

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 25, 2019 in the Council Chamber at 10301 Market Street with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Garcia out of the city, Council Member Lee ill and City Attorney DeFoyd arrived after roll call.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala advised they were staying busy investigating robberies that had happened here in the city. He commended Lt. Walker and Officer Romas on doing outstanding work on these cases. Chief Ayala stated the new building was coming along well and it was just a matter of time before they moved in.

Chief Mier had lost her voice and passed on her report.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, advised that next week should be the final week on the water line, that they would still have to do a punch list for repairs, that the valve they had put in was still not functionally properly and the manufacturer was due out next week.

Mr. Reed cautioned everyone that mosquito season was here and to and empty containers, old tires, etc. that hold water. He stated they would start spraying early this year, they had received no complaints so far but they were seeing some mosquitoes around the barn.

He reminded everyone the rabies clinic was this weekend at the public works facility on Saturday, April 27th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m..

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Council Member Rivas ask Mr. Reed if we were also telling the businesses about getting rid of or emptying the water out of tire and was advised they were and we would have the tire roundup coming up In May.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, reminded everyone that the Food Bank would be at Town Center tomorrow from 10:00 a.m. until 12 Noon and they should get there early.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director advised that tomorrow would wrap up Senior Olympics and the seniors were really happy because they were winning a lot of metals. She stated that if anyone knew someone over 60 that needed homebound meals to let her know.

City Manager Squyres stated that we had finally gotten a list from Reliant with the addresses of streets lights we were paying for, the list had 233 lights listed and 23 of them were not in our city. He stated that we should be getting 5 more street lights, 4 in the park area and 1 at the pipeline easement near Mr. Purcell.

There was No Unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council to confirm Kris Daniel Garza as a Jacinto Police Officer.

Chief Ayala gave a short bio on Mr. Garza and recommended the Council confirm him as a Jacinto City Police Officer.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Rivas to confirm Mr. Garza as a Jacinto City Police Officer. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

Mayor Diaz administered the Oath of Office and presented Officer Garza with his badge.

2. A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to table issuing RFQ for engineering service related to CDBG Harvey Recovery Project. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Donna Dailey, 1701 Chazen, thanked the police department for keeping the city safe. She ask what we could do about the Railroad Signal pole at Holland and Market, that it keeps coming down and going up even when there is no train coming, that she has seen it several time in the last few months and it could hit someone's car.

Mayor Diaz stated that had happened to her mother last year, and even if it didn't do any damage it could sure scare you.

City Manager Squyres advised that the pole were PVC, not wood or steel and would not do as much damage.

Mayor Diaz ask Kyle to check on this.

LaGloria Sephus, 9701 Market street, advised that a couple of months ago she was at a meeting that the Rail Road was attending and they advise that if we had a problem to call and they would come out and fix it.

Doris Kately, 9701 Market Street, ask where the Jacinto City ambulance would take them if they called.

City Manager Squyres advised it would depend on the type of call, if it was a trauma case the State of Texas controlled when the ambulance would go and that would be the nearest trauma center. He stated they have some leeway if it is not a trauma.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

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Council Member Rivas welcomed Officer Garza, stating that he was approachable, if he sees him to come and talk to him.

Council Member Rivas stated that someone going down Market Street had gotten over to far to the side and created some deep ruts and also at Smith Park and ask if we could take care of this.

Kyle advised that we would get some milling material, that we had lost the machine in the fire that we would need to do a good job fixing this and this was a very expensive piece of equipment and we didn't use it that much he and Lon had talked about it would better to get a contractor to take care of this.

Council Member Rivas ask about what had happened with the trash complaint and Lon advised that we had talked with the contractor seem to be doing better.

Council Member Rivas stated the contractor needs to do the job correctly. He commented on the great weather and commended the Public Works on getting the tree removed from Smith Park so quickly.

Constable Chris Diaz thanked the EMS for responding to a senior citizen so quickly, that they were very prompt and professional.

Chief Ayala thank Kyle Reed and the Public Work Department for always being there to help with anything they needed.

Council Member Robinson welcome Officer Garza aboard and thanked everyone who helped out with the Easter Egg Hunt.

Council Member Gonzales welcomed officer Garza and wished everyone a good weekend.

Mayor Diaz advised everyone that the splash pad was open now, to use the side gate. The discussed the 75 Anniversary of Jacinto City Elementary.

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There was discussion on how nice it was to see so many of the former principals, coaches and teachers and commended the Principal and Staff on a great job of organizing it.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**