

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members: Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. 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 of the previous meeting as presented. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala passed on his report.

Chief Mier advised that all was quite in the Fire and EMS Departments.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, advised that they had picked up 422 tire in the city during the Tire Roundup on May 19th, which was a record for them. He stated that we had not received very many mosquito complaints, but they would start spraying tomorrow.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that all was going well at the center and the seniors were looking forward to the pool opening.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diaz announced that the pool will be opening Saturday, May 26th, the ribbon cutting ceremony would be at 11:00 a.m. and we would have hamburgers, hotdogs, snow cones, popcorn and beverages. She stated that she was very excited and hoped that everyone would come out and join us.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres advised that we did the substantial completion on the pool today and were very pleased with it.

City Manager Squyres called attention to an article in the Bayshore Medical Center EMS May newsletter where Jacinto City EMS set a record for FMC to Balloon of 46 Minutes, he commended the EMS personnel involved and stated that a large part of this is due to the system and training we have in place.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Second and final reading of ordinance 2018-2 Setting salary for Mayor and Council.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve Ordinance 2018-02 setting the salary for the Mayor and Council on the second and final reading.
Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Recognition of top 10% of 2018 Graduates from Galena Park High School.**

Council Member Garcia congratulated the 2018 GPHS Seniors advising them that their perseverance was what had brought them to the completion of this major milestone in their academic career we were confident that this was just one of many to come. She advised them to never forget that their success was the results of the work and determination of many and may they continue to excel as they pursue success while fulfilling their unlimited potential.

Council Member Garcia, Mayor Diaz and Council Members Presented Certificate of Achievement, Jacinto City History Books and also miscellaneous bags provided by Capital Bank.

Those present and accepting their certificates were Sydney Becerra, Christopher Diaz, Melissa Garcia Ramirez, Alyssa Alexis Lopez.

Mayor Diaz, stated that she was a little emotional, that Christopher was her son and he had been coming here since he was a baby and she was very proud of him.

Council Member Lee stated that Melissa Garcia Ramirez was her neighbor and she was the third member from that family that had graduated in the top 10% of their class.

Council Member Garcia congratulated the students and parents.

- 2. Mayor and City Council to recognize Mary Tipton for helping to provide Jacinto City Residents with spay and neuter program.**

Mayor Diaz stated that Ms. Tipton was unable to make it today but we had Mr. R.D. Kesslin and Brenda Kocian and ask them to come up and presented a plaque of appreciation to them. Mr. Kesslin thanked them and congratulated the graduates. Mr. Kesslin stated that he was with K-9 Angels Rescue and they started something that they called the Empty Shelter Project, where they go out into the communities and do mass spaying & neutering events on a Saturday or Sunday and in six months to date they had spayed, vaccinated and micro chipped 4,747 dogs and cats all free of charge to the public. He stated that last July here in Jacinto City they did 374 animals in one day, which was a record number and nearly killed them. He stated they would be back out here on June 23rd and they would be signing up people very soon and were looking forward to getting back out here and thanked them.

Mayor Diaz thanked them for the service they offered us.

Brenda Kocian stated she helps the dog pound here in Jacinto City and she wanted to say thank you to all of them, that Kyle had been

wonderful, they had a new sink, a new table next to the sink so they could wash the dogs and they had also put them in a new waterline because the old water line was rusted, they had really helped them out and Kyle and Lon had been wonderful, that they go to them and ask if they can have this and that and now she was begging for a storage building, she wanted to know if there was any way they could think about working it in the budget because they do the spay and neutering of the cats, they didn't have room for the cages to store them and they were out in the opening, they had a little room for storage at the dog pound, they only have five pens but they were moving the dogs and Becky said so far we had a 122 dogs but they were moving them and had not had to put but one down and thanks to K-9 Angles they had taken a lot of them, that Mary had been wonderful. She stated that Becky was the one that finds the rescues, Judy was the brains and she didn't know what she was, she just does what they tell her to. She ask if they could think about them a storage shed they would appreciate it and that Erick, who was the dog catcher was also a part of their group and they were working all together as a team. She stated that she wanted to say thank them, they had been wonderful and helped them out. She stated they had a little problem over the No Kill, they had a lady show up last week from Denver Harbor with a mama dog and nine puppies and we told her that she could not bring her dogs from Denver Harbor but the lady said that on our website it said we were a no Kill shelter and they were bringing them but they did find a rescue, they found a lady to take all of them and got them out of our city and not in our dog pound.

3. Council action on Variance Board's Recommendation on Variance Request at 1713 Holland.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Rivas to table this item for the next agenda. Vote: 5 for 0 Against

4. Council to Confirm Desiree M. Montez as Jacinto City Police Officer.

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Chief Ayala gave a short bio of Ms. Montez and recommended that the Council confirm her as a Jacinto City Police Officer.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Lee to confirm Desiree M. Montez as a Jacinto City Police Officer. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

Mayor Diaz administered the Oath of Office and presented Officer Montez with her badge.

5. Becky Gammage to address Mayor and Council concerning Jacinto City Dog Rescue program.

Ms. Gammage was not present.

No Comments from the Public.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas congratulated Officer Montez and welcomed her aboard. He congratulated the graduates and stated that he wanted them to remember that their family was their gateway to the past and were likely the ones going to be there for them in the future so remember that. He wished everyone a safe and happy weekend and we would see them at the pool and God Bless.

Council Member Robinson welcomed Officer Montez aboard and congratulated the graduates and wished them the best for the future. He ask Chief Ayala to pass on to the officers that we appreciate the job they do in keeping our city safe and ask Rebecca to pass it along to the fire department, he stated that he was glad everyone was here and to have a safe Memorial Weekend.

Council Member Lee congratulated the graduates, stating that it was a privilege to us to be able to recognize them and we wish them the

best. He welcomed Officer Montez aboard and congratulated her. He said that speaking of police, he would like to commend our police department because in addition to their usual fine work, they had done some great work in the month or so, at least three cases they had gotten quite a few drugs off the street, stopped an armed robbery and returned all the stolen items and got five people off the streets that were committing crimes and no one was injured and he just wanted to thank them for what they did as well as all the department. God Bless all.

Council Member Garcia reminded everyone to not forget to call in for mosquitoes, as Kyle said, by law we do have to have those calls. She welcomed Officer Montez to the team and like Council Member Lee Said, there has been a lot going on in Jacinto City and she hoped she was ready for it, that we needed more ladies on the force. She congratulated the grads again and explained when the meetings were and we hoped to see them attend and see what was going on in our city.

Council Member Lee ask how many people here at the council table graduated from Galena Park.

Council Member Gonzales congratulated Officer Montez, that she was coming to work for a great police department and even a greater boss. He congratulated the graduates, stating that they worked hard for this and there were a lot of people proud of them including the ones at the Council table and wished everyone a great holiday.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**