

**COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017, 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Garcia 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: 4 For 0 Against**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Chief Ayala stated that the media had been contacted, they were trying to get one individual identified in a robbery that happened in the 10100 block of Chadwick yesterday, he wanted to let them know just in case they heard something on the news media. He also advised that last night at Smith Park we had an individual that was robbed at gun point for his vehicle, the suspect was identified by the complainant and the officer was working on a warrant. He stated that two individuals were arrested on Horatio for interfering and assault on an officer and were charged and transported.**

**Chief Mier stated that she had no report at this time.**

**Bernardo Perez, Public Works Department, advised that they were staying busy.**

**Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, thanked the police department and public works for all their help with the Halloween Fest, that they had a good turnout and everyone seem to have a good time.**

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**Mayor Diaz stated that we had a good turn out and thanked the Galena Park High School Gents and Interactive Club for helping out with the festival, they like doing this and are already asking what they can do for December.**

**Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that they were trying to wrap up Thanksgiving plans, that they deliver Thanksgiving dinner to seniors spending the holiday alone and right now they have 17 on their list and to please let her know of anyone in the community, over 60, that will be alone and needs a meal. She also advise that they were helping the seniors with open enrollment for medicare.**

**Mayor Diaz ask the Council if they knew about the Senior's Thanksgiving Lunch and ask Elizabeth to be sure and send them all an e-mail so they would be aware of the activity.**

**Elizabeth advised that it was on the Calendar.**

**Ms. Idalis Avezuela, Jacinto City Library, thanked parks and recreation and the city council for getting the new air conditioner in at the library, they definitely needed it. She advised that the library schedule for November was on the computer and introduced the new director for children's programs Gabby Prado.**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**City Manager Squyres advised that the bridge closing had gone well so far, traffic had not been to bad.**

**There was no unfinished business.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Council approval of Budget Amendments for FY 2016/2017**

**City Manager Squyres advised that this was a cleanup item that we do every year, that our auditors had ask us to start doing this several years ago and what it allows us to do is to clear out anything that went over budget and amend it where it is between budget items for the annual audit. He called attention to the list they had before them, stating that there were several items that seemed like a lot of money but we also had to remember that we had Hurricane Harvey on our door step the last part of the year and for 6 weeks of the last year we had a lot of police officers on the road a lot more, we were doing trash cleanup and all these other things. He stated the large part of the over budget is being sought after by FEMA and Joyce could attest to that because she was the one filling out the spread sheets to keep the FEMA folks happy and there was also two or three grants on the sheet that are not included in the budget and even though they don't cost us anything, they are still represented on that, probably about \$85,000 to \$90,000 alone, for example the \$75,000 on the ambulance, so it looks like we went way over on budget but that is not actually the case. He stated that we would be happy to field any question anyone had.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve the budget amendments for FY 2016/2017. Vote: 4 For 0 Against**

**2. First reading of Ordinance 2017-7 Amending Chapter 10 Utilities at Section 1 A Utility Deposit.**

**The Ordinance was read by City Attorney DeFoyd.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Rivas to approve Ordinance 2017-7 Amending Chapter 10 Utilities at Section 1 A Utility Deposit on the first reading. Vote: 4 For 0 Against**

**There were no comments from the public.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Rivas ask Chief Mier if there was anything they could do if someone called them about the safety of their space heaters.**

**Chief Mier advised that they did have meters to check for gas smells but they could not advise them on the safety of their space heater.**

**Council Member Robinson advised everyone to stay warm and enjoy the weekend and be safe.**

**Council Member Lee stated enjoy the holidays, we were looking forward to it, it was always a great time in this town, take care of themselves and go Rockets.**

**Council Member Gonzales ask Ivan about the status of the swimming pool, that he drove by the other day and it actually looked like they were moving some dirt around.**

**Ivan's reply was not picked up by the sound system.**

**Mayor Diaz advised that she would be out of town on vacation at the time of the next council meeting but she would be thinking of them.**

**Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:20 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**