

**COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY JUNE 13, 2019, 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 6:00 p. m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines.**

**The meeting was opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Chief Ayala stated that they had been busy getting everything situated in the new building and had quite a few arrests. He stated they really appreciated the new station and advised everyone to be very observant, there were a lot of scams going on out there.**

**Mayor Diaz advised that she had been getting quite a few call about people getting their packages stolen off the porch and asking if we could get extra patrols in the afternoon. She also stated that she had gotten a call about the sheet metal laying at the police station and wanting to know if it was for sale.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that it was not for sale that it would be used on the front of the new building when the old building was removed.**

**Mayor Diaz ask Kyle if there was anything he could do about the termites, that they were terrible they couldn't even turn their lights on at night and they were really bad at the ball park and she had people asking about when we were spraying for mosquitoes.**

**Kyle advised there wasn't anything they could do about the termites, but they hadn't been getting any complaints about mosquitoes, they would spray this week.**

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**Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation, discussed the ball leagues and advised that they were working on the graffiti at Smith Park.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that we needed to start having movie night again, maybe twice a month, that people were asking about them and we could also have the dive in movie.**

**Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that all was going well at the center, that they were getting positive feedback from some of the seniors that had applied for help with their electric bills, that some of them had received notification that they would be receiving help with their bills and Harris County was giving away air conditioners to seniors that needed them.**

**Mayor Diaz ask if they were doing the senior swim and was advised by Elizabeth that the senior's didn't want to go, saying that it was too hot.**

**Mayor Diaz advised that one of our residents had contacted her saying that the light company got in touch with them about a lower electric bill and they signed up and after six months it doubled and they could not get out of it because they signed a contract so it was a scam.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that we really liked to watch for solicitors going through the city doing scams and the police department was working hard to get them off city streets, that in order to go door to door in Jacinto City you had to have a permit.**

**City Manager Squyres advise that his goal in life use to be getting the Police station built and his goal now is getting the old station torn down and the problem now was getting the 911 equipment out of the old building the TLEX equipment working and now the TLEX was working so they jus need to get the 911 equipment out of the building.**

**Mayor Diaz ask about the status on the sign at Market and Holland and when would it be working.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that we had just got an answer today as to where Center Point wanted the meter pole placed and Kyle and his department would be taking care of that probably this next week.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1. Second and Final reading of Ordinance 2019-3 establishing an Emergency Management Plan.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve Ordinance 2019-3 establishing an Emergency Management Plan on the second and final reading. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

- 2. Second and Final reading of Ordinance 2019-4 Adoption of a Drought Contingency Plan**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve Ordinance 2019-4 Adoption of a Drought Contingency Plan on the second and final reading. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Council action on Variance Board's recommendation at 10230 Norvic, 11301 Market and 10326 Palestine.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that Mr. Eleno Espinoza had requested a variance at 10230 Norvic to replace a fence on the previous standing fence line which did not meet the building code, that the Variance Board had met and voted 4 for allowing him to replace the fence.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to allow the fence to be replaced on the previous standing fence line with a cut out in the fence to allow the meter to be read without going into the yard. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

**2. Council action Variance Board's recommendation at 1130I Market St.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that Mr. Juan Robledo had requested a variance to build on the property line to expand his business as a collision center and that the variance Board had voted 2 For and 2 against the request so the final decision would be up to the council.**

**Mr. Robledo provided pictures of what the building would look like once it was remodeled, that they wanted to make the building look better and more professional.**

**Donna Dailey, a member of the Variance Board stated that she was against it because two many cars would there they would block the view turning on and off of Siesta and discussed putting no parking signs on the side of the building on Siesta.**

**Council Member Rivas ask how many cars were parked there now.**

**Mr. Robledo advised that usually the only cars parked on that side would be a customer that had stopped to get an estimate and would not be there two long.**

**Council Member Gonzales ask if he really needed to do this.**

**Mr. Robledo stated that they wanted to work with insurance company to use their facility as a place for them to send vehicles for repairs and they had to meet the standards of the insurance company to do this.**

**There was general discussion concerning the request.**

**Mayor Diaz polled the council for a vote: Rivas – no, Robinson – yes, Lee – yes, Garcia – Yes and Gonzales – no.**

**Mayor Diaz stated the vote was 3 For and 2 Against allowing Mr. Robledo to build on the property line.**

**3. Council action on Variance Board's recommendation at 10326 Palestine**

**City Manager Squyers stated that Ericelda Del Rosa and Hilda Zamora had requested a variance to open a banquet gathering establishment at 10326 Palestine which was now a Zumba program and they wanted to be allowed to have birthday parties, baby showers, etc. in the building.**

