

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

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee and Gonzales; Assistant City Manager Greiner, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Garcia and City Manager Squyres on Vacation.

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 presented. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala reminded every one that National Night Out was the first Tuesday in October and if anyone was interested in hosting a party to please contact the police department.

He advised that they had a shooting at 11410 I-10 East and that it was a family problem and they had arrested a sex offender living on Fairfax.

Chief Mier discussed the possible storm that might come our way and cautioned everyone to be prepared just in case. She also reminded everyone that the Market would be on July 13th.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, discussed the mosquito problem and advised that they would be spraying.

Ivan Rojas, Park and Recreation Director advised that we would be having movie night in the park on July 19th and movie night at the pool on July 26th and also on the 26th they would have the Food Bank and back to school event with Pct. 2.

Mayor Diaz commended Ivan on how well the pool and swimming lessons were doing this year.

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Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that the senior center was doing great and they would be having Mexican Bingo tomorrow.

Mayor Diaz thanked the police department, fire department and public works for doing a great job on July 4th, and that we had a great turnout.

Chief Ayala stated they appreciated all the help they received from Pct. 2.

He also advised that they hoped to start with the demo on the old police station on July 17th.

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 Lee to table issuing the RFQ. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kim Peterson, 11514 Celtis, stated that she appreciated living in Jacinto City but she was concerned about an animal cruelty case on Jennifer and wanted to know what could be done about it.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, advise that something was going on concerning this problem but we not allowed to discuss it, he stated that they have been checking on this, that we do not condone animal cruelty.

Ms. Peterson stated that she knew the humane officer and the police department are good to check on these complaints when they get them.

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Chief Ayala stated that they checked on this complaint on July 4th.

Ms. Petersen discussed the statue on cruelty to animals, wanted to know how the Judge was handling these cases and could we put them in jail, that we needed to enforce the laws.

Assistant City Manager Greiner advised that the issue was not being ignored, things were being done, we just could not discuss it.

Chief Ayala advised that the last time they went by the dog was ok.

Mr. Purcell stated that he called SPCA on someone and they gave him a ticket.

Miss Cortez ask if the city had a Youth Mayor/Council Program, that Houston had one but she couldn't be a part of it because she lived in Jacinto City.

There was general discussion and she was advised that a number of years ago the city did have this program.

Mayor Diaz advised her that we would encourage and support them if they would like to pursue this program.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas stated that he supports this code violation and if he could do anything to let him know. He ask Kyle if we had more complaints and ask Ms. Peterson if she had contacted any other agency to check this out.

There was general discussion concerning the issue.

Council Member Rivas advised that he would be here if the storm came in and if they needed anything to contact him. He ask if we had any problems with the new buildings.

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Mayor Diaz advise that the city would be prepared if the storm comes in and if we could be of assistance to please contact us.

Council Member Robinson thanked everyone for helping to make the July 4th a success.

Council Member Lee cautioned everyone to watch the weather and be prepared. God Bless and have a nice weekend.

Council Member Gonzales congratulated the staff and fire department on the success of the fireworks.

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**