

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Robinson, Lee & Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Rivas and 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 Lee to approve the minutes as presented: Vote
3 For 0**

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND COMMITTEES:

Lt. Longrigg advised that he was here on behalf of Chief Ayala tonight and reported on the fatality we had in the city last week at Mercury and I-10. He advised that due to the bad weather they were unable to do a lot of the code enforcement complaints but were back at it today.

Mayor Diaz thanked them for pursuing the code enforcements, that we wanted to keep the city clean.

Chief Mier advised that she had no report at this time.

Kyle Reed, Public works Director, reported that Jacinto city Elementary was out of water for about 6 hours today and we certainly didn't want that to happen again, that we should not have a problem when this job was complete. He stated that we know they still need to clean up but ask that they bear with us and as soon as it dries up this will all be taken care of. He discussed some of the work that still had to be completed.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation, announced that the Food Bank would be at Town Center tomorrow distributing food from 9:00 a.m. to Noon . He also advised that there would be flu shots and vaccinations available at the gym from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on February 2nd.

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Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, ask that if anyone knew of Home Bounds that needed meal delivered to them here in the city to please let her know, that she had some that had decided they didn't want the meals or were in nursing homes and she would like to place the meals in the city if possible.

Israel Savela, Jacinto City Library, went over the programs available at the Library.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres commented on the Government shutdown, stating that we might have some families here in the city that were affected by this and the city could waive payment on their water bill until they were back at work and then they would need to catch up on the bills.

He advised that March 2nd was hazardous waste collection day and went over a list of items that could be dropped off at the fire station and this year they could drop off as many as 10 tires.

He stated that Public Works would be having the vaccination clinic for dogs and cat on April 27th and this would be on the website.

He reminded everyone of the vaccinations for kids at the gym on February 2nd.

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Council authorization to issue RFQ for engineering services related to CDBG Harvey Recovery Project.**

City Manager Squyres ask that this item be tabled, that we were waiting on FEMA to complete what all they wanted in the RFQ, so we would have

it on the agenda each meeting so that when they were ready we would be ready to move ahead.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to table the RFQ. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

- 2. Resolution 2019-1R Order setting general election of Mayor and Two Council Members, Position 4 and Position 5 to be held on May 4, 2019**

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve Resolution 2019-1R setting the general city election of Mayor and two Council Members, Position 4 and Position 5 for May 4, 2019 and naming Wayne Nichols as Election Judge and Matt Shuptrine as Alternate Judge. Vote 5 For 0 Against

- 3. Resolution-2019-2R Creating Early Voting Ballot Board for May 4, 2019 City election.**

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve Resolution 2019-2R creating the early voting ballot board with Wayne Nichols serving as Presiding Judge, Matt Shuptrine as Member and Rayetta Weathers as Member. Vote: 5 for 0 Against

- 4. Proclamation proclaiming February 2, 2019 be celebrated as North Shore High School Mustang appreciation day in Jacinto City.**

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve Proclamation Proclaiming February 2, 2019 be celebrated as North Shore High School appreciation day in Jacinto City. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Shelly Rivas, 1307 Horatio, advised that they would be having a donation drive for the Coast Guard that was affected by the Government shutdown. She advised that they still had to work but were not receiving a pay check and were not allowed to go out and get another job because they had to be available at all times. She stated that this Donation drive would be held at Jacinto City Town Center on February 9th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and that cash donations could be accepted they were suggesting that gift cards in the amount of \$20.00 would be good and they could use them for gas or whatever they needed. Ms. Rivas went over a list of items that were needed such as cleaning items, bathroom items, food, etc.

She advised that she had receive a phone call from Commissioner Garcia' s office today advising that they were working with the Food Bank and a location that would be available for the people that were affected by the shutdown to be able to pick up food items and she had passed this along to the CPO Association that was helping with donations. She ask that neither JJ's name or her name be used on the Flyers, etc. as their son was in the Coast Guard and this could possibly Create a problem for him. She stated that more information on the event would be on the city website and other social media.

Mayor Diaz ask that everyone please come out and donate to this very Worthy cause.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas stated that he had two questions, (1) Who here lived on a budget and (2) who thinks they get paid for what they do, we Live off what we get paid. He stated they were not doing this for recognition, they are doing it for the people that are ask to work but not getting paid. He stated they announced this at the Harris County Mayor's and Council's Association last week and received donation which they were able to buy \$20.00 gift certificates for gas and Shelly delivered them to the Texas City Coast Guard Office, so what ever they could do, they were trying to do and be sure and come by and see them

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On the February 9th and God Bless all.

Council Member Robinson thank everyone for coming out and take care with our up and down weather conditions.

Council Member Lee thanked everyone for coming out. He stated that he received a text from Walgreen's that there was a flu epidemic in our area and hopefully everyone has had their flu shot.

Council Member Garcia thank everyone for coming out and ask Shelly about the donation center and where it was taking place and was advised that it would be at Town Center from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and there was a flyer listing some of the items needed.

Council Member Gonzales thanked public works for their help on the issue at Jacinto City Elementary today, that it was one of those things that happen and the issue was resolved.

Mr. Cortez ask about the time for dropping off donations and was advised the time but if he could not make it there during that time, donations could be dropped off at City Hall.

There was general discussion about the donation drive.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**