

**COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018, 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 8, 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 and City Attorney 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. Vote 4 For 0 Against**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Chief Ayala passed on his report.**

**Chief Mier passed on her report.**

**Public Works Director Reed passed on his report.**

**Parks and Recreation Director Ivan Rojas advised that the Food Bank Would be distributing food at Town Center on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that the senior's Valentine Dinner would be on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and the Food Bank would distribute food at Heritage Hall on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**She advised that they had applications for seniors 60 years and over to fill out for help with the electric bill.**

**City Manager Squyres passed on his report.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Mayor Diaz cautioned everyone about the heavy rains coming. She advised that we had lost two of our seniors and ask everyone to keep the families of Paul Dailey and Ms. Jo Bruce in their prayers.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1. City Manager Squyres read the following bids received on Construction of the fire station addition.**

<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>Alternate #1</b>	<b>Alternate #2</b>	<b>Alternate No. 3</b>	<b>Bid Bond</b>
<b>Cox Commercial Construction:</b>				
<b>\$945,000</b>	<b>\$64,000</b>	<b>\$177,000</b>	<b>\$101,600</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Portfolio Builders:</b>				
<b>\$870,000</b>	<b>\$64,660</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>\$ 86,500</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>T &amp; M Jones Services:</b>				
<b>\$668,601</b>	<b>\$68,518</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>\$110,160</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Way Tech Inc.:</b>				
<b>\$999,881.23</b>	<b>\$63,929.40</b>	<b>\$202,815.48</b>	<b>\$127,156.60</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Crain Group:</b>				
<b>\$985,000</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>	<b>\$ 95,000</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Panorama:**

\$1,130,000	\$62,000	\$132,000	\$135,000	Yes
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A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Garcia to table the bids for review. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Resolution 2018-1R setting the General City Election for May 5, 2018.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve Resolution 2018-1R setting the city election for May 5, 2018 and appointing Wayne Nichols as Presiding Judge and Matthew Shuptrine as Alternate Judge. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

2. Resolution 2018-2R Creating Early Voting Ballot Board for General City Election May 5, 2018.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Robinson to Approve Resolution No. 2018-2R creating a Early Voting Ballot Board with Wayne Nichols as Presiding Judge and Matthey Shuptrine and LaGloria Sephus as Members. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

3. Becky Gammage to address Mayor and Council regarding Jacinto City dog pound BBQ benefit.

Becky Gammage, 1318 Belin, stated that she was representing the Jacinto city dog pound rescue and thanked them for the opportunity to address the Mayor, Council and residents. The stated that about five years ago Brenda Kocian and Judy Clark, decided to make a difference about the way the many dogs brought into the pound were treated just because the owners refused to come claim them that

**after three days the city would put them to sleep and explained that now after three day the city releases the dogs to them and they have to move fast, have to spay or neuter them, vaccinate them, do the heart worm test, have them treated if positive and find foster homes or board them until they can get them adopted.**

**She stated that they were a 501C3 organization and they would like to have people step up and foster the animals. She stated that they had spent a lot of money during this time to make sure no dogs were killed With a lot of it coming out of Brenda and Judy's pocket.**

**She stated that at their first fund raiser last year, they had made a little over \$7,000 and the fund raiser this year was scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> at Town Center, they would start serving at 11:00 a.m. and that Bernardo Perez would cook again, that last year they sold over 200 plates and ran out of BBQ. She advised that they would have a silent auction and already had a lot of good items donated, that they would have to come out to see them. She also advised that they would be putting out a calendar this year and would have spots for sale at \$100.00 and \$50.00, that Jacinto City Rescue was moving up, that a lot of people now know where Jacinto City is, that they were asking for everyone's support that BBQ and raffle tickets would go on sale March 1<sup>st</sup> and thanked everyone again for allowing her to come up here.**

**4. Resolution 2018-3R Approving submission of application for State of Texas Governor's Office Justice Assistance Vehicle Project Grant.**

**There was general discussion on what the grant would provide and how it would work.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve Resolution 2018-3R. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

**5. Council to confirm Arturo Garza as a Jacinto City Police Reserve Officer.**

**Chief Ayala introduced Mr. Garza and his family members and stated that he was hired as a full time dispatcher and would like to be a reserve police officer and he recommended that the council confirm him as a reserve officer.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Robinson to confirm Mr. Garza as a Jacinto City reserve police officer.**

**Mayor Diaz administered the Oath of Office to Officer Garza, presented him with his badge and welcomed him to the city.**

**Officer Garza thanked them for the opportunity to work as a Reserve Police Officer.**

**6. Council authorization to advertise for disaster debris monitoring service and debris removal with bids due back on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that we had originally hoping to be able to fall under the County contract as FEMA told us we would; the State had a hitch with it, FEMA was inaccurate in their description, in doing so they had originally committed to allowing TDOT to hauling it off and there was a hitch with that because of tipping fees and then they said that since we were on the Harris County Emergency Management Plan we could fall under their agreement but they couldn't guarantee a FEMA reimbursement if the OIG looked at the contract and they didn't like it so after a very long set of conference calls with both the State and FEMA it was determined that to be on the safe side we were going to go ahead and issue a very brief two week RFP and award it at the next council meeting, we were looking for two vendors, one for monitoring and he explained what the monitoring involved and one for the actual debris removal. He stated that we would have liked to do**

