

**COUNCIL MEETING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018, 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Garcia 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 advised that National Night Out was Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and everyone seem to enjoy the food and fellowship.**

**He stated that the Art Show was very enjoyable and showed a picture that one of the artist had drawn of him.**

**He stated that we had two robberies here in the city, one at the donut shop and one at the Shell station and that the individual from the Shell station was in custody.**

**Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, stated they couldn't seem to catch up with anything because of the rain, that the grass was growing faster than they could mow. He advised that they had run out of mosquito spray, that there was a shortage of spray, that they had picked up two drums today and would start spraying again.**

**He stated that the contractor, on the water line project, was doing a pretty good job of keeping the streets clean but if there was a problem to please let them know and he had talked with the contractors working on the pipeline about cleaning the street and would be talking to them again.**

**Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, advised that the Food Bank would be at the Town Center on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and the Pumpkin Fest would be at the ball field on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and they would have a movie at dark.**

**Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that they had Houston Food Bank come out with food for seniors 65 plus and that they were Still looking for name of seniors that would be spending Thanksgiving alone so that they could provide them a meal.**

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:**

**City Manager Squyres advised that the Mayor, Council Members and he would be leaving tomorrow for TML Conference and returning on Friday. He announced that the Art program went well and approximately 300 people attended and he thanked Rebecca, Christal and Henry for all their hard work in organizing it.**

**6. There was no Unfinished Business**

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Discussion of Texas Pace Program**

**City Manager Squyres explained how the Pace Program worked and what would be involved for the city, that it was financed through tax abatements and there was no way it could hurt the city and once we passed the resolution, it was handled by the Pace Association. He discussed what the owners of the property proposed to do with the three buildings known as the Jacinto Towers, the first floor and possibly second floor would remain as businesses and the remaining floor would be converted to 99 condominiums and there would be a net gain of about 11 to 12 million added to our tax revenue. He advised that they could learn a lot more about this program at TML conference, there would be a session on this topic on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. and at our next**

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**Council meeting there would be a representative with the Texas Pace Authority to provide further information.**

**There were no comments from the public.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Rivas advised Kyle to let him know if he need help with the pipeline people, that he had a contact. He addressed unhealthy conditions of high grass at Chili's, the tire shop on Market that had tires outside that were holding water which was a breeding ground for mosquitoes, the drain down by the theater where the drain was not flowing and also in front of Discount Tire. He called attention to the vacant property on Palestine and ask if the city could purchase property and maybe revitalize that area.**

**He was advised that the city could buy property.**

**There was general discussion concerning the property.**

**Council Member Robinson wished everyone traveling a safe trip and thanked everyone for coming out.**

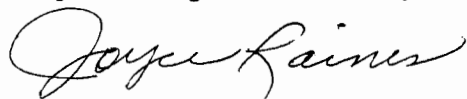
**Council Member Lee thanked everyone for coming out and God Bless.**

**Council Member Garcia apologized for being so late, that traffic was really backed up on the freeway.**

**Council Member Gonzales thanked everyone for coming out and to have a good week.**

**Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m..**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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

**JOYCE RAINES, CITY SECRETARY**