

**COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019, 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 11, 2019 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 submitted. Vote: 4 For 0 Against**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Chief Ayala advised that they were getting closer to moving into the new building and Mayor Diaz stated that we had been hearing that for several month, just how close were we.**

**Chief Ayala reported that the department had been busy, there was a robbery of an individual at Wells Fargo Bank and the same individuals were involved in robberies the same day at Salt Grass Steak House and the fitness center, he cautioned everyone to be careful and be aware of their surroundings when out and also reported that they were busy going through the process of new hires.**

**Chief Mier advised they were also getting close to moving into their building and if they had not been by to walk through to please do so and that all had been quite for them.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that they would probably be in the fire station before they were in the police station.**

**Bernardo Perez, Public Works Department, advised they will doing the water line tie in on Market Street on Sunday, starting at 7:00 a.m. and would try to get in and out as fast as they could and would provide flyers**

**to all the businesses that would be affected; there was discussion about the businesses that it would affect. He cautioned everyone to empty any containers holding water that mosquito season was here.**

**Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, stated that all was going great at the center, they would be have their Spring Hat Contest tomorrow and they had ask Rebecca and Joyce to be the judges and they were getting ready for Senior Olympics starting on April 22<sup>nd</sup> with the opening event here in our city. She announced that the center would be receiving a \$15,000 supplement to help with meals for our increased attendance and that Game Night was on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 7 p.m..**

**Mayor Diaz stated that she had been to the last couple of game nights, they really had a good turn out and a lot of fun.**

**City Manager Squyres stated this was the second time we had tried to do the water line and we would send out e-mails to people in the area that we expect to be affected and he also announced the Market by Night would be held at Town Center on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and encourage everyone to go out and enjoy the market.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that Chief Ayala had scared us about all the crime in our area but that Channel 2 had given statistics on the crime areas and you don't see murder in Jacinto City, Galena Park and most of the North Channel area, that we were the safest region when you look at this map.**

**He advised that we got notification from CDBG that they had obligated 1.65 M for the North Side Water Line. He advised that he would be in San Antonio part of next week and hoped to get additional funding.**

**There was No Unfinished Business.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. City Attorney DeFoyd read a Proclamation for Fair Housing Month.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve Proclamation designating the month of April 2019 as Fair Housing Month in Jacinto City. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

- 2. City Attorney DeFoyd read Proclamation designating April 2019 as Safe Digging Month in Jacinto City.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Proclamation designating April 2019 as Safe Digging Month in Jacinto City. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

- 3. A Motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to table authorization to issue RFQ for Engineering service related to CDBG Harvey Recovery Project. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**
- 4. Council approval of change order on Fire Department Rehabilitation in the amount of \$7,669.20.**

**Chief Mier explained why they needed the additional HVAC Work in Room 209 and in the medical supply room, that they Were not on the original plans and the Inspector requires them.**

**Council Member Rivas ask if this was sufficient or would it require duck work in that room.**

**Council Member Gonzales ask if this was going to be all new equipment or would we be using the old equipment.**

**Council Member Lee ask who's fault these problem were.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that we were going to protest a Portion of this, that tighter restrictions were put on these thing**

**so we would be going back to the contractor or architect to protest \$1,942.00 of this change order, that they could approve it with this stipulation if they chose to do so.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the Change Order for the Fire Department rehab with the stipulation. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

- 5. Theodore Gonzalos to address Mayor and Council regarding Drainage problem.**

**Mr. Gonzalos was not present, City Manager Squyres advised that he had met with Mr. Gonzalos and his neighbor, that the problem was that the neighbor had built a driveway over the dip gutter and preventing the water from running off Mr. Gonzalos property, they had discussed this and the neighbor had agreed to fix the issue.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Ms. LaGloris Sephus, 9701 Market Street had a question about could Metro come into Jacinto City and was advised that they could not, that we don't pay the metro tax.**

**There was discussion as to the size of the bus she was talking about and she said it was the smaller busses and she would get more information regarding this and come back with the information.**

**Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall advised that Area Agency on Aging gives out certificates for the seniors to ride to doctor appointments, etc..**

**Council Member Robinson advised that Metro has started a neighborhood pick up program and he would look into what all areas this covered.**

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**Rebecca reminded everyone of Market Night at Town Center on April 13<sup>th</sup> and that 27 vendors were signed up and the music would be provided by Brian Turner.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that we should get a date when we invited just food trucks and that the City Hall parking lot would be a good place to have it.**

**Mayor Diaz advised that we would wait until tomorrow to decide on the Egg Hunt, if we were not able to have it on Saturday due to weather we would have it on Sunday at 3:00 p.m..**

**Mayor Diaz recognized Mr. Balderas, a representative from Center Point Energy Gas who was there promoting Safe Digging Month which was the Proclamation we passed earlier in the agenda..**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Rivas wished everyone a good weekend.**

**Council Member Robinson discussed the possible change for the Easter Egg Hunt.**

**Council Member Lee stated that he wanted to pass along compliment to our police department, that Mr. Glenn Miller, who had been a local Scout Master for years advised that an elderly lady had come into their store and was very disoriented, they had call the police department and they were there in minutes and were very good to calm the lady and get her home.**

**Council Member Garcia wished every a happy National Pet Week and reminded them to get their pet vaccinated and the rabies clinic was on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Public Works Facility.**

**Council Member Gonzales wished everyone a good weekend.**

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**Mayor Diaz reminded everyone that Jacinto City Elementary was having their 75 Anniversary on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m..**

**Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m..**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

**Joyce Raines  
City Secretary**