

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Pro Tem Carmela Garcia, Council Members Rivas, Robinson and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Mayor Diaz and Council Member Lee absent.

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

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 passed on his report.

Chief Mier reminded everyone that even though it was not that hot, the humidity was high and to be sure and stay well hydrated. She stated the fire works for July 4th would start at 9:00 p.m. and to remember that It was illegal to shoot fireworks in Jacinto City.

Bernardo Perez, Public Works, advised that they had been trying to keep up with grass mowing and they had installed the meter pole for the new Sign at Holland and Market today.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that she would be attending the Area Ageing Conference for the next couple of day and they would be taking the seniors to the casino in Livingston on Saturday.

City Manager Squyres stated that TGLO has approved the wastewater treatment plant as our project for the \$5.3 million we had received and hopefully this would be the last time we would have to table this item on the agenda. He advised that a contractor was taking care of the fireworks this July 4th and we were trying to get some additional activities scheduled, possibly a car show, etc.. He advised that the old police station was empty and ready to be torn down.

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Rivas to table authorizing the RFQ. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

- 2. Council to consider the appointment of Mr. Harsh Amin as a Jacinto City full time Police Officer.**

Chief Ayala gave a short bio on Mr. Amin and recommended that he be confirmed as a Jacinto City Police Officer.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia administered the Oath of Office to Officer Amin and welcomed him aboard.

Chief Ayala presented Officer Amin with his badge.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia ask him what he knew about the city and he gave a short history.

- 3. Council to waive city food truck restrictions for July 4th Celebration.**

Council Member Rivas ask if this was the only time.

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City Manager Squyres advised that we had an old ordinance that prohibited food trucks and was just asking to waive the ordinance for this one event and it doesn't waive Harris County's health restrictions.

Council Member Rivas ask if we were doing any inspections and if not would we be opening it up.

There was general discussion on this and the question was ask where would we be parking them.

City Manager Squyres stated that with weather permitting we would put them on Lane Street and if not, we would look at it again.

Council Member Robinson ask about how many were we going to have.

Chief Meir stated two from the Market and they were permitted by the Health Department and they do safety checks.

There was general discussion on the trucks.

Council Member Robinson ask how long would we allow the food trucks.

A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to waive the restrictions on the food trucks for the July 4, 2019 celebration. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

There were no Public Comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas stated that mosquitoes had not been to bad, he had only gotten a few complaints.

Council Member Rivas stated that west bound on Market Street, from the Big Bass area there was always standing water when it rained and

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a lot of people walked from there and there were no sidewalks and we needed to work on that.

Mr. Purcell stated they needed sidewalks on his street, that the kids walked to school that way and when it rained it was very muddy.

The question was ask if we didn't mow down by Big Bass and was advised that the North side was City of Houston and there was discussion on the area and water drainage there not being handled by the City of Houston.

Council Member Rivas welcomed Officer Amin, wished everyone a Happy 4th of July and would see them at the fireworks.

Council Member Robinson welcomed Officer Amin, cautioned every to be careful and he hoped to see them on the 4th.

Council Member Gonzales welcome Officer Amin and wished everyone a Happy 4th.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia welcomed Officer Amin and thanked everyone for coming out.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**