

SPECIAL SESSION, THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2018, 5:30 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in Special Session on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. for the First Public Hearing on the proposed budget for FY 2018/2019 with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members: Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Rivas absent and City Attorney DeFoyd out of the city.

City Manager Squyres stated that the anticipated revenue for the General Fund was \$8,600,434 and the projected expenses for General Fund were \$8,591,675 leaving income less expenditures in General Fund of \$8,760.00.

He advised that the tax income dedicated to the I & S Fund was \$489,600 which was to make the payment on the bonds which would be paid off in 2022.

City Manager Squyres stated that the anticipated revenue for the Water Fund was \$2,588,825 with projected expenditures of \$2,576,290 leaving Income less Expenditure of \$12,535.

He went over each Department in General Fund and Water Fund and discussed the budget for each.

He stated this budget was based on the same tax rate as last year.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m..

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2018, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 23, 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 out of the city.

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:

Lt. Longrigg advised that school had started back and to be sure and keep an eye out for the children.

Chief Mier ask everyone to remember that we were under a heat alert, stay hydrated and be aware of the weather. She advised that all was going well with the Fire and EMS Department.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, advised that this was the kind of weather that caused their water line to pop, that they had fixed 6 yesterday and had 2 small ones to repair tomorrow. He stated they were Swapping the mosquito machine from one truck to another but it would be ready to get back on the street tomorrow.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, advised that the Food Bank would at Town Center tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. to noon, that it was hot outside and they would try to get everyone inside and the pool would be open Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m..

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, stated that they were continuing to get new participants.

Mayor Diaz encourage everyone to come out to Market Night on September 8th, they would have loaded fries, chicken wings, etc. and also had wine and good music. She advised they had a good turn out on Movie night.

There was no Unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. First reading of Ordinance 2018-3 Adopting a Budget for FY 2018/2019.**

Mayor Diaz polled each member of the council and the vote was 5 For 0 Against on the first reading of Ordinance 2018-3.

- 2. Resolution 2018-6R Supporting Harris County Bond Proposal.**

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve Resolution 2018-6R supporting Harris County Bond Proposal. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

There was general discussion on why the city was supporting the Proposed bond.

- 3. First reading of Ordinance 2018-4 Granting Magellan Pipeline Company, LP a permit to install a 20” pipeline transporting liquid petroleum through the city.**

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Garcia to grant Magellan Pipeline Company the permit. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

- 4. Resolution 2018-5R submitting application for 2018 Police Officer Body Camera Equipment U. S. Department of Justice Grant for the Police Department of Jacinto City, Texas.**

A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Resolution 2018-5R submittal for grant for body cameras. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

Mayor Diaz thanked Lon for getting these grants and City Manager Squyres advised that Lt. Longrigg does the Law enforcement grant applications.

- 5. Judy Clark to address Mayor and Council with an update on Jacinto City Dog Pound Volunteer Rescue Program.**

Mayor Diaz stated that before she got started she wanted to ask Mr. Squyres to mention something about another grant that he had gotten for us from FEMA.

City Manager Squyres stated that it was actually from GLO and it was based out of FEMA money on the amount of homes damaged. He stated that the Mayor and Council made a very wise decision in allowing us to Put the FEMA here in the city and what that did was allow people to apply to FEMA to get their damages more accurately assessed, remember we were out of the gym for 6 months and the benefit of that was that it raised the amount of damages in Jacinto city and value up above a certain threshold where we then qualified for this GLO dollars so the city was getting hand down, it was not competitive, we have an award of \$5,350,417.00 for infrastructure.

Mayor Diaz said this was just for us allowing them to have their services here in the gym for the residents of Jacinto City, Galena Park, Baytown and everywhere which has allowed us to qualify for five million dollars that is coming into Jacinto City.

City Manager stated basically half of the city budget this year.

Mayor Diaz ask Ms. Clark to go ahead, this was a big thing for us here in the city and she just had to let Lon tell us about it.

