

**COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019, 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 14, 2019 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 passed on his report.**

**Chief Mier passed on her report and advised that the Market at Night would be starting back on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> with a good selection of Vendors and entertainment.**

**Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, advised everyone that weather permitting the contractor would be out here working on Saturday cleaning up the streets and yards that had been messed up during all the construction due to the rain.**

**Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation, reminded everyone that the Food Bank would be here passing out food on Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Town Center.**

**Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that all was going well at the center and the seniors were looking forward to the Valentine Banquet tomorrow night.**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**City Manager Squyres gave an update on the new police station and**

**advised that they may be moving into the station next week.**

**He also reminded everyone of the County sponsored Hazardous Waste pickup on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, he went over a list of items that they could drop off and they didn't even have to get out of the car, they would unload them, but the best part was that this would not cost the city anything, the County was taking care of the cost.**

**There was no Unfinished Business.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Council approval of Resolution 2019-3R approving submission of application for the State of Texas Governor's Office – Homeland Security 2019 radio Acquisition Project Grant for the Police Department.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve submission of the application for the radio grant. Vote: 4 For 0 Against**

- 2. Council approval of Resolution 2019-4R submitting approval of an application for the State of Texas Governor's Office -Justice Assistance 2019 Patrol Vehicle Acquisition Project Grant for the police department of Jacinto City.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Rivas to approve Resolution 2019-4R submitting application Justice Assistance 2019 Patrol Vehicle Acquisition Project Grant for the police department of Jacinto City. Vote 4 For 0 Against**

- 3. Council to confirm Jesse Cisneros Jr. as a full time police officer.**

**Chief Ayala presented a short bio on Mr. Cisneros, recognized his family and recommended the Council confirm him.**

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**A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Robinson to confirm Jesse Cisneros, Jr. as a full time Jacinto City police officer. Vote: 4 For 0 Against**

**Mayor Diaz administered the Oath of Office to Officer Cisneros, Jr. Presented him with his badge and welcomed him to the city.**

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

**City Manager Squyres advised that we would need to pass on this item as we did not have needed information from the County at this time and would continue to put it on the agenda so that as soon as we get the needed information from the County we would be ready to proceed.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Rivas to pass on Item No. 4. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

- 5. Council approval of Investment Reports for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of FY 2017/2018**

**A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve Investment Reports for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of FY 2017/2018 as presented (copies attached).  
Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Dina Gonzales, 10502 Oswego, representing Jacinto City Elementary, displayed a large picture of what the new Jacinto City Elementary would look like and advised that they would be starting on it as soon as school was out. There was general discussion on the new building.**

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**Ms. Gonzales advise that they would be having their 75 anniversary this year, that the school was build in 1944 and there were a lot of alumnus In this room. Ms. Gonzales was ask about what would happen to the mosaic at the school and she advised the plan was to install it in the new school. Ms. Gonzales recognized Lt. Longrigg for all his help at the school, stating that all the kids knew and loved Officer Longrigg.**

**Shelly Rivas, 1307 Horatio, reported on the Coast Guard Families Donation Drive they had at Jacinto City Town Center on February 9<sup>th</sup>, that they had a great turn out and appreciated everyone and all that had been donated, that the shut down was over right now and they were getting back pay and hopefully there would not be another shutdown.**

**Luisa Perez, 1506 Cheston, stated that she was on the Board for the Little League, they would be starting their season shortly and their cookers had been taken away from them in the concession stand and this would affect the money they made from concessions to be able to pay the umpires, etc, and they wanted to know what was going to be done about the water fountain, she knew it had been vandalized but was it going to be replaced so that the kids did not have to go to another section of the fields for water, that she had talked to JJ and Ivan about this but they needed to know what was going to be done about it.**

**Council Member Rivas said Item #1 was the fryers, so they were going to address that and he was going to discuss the water fountain that had been vandalized and what we could do to secure it, possibly put a cage around it which could be locked and unlocked for games and this was just a thought, the things he needs answered to like the vent hood has an 8” opening at the top, however the hose connect to it for the exhaust is only 4” , why is that and could we not just make it 8” all the way to the outside. He ask was the fire extinguisher correct that was in there.**

**City Manager Squyres stated the fire extinguisher that was in there was a Class B and to properly make it safe by code, it would have to have a**

**extinguisher hood, they found several things in violation of code and he believed it was before she was on board and we requested to meet with the them and they requested to meet with us as well and we had public works, recreation and himself meet with the board members at a day of their choosing and they went completely through that building and he thought they met all their request they could and we did not take their fryers, we did not have their fryers and did not want their fryers, we had heard this several time now. Ms. Perez said he took the use of them away. Mr. Squyres stated that what we said was we did not see a safe way, the way it was set up, that they could use the fryers and be code compliant, if they had never seen anybody burned a fryer, he could tell them horror stories. He stated it was a dangerous situation, it was a fire trap in there, there was not a way out, no fire escape and they had a very inconsistent staff, their board had even changed this year, they had someone fall off the board, it was hard to train staff to work in a facility like that and be consistently safe because they have a lot of other things going on apparently, he stated they were working with their president to try to find a way to suffice as JJ mentioned.**

**Ms. Perez stated that one of the board members had suggested that they go ahead and put the money on that but the building itself was not up to code, the electrical in there was bad, it would be nice if they could get a little bit of improvement, she see the whole city getting all these new buildings.**

**Mr. Squyres stated the major thing we were worried about was safety and the children, that had to be our priority.**

**Ms. Perez stated she hoped we could get somewhere with this.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that we would work on it.**

**Ms. Perez stated that it would be hard on them just selling cokes and chip, they weren't going to be able to pay umpires.**

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**Council Member Rivas stated that we needed to work on this and he would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the matter.**

**Mayor Diaz stated we could schedule a time next week to meet to discuss this and Council Member Rivas stated to also discuss the water fountain.**

**Debbie Martinez, 10109 Rumar stated that Scout Troop #1301 was here tonight to sell coupon book but there was also another troop here and they would defer to them tonight and Troop #130I would be back at the next meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> with their books.**

**Ms. Martinez ask the young gentleman with the other troop to come up and introduce himself and tell everyone why he was here. He introduced himself as Rickey and he was here to sell coupon books for his troop and they were \$10.00 each.**

**Mr. Bernard Valdez, 1305 Cheston, stated that he had met with JJ yesterday and he would like to see the concession stand removed and made bigger and he wished they would take this into consideration. He discussed some of the issues with the concession stand and he would be glad to help any way he could.**

**Mayor Diaz stated we would be meeting next week on this.**

**Donna Dailey stated that she had been with Little League since back in the 70's and had worked with a lot of concession and as long as kids are not in there mother know how to cook, that we need a better concession stand , there needed to be more volunteers stepping up to do something for the kids, make it safe but don't' be critical, help the people instead.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that we were not putting anyone down, who said we were, we were all here to help the kids.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Rivas stated that we would work through this, everyone enjoy the weekend and welcomed Officer Cisneros aboard.**

**Council Member Robinson welcomed Officer Cisneros and advised that they had a pizza party today at Jacinto City Elementary for the class that brought in the most canned goods for the Christmas Food Basket Program and the kids really enjoyed the pizza. He thanked everyone for coming out.**

**Council Member Lee welcomed Officer Cisneros, wished everyone a good weekend and God Bless.**

**Council Member Garcia welcomed Officer Cisneros aboard and wished everyone a happy valentine.**

**Council Member Gonzales welcomed Officer Cisneros aboard and wished everyone a happy Valentine.**

**Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m..**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

**Joyce Raines  
City Secretary**