

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee and Garcia; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Gonzales 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 submitted. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala reported on an incident that happened in the city today, stating that a child at Whittier Elementary told the teacher there was a Man with a hoody and a mask at the school, the man was not on the school grounds but out side the fence and threw a ball back over the fence. He advised that we had 13 officers down there and was assisted by HISD. He advised that the gentleman was picked up by a car and it Possibly did not have anything to do with the school, they might have been watching Wells Fargo Bank.

He stated that from December 31, 2018 through 1/01/2019 they had been very busy, they had 34 assigned calls, 12 loud music complaints, 13 fireworks complaints, 77 officer initiated calls, 43 vehicle stops, issued 65 citations, had 1 warrant arrest and 29 reports issued and they were working on code enforcements.

Mayor Diaz ask that they please do that, she was receiving call about High grass and junk vehicles.

Chief Mier wished everyone a Happy New Year and that things had been quite at the station. She reported that renovation on the station was really coming along, that most of the brick was complete and when they could not work on the outside, work was going on inside.

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Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, advised that he had been off since before Christmas and was busy catching up.

Mayor Diaz commented on her water being off and the complaints we were receiving about mud on the streets, etc.

Mr. Reed stated that the ground was totally saturated and we were expecting more rain, that the contractor had a time frame to complete this job and as soon as it dries up they will clean everything up and replace needed grass.

Mayor Diaz stated that some of the residents do defend us, they say to be happy they are getting new water lines and it is always cleaned up when they finish.

Bernardo Perez, Public Works, stated that some people park in their yards and drive mud out on the streets.

Mr. Purcell stated that he and his neighbor had talked with the contractor and they said they would clean up the yards and put the grass back and it would like new but couldn't clean while it is so wet.

Mayor Diaz ask Mr. Purcell if he would be in charge of his area and keep us informed.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, advised that they would be giving vaccinations for kids at the gym on Saturday and there would also be flu shots for kids and adults.

He stated that they were busy getting the fields ready for ball leagues and that they were registering on line now and would be registering at the gym next week, anyone interested could call the gym for the time.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that she had lost five Meals on Wheels participants, two were in the nursing home, one in the

hospital and two has decided not to receive the meals and ask that if they knew of anyone who would qualify for the meals, that she was trying to target Jacinto City residents.

Mr. Rojas advised that on January 25th the Food Bank would be at the Town Center from 10:00a.m. until Noon passing out food.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diaz stated that Jacinto City had lost a good friend Cecil McBroom, that he didn't live in Jacinto City but had always been here helping with whatever was needed and he would be missed. She ask that everyone keep his family in their prayers.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Mr. Squyres advised that we had taken control of the new police station, that we were having problems with AT&T on some of the wiring that connected us with Harris County. He explained that the city was going to fiber optic in all the city buildings which would be much cheaper and we would have much faster service and the county was going with fiber optic. He stated that the last couple of cameras were going in and we hope to start installing radios and as soon as we are in they will tear down the old building and build out, we are looking at total completion by the last of March or first of April.

There was general discussion about the punch list on the building and who was doing the punch list, Mr. Squyres stated that he and the Chief had been doing it and they could get Mr. Reed on this if they would like for them to and send a copy of the punch list to the Mayor and Council Members.

Council Member Robinson stated that he was very displeased with the building, that we are 18 months overdue on the building and a lot of things are not done.

Mayor Diaz suggest that they all do a punch list and compare them.

City Manager Squyres provided an update on what was happening in the City. He advised that plans had been submitted for the 3 story hotel going in and that the Assembly of God Book store on the corner of Holland and the feeder street was being torn down and they were building a convenience store there, that the book store had been church property and was not taxable but we would be receiving tax on the new business.

He stated that we hope to have the RFQ on the next agenda for the Hurricane Harvey Recovery Funding if CDBG was ready to proceed.

He advised that we did received notice of the grant money for the design Work on Phase 2-4 on the Northside water main & Fire Protection project.

He stated that on March 2nd Harris County would be hosting a hazardous waste pickup and went over a list of items that could be dropped off at the fire station on that day, this would not cost the city anything and encourage everyone to start gathering these item so that we would be able to get them out of the city and as soon as we get a flyer of what all Will be picked up we would make it available to the residents.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Council to approve Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Omnia Partners.**

City Manager Squyres explained that this was just a co-operative purchasing agreement and didn't commit us to anything.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the purchasing agreement with Omnia Partners. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Cortez, 1721 Kerby, stated that it looked like they had worked on the drain at Kerby and Munn but water is still standing.

Bernardo Perez advised they had worked on it and would continue as soon as it dries up.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation, advised that the Opening Day Parade for the ball leagues would be March 23, 2019.

Mr. Purcell ask about the electronic sign on Holland and Market Street and was advised that Center Point had just installed the transformer for it and we would need to do the electrical from the sign to the pole and get them back out to hook it up.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas wished everyone a Happy New Year and ask Lon Where the new hotel was going to be and was advised that it would be Next to the Holiday Inn Express.

Council Member Rivas stated that he had one issue he wanted to address, that he thinks the plasma center gives us a lot of trouble, the officers say they have to constantly watch it, there are lines of people waiting there, etc.

City Manager Squyres advised that we talked to everyone before we let them in and we couldn't do anything about it. He stated his big fear was that we wanted to bring in a Star Bucks or something like that and if they see this we were going to have a problem, that he thought if we could get all law enforcement to work together we might be able to address the issue.

Council Member Rives said that he thought if we had a business that was a problem, we should be able to do something about it.

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City Manager Squyres stated he would volunteer to talk to other cities and see if they have issues like this and how they handle them.

Council Member Rivas questioned why Chili's was not mowing the grass by their business and he was also concerned about the water standing in the street for days by Discount Tire.

City Manager Squyres advised this was private property and that Kyle was talk to the owners.

Council Member Rivas also discussed a problem with mosquitoes.

Council Member Robinson wished everyone a happy new year.

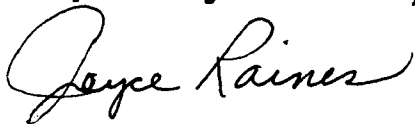
Council Member Lee advised that every time you call about the water standing there you are told to call Quest Realty and you never get an answer.

He was advised that Quest Realty either owned or managed the property at that location.

Council Member Garcia wished everyone a happy and prosperous new year.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**