Judy Clark said they wanted to thank everybody for opportunity to address the council this evening. She stated that she was Judy Clark, President of the Jacinto City Dog Pound Rescue Volunteers, that this rescue was started by herself, Brenda Kosian and Rebecca Gammage

and since last May they were a 501 C3 organization but actually they had been saving the lives of the pound dogs for the last four years, that her record keeping started at 2015 and Brenda had been doing a lot of that even before then by herself. She talked about the strong roots she had in Jacinto City, that her family lived in one of the first homes built here in 1949 on the corner of LaCrosse and Holland and would probably still be there if the house had not burned to the ground and her brother-in-law was the Mayor of Jacinto City for over 10 years and they had contributed a lot to this city to make it a better place and now it seems she has found her place in the city and it was the dog pound so their rescue is working very hard in the city with the stray dog problem and it was a huge stray dog problem, it has got large numbers of euthanasias before this rescue was started, she had been told by ACL officers that 90% of the dogs that were brought to the dog pound were euthanized because owners never picked them up and she believed those numbers because since January of this year they have had 260 dogs at the dog pound and they have had 10 owners pick them up, what happened to those other 250 dogs well she would tell them, they were highly adoptable dogs, they have been altered, are in homes all over Houston and the state and the other option would have been they would have been euthanized, been put in large garbage bags, put in a large garbage can right outside the dog pound. She stated this progress come with a lot of work and expense. She stated that the rescue expenses, just from the first of this year, had been over \$18,000.00. She stated that Lon Squyres, the city Manager receives this quarterly and if anyone else would like to be included in this e-mail to please let her know. She stated that this was just a courtesy on their part just to let the city know what was spent in the effort for this dog pound. She also advised everyone of items they had purchase just for this dog pound and what they cost they wanted the Mayor and City Council see that they had a lot of skin in this game which they could see in those binders which was 2017-2018 receipts and the other binders were at the dog pound.

She stated it was not just the financial spectrum that comes out of their personal pockets and believe her it was huge, it was also the physical

emotional that goes along with it, rescue was hard and she had never experienced anything like how hard rescue was, that they were three senior women trying desperately to find homes for all of these dogs that end up in the dog pound, they want to improve what is happening here in Jacinto City with all these stray dogs, they wanted to improve the conditions of the dog pound because right now they are deplorable and she gets so tired of people telling her you can't save them all just let them euthanize, well let her tell them they could save them all and they have saved them all, there had been no euthanizing since this rescue was formed and this was not a no kill facility, they will kill dogs for lack of space because we have no place to put them. She stated they need the city to take a look at the dog pound, see that it is no longer adequate for the city, the water coming from the city in those rusty pipes is not suitable for drinking, not even for the dogs, she said she really thinks it is dangerous, she showed a picture of the sink they were so proud to get to replace the old sink so they could bath the dogs and now this is what it looks like (referring to stains) and four weeks later this is what it looks like. She stated that the dogs get diarrhea after drinking it, they do what they can, they buy drinking water, that she actually bought gallons and gallons of it herself and took it down to the dog pound so they did not have to drink that water. She stated that the sewage stays backed up, they can't keep it from getting backed up and the smell back there will knock you over, the sewer system is not adequate for the number of dogs that is coming through the pound right now but they just keep trying to put a band aid on it, that the dog pound has been sitting back there for years and years, it is totally forgotten and totally neglected, that they only have five kennels and for the number of dogs coming through that dog pound is not nearly enough, and when that sewage backs up and it stays backed up all the time it goes into kennel #5 and when it backs up kennel #5 is totally covered with sewage and they were not always able to clean it and they would tell them the sewage was backed up again but they are busy, it is a facility plan, they are out taking care of the citizens of Jacinto City the dog pound is put on the back burner, when they get to it they get to it and now they are down to 4 kennels and that was one of the reasons

she was here tonight, there was not enough kennel space, they had needed more kennels for two year now, they are putting multiple large dogs in one kennel which can cause a lot of different problems and it was very unsanitary and also you have a problem feeding several large dogs in one kennel. The pound stays full most of the week and they could see that in the hand out that she gave them, it was documented.

