

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 28, 2019 with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Rivas was out of the city, Council Member Garcia arrived after roll call and City Attorney Defoyd was out of town.

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 Against

Lt. Longrigg advised that Chief Ayala was on vacation and they were working hard to fill the rank.

Chief Mier passed on her report.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, advised that the water line they were trying to bore under the street at Holland and Market the other night did not work and they were not going to be able to do it at night, it was too dangerous and that they would probably do it early on a Sunday morning.

Mayor Diaz told them to be sure and send out a text to citizens when we do this.

Mr. Reed stated that the citizens would be happy once this is complete.

He also advised that Candy, his right hand, was retiring at the end of March and they were having lunch for him at public works tomorrow and the Mayor, council and departments were invited.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, advised that weather permitting, the ball leagues would have their parade on Saturday starting at 9:00 a.m. and would have games, etc..

Elizabeth Flores stated that they had been able through United Way to get help for seniors with the electric bills and explained how it worked and what they would have to provide such as proof of income, etc. and they could do this over the phone, call 211 and ask for services for seniors or come by the center and they would be glad to help them.

Council Member Garcia ask if there was a set period of time on this and Elizabeth stated no, if credit was left on the electric it would roll over to gas in the winter.

City Manager Squyres stated that we would send out an e-mail on when the water was going to be worked on as well as other things.

He advised that he and Joyce were going to a workshop next week to try to get funding for the city.

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to table authorization to issue RFQ.

Vote: 4 For 0 Against

- 2. Discussion of the recent fire at the ITC Tank Farm and its potential impact on Jacinto City and its residents.**

Mayor Diaz stated that the dirty cloud was going away and that she and Lon meet with the Mayors of Deer Park, Pasadena and La Porte along with numerous elected officials and a representative from ITC who said they would take care of everything and the last container that contained benzine was emptied on Tuesday.

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City Manager Squyres stated that Nim Kidd, the Director of Texas Division of Emergency Management was a friend of his and they had been in this business a lot of years and have notifications in place and if anything happen they were all notified and if we don't know what is in it we shelter in place and that Rebecca and Team Have a monitor that monitors most chemicals. He stated that Galena Park sheltered in place and it was not necessary, Pasadena did not shelter in place because it was not necessary, Lon stated that he talked to the citizens about safety to our citizens and that Mayor Diaz was very supportive of how we operated. We had TCA, TCEH and TECQ, etc. monitoring at all times and rest assured that we monitor the situation if there is a problem to our city.

Mayor Diaz stated that we would never put our residents or our own families in any danger.

City Manager Squyres advised that if other cities have a problem, we support each other.

Council Member Robinson thanked Lon, Chief Mier, Chief Ayala and stall for what they did during the ITC fire.

Mayor Diaz thanked Rebecca for all the monitoring they did.

Chief Mier stated that we needed to educate our community that we are monitoring constantly and are in contact with other agencies in the area.

City Manager Squyres stated that we really appreciated all the support we received.

There were no public comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

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Council Member Robinson thanked Joyce, Kathy, Rebecca and family for all that they do.

He announced that the annual Easter Egg Hunt would be April 13th at 10:30 A.M. at Wilki Park

Council Member Lee stated that he thought people understood after we explained that we did not want to put our citizens and our own families in danger, thinks we did well and they trust us.

Council Member Garcia stated she thinks we did great, we put our trust in our city manager, mayor, council and staff working together and told the citizens to watch the video.

Council Member Gonzales stated that he thought we should post on social media that we were in good shape.

Lt. Longrigg advised that he came in late, that Hwy. 225 was closed and coming in he had it all to himself.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**