**There was discussion on the number of restrooms they had; and they advised two restrooms, and the number of parking spaces that would be required and Mr. Squyres advised that the building official would determine the occupancy load and parking required based on the size of the building.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Lee to allow the request to open a banquet gathering establishment at 10326 Palestine. Vote: 5 For 0 Against.**

**2. Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, presented the 2018 Consumer Confidence Report.**

**Mr. Reed advised that the 2018 Consumer Confidence Report shows that Jacinto City's water is excellent, that everything tested below state requirement and that everybody in this area is on surface water and it is perfectly safe to drink.**

**He advised that the full report was in the City Secretary's office if anyone would like to view it.**

**3. Council to confirm Arthur Luevanos as a full time Jacinto City police officer.**

**Chief Ayala gave a short bio on Mr. Luevanos and recommended that the**

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**Council confirm him as a full time officer.**

**Mayor Diaz administered the Oath of Office and welcomed Officer Luevanos to Jacinto City.**

**Chief Ayala presented him with his badge.**

**4. The Police Department presented the 2018 Racial Profiling Report.**

**Lt. Longrigg went over the report, outlining what all was required in the report and the number of incidents that happened in the city such as murders, rapes, robberies, assaults, citations issued, etc. and advised that we had no problem with racial profiling claims.**

**He advised that the report could be viewed at the City Secretary's office.**

**There was general discussion on the report.**

**Council Member Rivas ask about the difference in a subject stopped and a vehicle stopped and Lt. Longrigg explained.**

**5. Council authorization to issue RFQ for engineering service related to CDBG Harvey Recovery Project.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that we were getting closer but he would like to ask that they table this item.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Rivas to table the RFQ for Engineering. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Donna Dailey, 1701 Chazen, ask about the variance hearing they had on 10325 S. Oswego and why was he not here.**

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**City Manager Squyres advised that he was of town and this item would be on the agenda the last meeting in July.**

**Ms. Dailey wanted to know if we ask the Legality of a person when we make a stop.**

**Lt. Longrigg explained when this question could be ask and when it could not.**

**Chief Ayala explained that when they knew someone was a threat, they would call and let authorities know so that they do get watched.**

**Chief Ayala stated that he wanted to say that Mr. Spink has really done a good job as the building official and he just wanted to commend him.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that he does a good job and he goes by the rules.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that Mr. Spink had just retired from the City of Houston.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Rivas stated that the Chief was in the new police station and ask if we have had an residents and Chief Ayala advised a few.**

**Council Member Rivas ask how the new vehicles were working and the Chief stated good, that one had been hit parked at the station but they know the individual and he has good insurance.**

**Council Member Rivas ask about paper tags on cars and Lt. Longrigg explained who paper tags are used by and how long they are good for but some are illegal and actually jump on them.**

**Council Member Rivas ask them to take notice of the intersection at Holland and Munn and see all the people cutting across the parking lot.**

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**Chief Ayala stated that we have a lot of that.**

**Mayor Diaz ask about the 18 wheelers going through the residential areas.**

**Council Member Rivas stated that he also sees a lot of tractor/trailers parking at the theater.**

**There was general discussion on the tractor/trailers.**

**Council Member Rivas wished everyone a Happy Father's Day and to have a good weekend.**

**Council Member Robinson stated that he was getting a lot of good comments on the swimming pool, the possibility of adult swimming lessons, welcomed the new officer and wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.**

**Council Member Lee welcomed the new officer, wished everyone a Happy Father's Day and advised that they would be having a food drive at Calvary Baptist Church on Saturday.**

**Council Member Garcia welcome the new officer and asked if anyone had the popping sound and knew what it was.**

**Council Member Diaz ask Kyle about spraying for mosquitoes, that people had told her they would be on the streets and out side and Kyle advise that they would be spraying this weekend.**

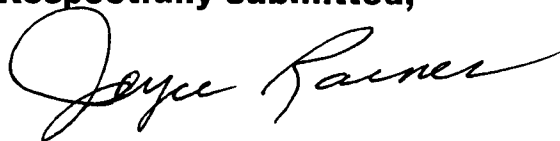
**Council Member Gonzales welcome the new officer and wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.**

**Mayor Diaz welcome the new office and wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.**



**Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m..  
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**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

**Joyce Raines  
City Secretary**