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**this a long time ago but we just finished picking up debris off the streets a couple of weeks ago and there was still some out and the citizens could help us spread the work, we can not pick up storm debris anymore, we were passed that point, FEMA has told us that we have to draw a line in the sand at some point so we have done that, it has been five months and we are out of that business now.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Robinson to authorize to advertise for bids for Debris Monitoring and Debris removal services. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

**Mayor Diaz stated that before we get to comments from the public she would like to address something to the public. She stated that they all knew a lot of and she was sure the council as well as herself had gotten phone calls and seen the front page of the paper so to just let the citizens understand that the city officials and the city have nothing to do with the baseball league, we don't know how much money they have, we don't know what they do with their money, we don't sign their checks, we don't do anything, all the city does is provide the fields and maintain the structure of the buildings, she knew we had a lot of questions ask why we were doing this and why weren't we taking care of it. That was not our thing, the league had their own board members but she would like Chief Ayala to give a little statement so they would know what was going on.**

**Chief Ayala stated that he just wanted everybody to know that they just do their job, if they get a complaint we give the people the opportunity to come and talk to them and work out their differences and if things don't work out the only thing they could do was present it to the District Attorney's office and they decide whether they want to take the charges or not so everything was in the court and would be handled there and he hoped that everything went well for the kids.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that he would like to add one thing to it, as the Mayor said there is a separation between the city and the**

**league and if they would like to see more about it go to the Little Leagues website and read up on their rules and regulations, it talks about their background check and all the things they require. He stated that the city did not know about this ahead of time, about the check and allegations; we did see some problems in league management though and when it was time for them to elect league officers, we don't tell them and can't tell them who to elect but he did meet with the league and the individuals running for the board and he did ask that a league official be there and the gentleman that was in charge of this region was there and we expressed some concerns about the league itself and we felt there were some problems. That gentleman did not know anything about those charges but he saw the problems too once we brought them to his attention and we were very specific about our expectations from the league and we asking that they have a much stronger grip on the local league than they have in the past and he has pledged to the city that he was going to be personally involved in the league and would be attending their board meeting and he would also be attending the board meeting to walk them through the MOU for this year in a week or two and if the Mayor or Council has any questions, we will have a representative from little league with a report.**

**Chief Ayala stated that he just wanted to say that a person is not guilty until proven guilty.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Lusia Perez, 1506 Cheston, ask if we were going to get something done to the concession stands before the season started and Mr. Squyres stated that the contract had been let and construction would start on Monday.**

**Chief Rebecca Mier advised that they were putting together a Farmers Market but they didn't have any farmers at this time so it would be an**

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**Arts and Craft Market right now and there were flyers here on the table. It would be held at Town Center with the first one being March 10<sup>th</sup>, Applications and guidelines were available on the website: [marketdays@jacintocity-tx.gov](mailto:marketdays@jacintocity-tx.gov) along with additional Market dates.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that she had failed to mention one other individual who had passed away, that she didn't know if they were familiar with MCMA on Palestine, her name was Ms. Sandy Ordinio, she was a teacher at Whittier Elementary for over 30 years and was very popular from what she was told and was also having a BBQ benefit Saturday at Second Baptist Church on Saturday**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Rivas thank everyone for all the condolences they had received on behalf of his mother-in-law on the passing of his father-in-law. He stated on another note, if they ever came across any issues that they would want them to notice, as it was said, we didn't hear about this until it was on top of us but if they see it let us know, that is the only way we can take care of it. He ask Rebecca if on the Market Days did the say anything craft, like Shadow Puppets and she advised yes. He wished everyone a good weekend and God Bless.**

**Council Member Robinson thanked everyone for coming out and welcomed Officer Garza aboard and cautioned everyone to be careful with the weather.**

**Council Member Lee thanked everyone for coming out and we appreciated all of them and thanks to our Police and Fire Departments for taking care of us and our Public Works Department, Parks and Seniors, he didn't want to leave anyone out, he appreciate all of them and welcome to our new reserve officer and recognized Sgt. Bonds in the audience.**

**Council Member Garcia thanked everyone for coming out tonight and just to let them know, this last week we had an orientation for what**



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**we call the Charter Review Committee and they were more than welcome to sit in just to know what was going on, that every five Years our Charter needs to be reviewed for revisions and this was the year for that, the dates would be on the website and they had decided to meet two or three times a month, come out and be a part of what was going on in the city. She welcomed Officer Garza, stating that since he was a resident of the city she was sure he knew what the shortest street in the city was, she gave him a clue and stated that he could tell her at the next council meeting. She thanked each of the city Officials, stating that we could not operate the city without any of them.**

**Council Member Gonzales welcomed officer Garza, advising him that he had a great boss over there, that he really looked after his force and there was a lot of team players over there also and if there was anything the council could do please don't hesitate to ask them.**

**Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 7:00 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**