

SPECIAL SESSION, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018, 5:30 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in Special Session on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. for the Second and Final Public Hearing on the proposed budget for FY 2018/2019 with the following members present: Mayor Pro Tem Lee, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. Mayor Diaz and City Attorney DeFoyd arrived after roll call.

City Manager Squyres advised that this was the second and final public hearing on the proposed budget for 2018/2019 and there was no tax rate increase, the rate would stay the same as last year.

He stated the anticipated revenue for the General Fund was \$8,600,434 and the projected expenses for General Fund was \$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 \$489,600.00 which was to made 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 \$2,588,825.00 with projected expenditures of \$2,576,290.00 leaving income less expenditures of \$12,535.00.

He went over the budget for each department and discussed the budget for each.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m..

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members: Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines.

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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 reminded every one that National Night Out was October 2, 2018 and that a list of the scheduled parties was on the table or they could call the police station and if they would like to host a party get in touch with the police department.

Chief Mier advised that all was quite with Fire and EMS, she cautioned everyone to watch for water on the streets and stated that they would be busy the next two months with the Fire Prevention Program.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Department, advised that the new water line project started today and they were getting where they could isolate sections of the city where they could turn off by section and not have to turn off the whole city when they have a water leak. He stated that mosquitoes were very bad, that Bernardo was spraying from 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. and Javier was spaying at night. He advised that he had contacted Harris County for help but didn't know if they would get it, that people needed to stay inside and if they couldn't be sure wear deet.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation director, advised that the Food Bank would be at Town Center on Friday, September 28th, from 9:00 a.m to 12 Noon. He stated they would be having free classes on diabetes and flyers were available and the Halloween Pumpkin Fest would be on October 27th.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that all was going great at Heritage Hall and discussed a program where they could provide

seniors, who would be alone on Thanksgiving Day, a hot meal so if anyone knew of someone that would be spending Thanksgiving alone to please let them know and they would get a meal delivered to them.

Israel Savela, Jacinto City Library, announced that they would be having ESL classes and citizenship classes on Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. and advised there were flyers on the table.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres stated that at one of the recent council meetings one of our canine advocates population in the city addressed the City Council and one of the comments made was a question about the quality of water at the dog kennel and he went down the next morning and it is a fact that they have a brand new sink now and it is a porcelain sink which replaced a stainless sink and if anyone doubts the truth of this statement go home tonight and lift the lid off your toilet and it will be rust colored on the inside and so will the tank on the inside and that is what they are seeing, it is really rust, there is nothing wrong with that, Jacinto City has some pipes in the city that is as old as 75 years and that is why you are hearing Mr. Reed talk about a pipe project that we are doing right now. We are addressing that and it takes millions of dollars to do that, we have already worked on the South side from the 100 block all the way down to Holland Avenue and this project and the grants are starting on the other side of Market now so we are addressing that but it is a 75 year old city and we are playing catch up on it, we can't do it all at one time unless they want to double taxes and he doesn't think they want to do that. He stated that for those who were here for the budget hearing earlier we did announce there will be no increase in taxes, city council had approved to keep the taxes at the very same rate and they would hear that later in the agenda as well.

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He stated the one thing he would mention, that to be caution, they wanted to make sure that the water was safe and they had it tested and nothing was wrong with the water.

He stated that our part time people would be able to use the flex plan we had discussed and that the free garage sale day would be September 27th.

He advised that we would have a Public Hearing on September 27, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. on the \$5,350,417 million from GLO.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2018-3 adopting a budget for FY 2018/2019.**

Mayor Diaz polled the Council and the second reading passed with A vote of 5 For 0 Against.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Rivas to change the October 11, 2018 Council Meeting to Monday, October 8, 2018 due to TML Conference. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**
- 2. Resolution 2018-4R Setting Tax Rate for Jacinto City for FY 2018/2019.**

City Manager Squyres read the Resolution setting the Tax Rate At \$0.783554 per \$100 valuation, which was the same rate as last year.

Mayor Diaz polled the Council and Resolution 2018-4 setting the tax rate passed 5 For and 0 Against

3. Council to appoint Representative and Alternate to HGAC General Assembly.

A Motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Robinson to appoint Council Member Garcia as Representative and Council Member Gonzales as Alternate.

Vote: 5 For 0 Against

4. Proclamation Proclaiming Tuesday, October 2, 2018 as National Night out in Jacinto City.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to proclaim Tuesday, October 2, 2018 as National Night Out in Jacinto City, Vote: 5 For 0 Against

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Rebecca Mier advised that they did not have the wine truck at the last Market Night but he would be back in October and they would have a lot of new vendors.

Ms. Mier announced that on October 6, 2018 they would be hosting ea Pop Art show at the Jacinto City Town Center from 6:00 p.m. until 12:00 Mid-night, there would be artists exhibiting their paintings as well as food vendors and a local winery and introduced the artist who was organizing the event, Mr. Henry Murillo.

Mr. Murillo stated that he had been raised in Jacinto City and that on October 6th , along with his partner would be hosting a Pop Art Show and would have 20 plus artists and vendors, that it was a Halloween Show Family Oriented. That they hoped to develop a relationship with the local area and it meant a lot to him to come back home so to remember Saturday, October 6th from 6:00 p.m. until midnight and the wine truck would be there. He advised that a local artist from Galena Park was going to display his art, there was a \$5.00 admission but the vendors and seniors could be free.

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Council Member Garcia ask him if he designed his shirt and he advised that he did.

City Manager Squyres advised that we were looking at the possibility of putting some of his art throughout the city.

Terry Kersky, Jacinto City/Galena Park Metro Go Texan Committee of the Houston Livestock and Rodeo announced that the committee has been helping provide scholarships for the Galen Park Independent School District for the past 36 years and they would be having a Dinner/Dance at the Jacinto City Town Center as one of their fund raising event on Saturday, September 22nd, there would be a live band, They would have a live auction and a silent auction and would be awarding 5 Scholarships this year and they would appreciate everyone coming out and supporting them.

Officer Rodriguez from the Constable's Office, PCT2, advise the there were a number of hurricanes brewing and they wanted to let them know that they could go to website ray.harris.Org and get the current weather update hourly and their officers were preparing, they had boats, ATV's, etc. and were ready to help where they were needed. He also announced that from September 19th – November 14th they would be having a Citizens Police Academy at 101 S. Richey.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas stated the mosquitoes were definitely pesky and we would do our part to take care of them, they were predicting some bad weather so be sure and watch the weather reports.

Council Member Robinson, thanked everyone for coming out and to stay dry and be safe.

Council Member Lee thanked everyone for coming out, that he was excited about the Art Show and that Calvary Baptist Church would be

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having a fund raiser at the Church to be sure and come out and eat some good BBQ..

Council Member Garcia ask about the classes at the Library and was advised their was a flyer on the table outlining the date and time for all the classes. Ms. Garcia advised Mr. Murillo that he should contact Mr. Cortez's daughter that she was a wonderful artist.

Council Member Gonzales stated that he hoped that we would be able to get some help with the mosquitoes, that with all the standing water they were going to continue to be a problem.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**

