the power go out because they don't have power for the elevators and these people on the second and third floor don't need to stay there if they are not able to climb stairs.

Mayor Diaz ask if we would be doing a shelter in Town Center in case it was needed.

City Manager Squyres stated we would shelter there as a last resort only.

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Mayor Diaz ask Elizabeth if she could get with all of her seniors that she knows that are homebound or just alone so that we could check on them and give a list to Chief Ayala.

Mayor Diaz cautioned everybody to be safe.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 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 typed name.

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**