She stated that she had been told that strays in the city were not being picked up when they called because there was no where to put them. She stated that in the last several weeks their rescue had moved from the pound into boarding facilities, at their own time and expense, because Eric has called and said he was bringing in three dogs and she told him they had no room to give her a minute and let her put the one there in a boarding facility. She said they were asking the city council, the city manager and the Mayor to please approve the necessary funds and kennels for the dog pound, they needed at least four new ones, the city of Jacinto City has outgrown that dog pound and it needs to be recognized, not just by the people who can't do anything about it but the ones who could do something about it. She stated that funding was going to be needed to make improvements the band aids they are using is just not working anymore.

She stated that their small group had made major accomplishments here in Jacinto city, they do it for the dogs but they do it for the city too, they want to help the city. They are getting a lot of support from citizens in Jacinto city that are seeing there is a problem here in the city with dogs and the dog pound and want to do something about. She stated that many rescues had stepped up along the way to help them and she wouldn't be here right now without them and a lot of their dogs go out of state. She stated that she had been told that \$10,000.00 a year had been budgeted for the cat problem we have here in Jacinto City but for the last two years the Empty Shelter Program has come into our city and just cats alone have spayed, neutered and vaccinated over 300 cats in the last two years and she was hoping maybe some of that money that was budgeted for the cats but not used could go toward the kennels and improvements to the dog pound. She stated that she was

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begging the city to please help their rescue, to please find the funding for the kennels and dog pound.

Ms. Clark thanked the members from different rescue group that had helped them over the years for coming out and supporting them tonight.

Ms. Clark advised that they brought cookies for every for after the meeting.

There were comments from various members of different rescue groups.

Mayor Diaz advised Ms. Judy that they loved what their organization does for the city, don't get them wrong, to let the council get together and discuss some options and see what they can do and give them until the next council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kathern Rose, 1218 Oates Rd., advised that she was having problems with the manager at her apartment and had been advise that she would need to vacate the apartment, she had no where to go and need help.

Ms. Rose was asked to speak with City Manager Squyres after the meeting.

Mary Tipton, 224 West Street, stated that Empty Shelters loved to come to Jacinto City, that in the last two years they had spayed and neutered over 800 animals, that the dog pound was horrible and maybe they could find a piece of property and do some fund raising to purchase it.

Robert Hernandez, 10721 Lane, ask about the decoy police cars parked at different locations and did it help.

Lt. Longrigg advised that as all departments, they choose the location on a need basis and it doesn't take long for bad people to realize this.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas reminded everyone that school has started back and to watch out for the little ones. He stated that he dreaded the school year now because of what you see and hear reported. He cautioned everyone about not leaving small children or animals in the car and wished everyone a safe weekend.

Council Member Robinson thanked everyone for coming out and to be sure and come and enjoy Jacinto City Market Night.

Council Member Lee Thanked everyone for coming out and to go vote for the flood Bond.

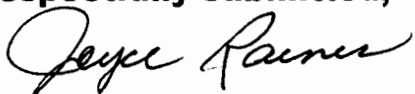
Council Member Garcia advised the Jacinto City Dog Pound Rescue group that they would consider their comments and do what they could. She announced that October 2nd was National Night Out maybe they could bring out information, sell tickets for their raffle and educate the people about the Ordinances, we have a lot of new people moving in who aren't aware of the Ordinance concerning animals. She ask about the progress on the police station and wished everyone a happy Labor Day.

Council Member Gonzales thanked the group for what they do, that he has three dogs himself and it takes a special person to do this.

Mayor Diaz stated that she has two dogs and both of them had been through the Empty Shelter program they had brought to our city and thanked them for coming and providing cookies.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joyce Raines".

Joyce Raines, City Secretary