

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, and Gonzales: City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Garcia absent due to illness in family and City Attorney DeFoyd arrived after Roll call.

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.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala stated they had been very busy with a lot of disturbances, scams, etc. and a lot had to do with juveniles.

Chief Mier did not have a report.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, stated that he was proud of how the city did during the freeze, that we had no problem with any pipes at city facilities but there was another freeze on the way and if they had unwrapped their pipe, they needed to rewrap them.

He advised that Ivan had ask him to remind everyone that the Food Bank would be giving out food at Town Center tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. until 12 Noon.

City Manager Squyres reported that construction on the police station was moving along quickly, a lot of the brick was already up and work on the pool was progressing as well and if they are out to be sure and drive by and see the progress.

Mr. Squyres advised that he had met with Harris County Precinct 2, Jack Morman's office, about paving streets in the city and they would be paving about three miles of streets and one of the things they had ask them to talk to them about was the stripping and they were going to restripe Market Street and Mercury from Market to I-10 using a new method which should last about five years.

Mr. Squyres stated that we were looking to try new things in the city and Rebecca has volunteered to host a March 10th Farmer's Market, that she and Christal had been visit some of the Markets and ask her to describe it. Rebecca stated that on March the 10th it would probably be an Arts & Craft event, but they hoped to later have vendors bring in their produce to sell. Mr. Squyres advised that the opening day parade for the ball leagues was March 17st and the Easter Egg Hunt would be on March 24th. He stated that we were replacing the shades here at the annex and we had color samples

available for them to look at and were looking at blue to co-ordinate all the awning in the city if they agreed.

Mayor Diaz ask about the work on the concession stands and was advised by Mr. Squyres that they should be ready for opening day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Council to receive and award bid for construction of fire station addition and to consider rebidding project.

City Manager Squyres that a number of the contractors stated that they would not be able to put a bid together by this date and we had talked with Mr. DeFoyd and he advised that there would not be a problem with rescheduling the date to receive the bids and if they agree we would re-advertise the date to receive the bids on February 8th.

A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to rebid the project with bids due back on February 8, 2018. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

2. Council approval to advertise for sale (2) 2006 Ford Crown Victoria patrol units With bids due back on February 22, 2018.

Chief Ayala advised that these units had in excess of 120 thousand miles on them, that they were in running condition but it was time for them to go and he recommended that they allow them to be advertised for sale.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee that we advertise to sell the units with bids due back on February 22, 2018. Vote 4 For 0 Against

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Debbie Williamson advised that she was not a resident of the city but rides the bus and walks from the bus stop to Jacinto City Elementary where she works. Ms. Williamson complained about the maintenance of the sidewalks, that she had to walk through water when it was raining and on unlevel sidewalks and had almost been hit by vehicles and had complained about this previously and nothing was done

City Manager Squyres ask her where the problem was, she was not sure of the exact address and was advised to get with Mr. Reed after the meeting but that we had done Extensive repairs on one section of sidewalk in that area but we would check it out.

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Council Member Rivas ask how long she had been walking and there was general discussion about sidewalk in that area.

Kyle advised that there were people going house to house trying to get people to buy water filters, and supposedly testing the water at their house, he stated that they could not accurately test water that way and explained the extensive way we test our water through a lab.

City Manager Squyres explained that solicitors were not allowed to go house to house soliciting without a permit.

Mayor Diaz advised that she had calls last week about this and they were complaining because they didn't have a permit.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas stated that he liked what the Chief was saying about fraud, they were having this problem at work to be careful because they were out there and we would look into the sidewalk issue.

Council Member Robinson thank everyone for coming out and wished them a good weekend.

Council Member Lee advised these were hard time, that you had to be aware of your surroundings and thanked them for being here.

Council Member Gonzales advised that one morning two whole eggs were left on his daughter's car with a note and that he did report it to the police.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce Raines
City Secretary
