

COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Council Member Rivas, Mayor Pro Tem Robinson, Council Member Lee, Council Member Garcia and Council Member Gonzales; City Manager Squyres. Mayor Diaz and City Secretary Raines on Vacation and City Attorney DeFoyd of town.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala thanked the Mayor, Council and city employees for a job well done throughout the year and wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Chief Mier reported that all was going well in the Fire and EMS Department.

Bernardo Perez, Public Works, reported that they were staying busy.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, reported that all went well with the turkey distribution by Congress Woman Shelia Jackson Lee, that she distributed 60 turkeys and all the seniors were very appreciative.

MAYOR'S REPORT"

Mayor Pro Tem Robinson stated that since the Mayor was out he was just going to say Happy Thanksgiving and to enjoy themselves.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres advised that there was a lot going on, that Council Member Robinson had taken a picture this morning showing the forms in at the swimming pool, he announced that the work at PD was going well and within the next couple of weeks we should be going out for bids on the fire station and if they would like to see the plans for that they were in his office to feel free to drop by. He stated that next Friday evening, for all the employees in the city, the Mayor, Council and he were throwing a little appreciation dinner for the employees primarily because of the great job they did during Hurricane Harvey, it was a closed situation, there would not be any vendors or anyone like there, it was just a way to say thanks for all their hard work.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2017-7 amending Chapter 10 Utilities at Section 1 A & 2 Water Deposits**

City Manager Squyres read the Ordinance by Captions

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2017-7 amending water deposits for Residential service to \$150.00, Commercial service to \$150.00 and Apartments to \$11.00 per unit and in no case less than \$150.00

Vote: 5 For 0 Against

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Council authorization to sell wrecked 2013 Dodge Charger, Vin: 4472, Unit No. 28 for scrap materials.**

Mayor Pro Tem Robinson advised that this was the unit that we had gone out for bids on twice and had not received any bid on.

City Manager Squyres advise that we had talked to City Attorney DeFoyd about this and since we had gone out for bids twice and received no bids, we had meet the transparency requirements as far as the bidding process and there had been an unofficial offer of \$2,500 basically for a scrap sale on this vehicle.

A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to sell the vehicle for scrap. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A gentleman from 1317 Oates Road complained about a sewer problem at the apartments there and that he had advised the manager and they had done nothing about it.

City Manager Squyres stated that it was probable going to be the property owners problem, not ours and advised the gentleman that we would check it out tomorrow and we did have the power to shut that down if the property owner did not repair it.

Irasema Salinas, 10910 Lane Street, wished everyone a nice Thanksgiving dinner with their family.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas stated the holidays were upon us, a lot was going on and it was very hectic out there and like Chief Ayala said, be aware of your surroundings, be careful and enjoy the holidays and God bless them.

Council Member Lee stated that he wanted to thank everyone here at the table and the ones not here tonight and he was very thankful for the council and department heads, wished everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving and God bless.

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Council Member Garcia thanked everyone for being here and wished them a happy Thanksgiving. She stated that we were very fortunate to have what we have and to count their blessings everyday.

Council Member Gonzales wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving, stating the he knew this was the time we wanted to give thanks for what we have and it was good to have family, that he had been battling with his mom and sister being very ill and it was good to have them here for this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Robinson wished every a safe and happy Thanksgiving, to be safe and enjoy the holiday.

Mayor Pro Tem Robinson adjourned the meeting at 6:15 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**