

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 26, 2018, with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines, City Attorney absent.

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: 5 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala passed on his report.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, advised that the mosquito truck was ready to go and they would probably start spray on Monday.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, announced that the Food Bank would be giving out food at the Town Center on Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 12 Noon.

Maria Espinoza, Heritage Hall, advised that they were having Senior Olympics this week and they would doing awards tomorrow. She stated the program was continuing to grow and discussed some of the trips and events they had planned.

City Manager Squyres advised that the pool would be ready to open on Memorial Day weekend and we needed input from the Mayor and Council as to when they would like to have the Grand Opening. It was the consensus of the council to have it on opening day, May 26th.

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Stephanie Harris with Belt Harris Pechacek, LLP. Presented the audit for FY 2016/2017. Ms. Harris went over the audit advising them that the city had a very healthy fund balance with just over one year's operating cost available at the end of the fiscal year.**
- 2. City Manager Squyres read a Proclamation Proclaiming the Month of April National Safe Digging Month in Jacinto City. A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the Proclamation. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Robert Molina, on behalf of Second Baptist Church, invited everyone to join them for National Day of Prayer at Second Baptist Church, 10501 Muscatine on May 3, 2018 at 8:00 a.m..

Mr. Veach stated that he had a problem with his water bill that went from \$30.00 to \$500.00 he discussed some of the problems he was having getting this taken care of and what he wanted them to do was reinstate his deposit, turn his water back on, etc., that he had lost his home, business and vehicle during Hurricane Harvey.

City Manager Squyres advised Mr. Veach that if he would come Meet with him at City Hall in the morning he would research his account and see what we could do to take care of the problem.

Mayor Diaz advised Mr. Veach that they build their home on the property where he used to live.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas advised Mr. Veach that the property was in good hands with the Diaz's. Mr. Rivas stated that he was a damage supervisor for his company and ignoring safe digging could lead to death. He stated that he was looking forward to the pool coming along and we needed to also move on the police station and fire department buildings.

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City Manager Squyres advised that they met with them yesterday and they were back in force today.

Council Member Robinson ask if Mr. Hoffman got back with him and Mr. Squyres said he called today and would be in with the contract tomorrow. Mr. Robinson thanked everyone for coming out.

Council Member Lee Thanked everyone for coming out and to have a good weekend, it was supposed to be beautiful weather in a beautiful town and God Bless everyone.

Council Member Garcia thanked Mr. Veach for his comments and we hoped to see him again. Ms. Garcia ask some young people in the back of the room if they would like to say something and they advised they were just observing the meeting for a Government class. Ms. Garcia thanked them for coming out and would like to see them come back.

Council Member Gonzales thanked everyone for coming out.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines".

Joyce Raines, City Secretary