

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

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee and Garcia; 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 Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve the minutes as presented. Vote 4 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Lt. Longrigg stated that the police department did not have a report at this time.

Chief Mier advised that the fire department did not have a report at this time.

Bernardo Perez, Public Works, reported that Kyle Reed was at home and doing good.

Mayor Diaz announced that Public Works Director Kyle Reed had by-pass surgery but was home and doing well.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and recreation Director, advised that tomorrow was going to be a very busy day for them, they would have the Food Bank at Town Center from 10:00 until 12:00, the Back to School Program that they were joining with PCT. 2 at the gym and then movie night at the pool.

Mayor Diaz commended Ivan on the movie night at the park on the 19th and how well the pool and swimming lessons had done this year.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, announced that the Seniors would be celebrating birth days on Friday and be playing Mexican bingo in the afternoon.

City Manager's Report:

City Manager Squyres announced there was a big machine at the police station and they should be starting demolition on the old building tomorrow or Saturday.

Mayor Diaz ask how many time the old building had caught on fire.

There was general discussion on the number of fires and Chief Mier stated three times in the last five years that she knew about.

City Manager Squyres stated that we were very happy with the new building.

City Manager Squyres advised the Mayor and Council that we have set August 6th and 13th dates for budget workshops and ask that they let us know if this was a conflict with any of their schedules.

6. There was no Unfinished Business.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Council action on Variance Board's recommendation at 10325 N. Oswego.**

City Manager Squyres advised that he had received an e-mail from the gentleman on this variance request stating that he did not want to pursue the variance and was withdrawing his request.

- 2. Second Baptist Church requests permission to waive Food Truck Ordinance for a church event on August 10, 2019**

Chief Mier stated she understood that it was to be held on August 17th because the Market was on the 10th.

There was discussion about the actual date the event was to be and that we needed to get this information from the church.

City Manager discussed what they were requesting, stating that there was no one present from the church.

Council Member Rivas questioned how many food truck and how It was going to be set up and if the food trucks would be Inspected. Chief Mier advised that they inspected the food trucks at Market for fire safety, that all health inspection were done by Harris County.

Council Member Lee ask how the police department felt about this and Lt. Longrigg advised if it was approved they would do what they needed to make it a safe event.

There was general discussion and the Mayor and Council felt they needed someone from the Church here to give more information before taking action on the item.

Council Member Robinson made a motion, seconded by Council Member Garcia to table taking action on waiving the Food Truck Ordinance. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

- 3. Second Baptist Church requesting permission to close Flint Street between Muscatine and LaCrosse from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on August 10, 2019 for a church event.**

There were questions and discussion about what streets would actually be closed and if they had contacted the residents in the area to see if they would have a problem because some might not be able to get to their homes.

City Manager Squyres stated that he had advised the church they would need to contact all the residents this would affect.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded Council Member Lee to table permission to close the streets Until they could get more information on the event from the Church. Vote 4 For 0 Against

- 4. Council authorization to issue RFQ for engineering service related to CDBG Harvey Recovery Program.**

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Rivas to table action on the RFQ. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor welcomed Boy Scout Troop 1954, who was there to observe the Council Meeting, and welcomed them to come back any time.

Lusia Perez, 1506 Cheston, advised that they were starting a fall ball league with registration starting in August. She stated it was not going to be competitive but was to teach them techniques, etc. and they will get out flyers. She also advised that they had increase the number of board members they have from 7 to 17.

Ms. Perez stated they have a new page on face book, called Jacinto City Crime and Community, that this was to inform the residents of what was going on in the city and to be able address people comparing our city and Mayor to Galena Park etc. and that Jacinto city doesn't do enough for its residents.

Council Member Rivas discussed phone calls that he receives and that a lot of people don't think we answer call but we do.

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Mayor Diaz stated that we are here for them, to just call.

Rebecca reminded everyone that Market Night was August 10th and we would have a new food truck and great music.

Mayor Diaz advised that we have Market Night once a month and discussed all the vendors they have and the different types of vendors, that vendors come from all over, Rebecca stated that we have a vendor that come from Orange, Texas and we were going to try and get some of the food trucks to come out for our Halloween activities.

Pct. 2 Constable Chris Diaz, 10826 Munn St., stated that the Mayor and Council were doing a fantastic job with the City, that it had been 11 year since he served on the Council and as Mayor and he appreciated all the work that they do.

He stated that Pct. 2 was partnering with Parks and Recreation on a Back to School Day at the gym tomorrow, they would have a lot of different people there, people doing haircuts, school supplies, back packs, etc. and would have hotdogs and punch.

He stated that he had two sons, one in college and one going into eighth grade, that their family grew up in this city and they want to continue to bring services to the city. He stated that it was important to be involved in our city, we have a new police station, fire station, swimming pool which our Mayor and Council have worked hard to achieve and we as citizens and public servants need to stay involved to continue this growth. He is our Constable and wants to continue to work with our police department. He thanked them for all they do and wished everyone a good night.

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Council Member Rivas stated that as Constable Diaz said, that a lot of our residents stay here because we have good services and representation in the city; hopes they enjoy their week end and stay safe.

Council Member Robinson thanked everyone for coming out and hoped we continued to enjoy this weather.

Council Member Lee thanked everyone for coming out and we appreciate all the help we receive from our Constable. God Bless

Council Member Garcia thanked everyone for coming out and ask Ivan what kind of food would be at the movie and was advised it would be Popcorn and punch. She thanked Constable Diaz for doing the back to school program ask Lusia about the fall program and thanked the Boy Scout Troop for coming out.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal dashed line.

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**