

**COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019, 6:00 P. M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. City Attorney DeFoyd 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 Rivas to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Chief Ayala reminded everyone that Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> was National Night Out, that the main party would be at City Hall and they would have a list of all the parties at the police station and if anyone was interested in hosting a party to please call the police station. He stated that he had attended the funeral service for little Sierra Patino today and there had been a very good turn out from Jacinto City.**

**Fire Chief Mier had no report.**

**Bernardo Perez, Public Works, Stated that they had been busy keeping up with all the mowing, water leaks, etc..**

**Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that all was good at the center.**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**City Manager Squyres stated that he would like to have on the record that he reach out to the Port Authority asking them and a representative from the oil company come a to council meeting before they started drilling because we had some concerns and the Port said they didn't know anything about it. The Port call back later and said we were right**

**but we would be glad to know that the drilling was over and the rig had been removed, Mr. Squyres told them he didn't think they were right.**

**City Manager advise that then we had someone come in for a permit to bring in fracking materials and you hear a lot about what this causes and we have miles and miles of ancient water and sewer lines in that area, we have a water well, GPSD has a well and so does Galena Park. Mr. Squyres ask the Port to set up a conference call and they said they could do that and gave us one days notice; he and Ms. Raines sat in on the call. We advised that they had not even bothered to give us notice that they were going to be drilling the well and the oil company stated they got a permit from the Railroad Commission and that was all they needed, Mr. Squyres advised that was not being a very neighbor that they were closer to the residential area in Jacinto city than Galena Park. Mr. Squyres call attention to the flare they had near the road and what could happen if it went off while someone was driving by and that we would be getting a lot of calls. City Manager Squyres stated that he had talked with Mr. John Moore at GPSD and they had not know about the well and he had also talked with Mr. DeFoyd, the site was in Galena Park but impact us. The Oil company advised that the initial fracking had already taken place and they were waiting to see if it was going to be a viable well. Mr. Squyres stated that he wanted this on record in case something happened down the road.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that the Port of Houston's real estate division was leasing the property to the oil company.**

**There was general discussion about the impact this could have on us.**

**Council Member Garcia ask if there was a meeting we could go to and protest this.**

**Mr. Squyres advised that they have board meetings just like we have council meetings and they could talk to HCMCA's representative to the**

**Port Commission, Don Carlos at the next Harris County Mayor and Council meeting.**

**There was no Unfinished Business.**

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Council to change October 10, 2019 Council Meeting to Monday October 7, 2019 due to TML Conference**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to change October 10, 2019 Council Meeting to Monday October 7, 2019 due to TML conference.**

**Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

- 2. First reading of Ordinance 2019-4 Adopting a Budget for FY 2019/2020.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve Ordinance 2019-4 adopting a budget for 2019/2020 on the first reading. Vote 5 For 0 Against (Mayor Diaz polled the Council)**

- 3. Emilie Zalfini to present presentation on National League of Cities Service Line Program.**

**Ms. Zalfini gave a short bio on her company, Utility Services Partners Inc. and what they provided. She stated that they wanted to partner with the city to make citizens realize they are responsible for repairs to water and sewer lines on their side of the property and discussed the insurance they provided to cover these repairs, etc..**

**Council Member Rivas stated that some of these houses are 70 years old and what did they have to do to qualify and was the replacement up to code.**

**There was discussion on the cost of the insurance and what was covered.**

**City Manager Squyres said that we were mandated to do an SSO program on sewer lines in the city and if we find a problem we would have to tell the resident it was their responsibility to repair their line. Mr. Squyres stated that City Attorney DeFoyd had a couple of issues with the contract and we needed to discuss this with him and that would Give her an opportunity to get answers to some of our questions.**

**4. City Manager to present Investment Report**

**City Manager Squyres went over the Investment Report by type and fund holding Investments and commended Kathy Greiner on handling the investment report.**

**5. Council approval of Investment Policy**

**Mr. Squyres advised that the Investment Policy had not changed.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve the Investment Policy as presented.**

**6. Council to amend Budget Code 32-6946 in the amount of \$34,900 for replacement and repair of water line on Market St.**

**City Manager Squyres explained the problem with the water line, stating that it served two dialysis centers, a hotel and several restaurants and there would be a lot of point repairs and Kyle had recommended that we get it repaired.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Rivas to amend the budget in the amount of**

**\$34,900 for the repair of the water line. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

- 7. Council approval of BRH-Gareby LLC for replacement and repair of water line on Market St.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and second by Council Member Garcia to approve BRH-Gareby LLC for repair to water line on Market St.. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

- 8. Proclamation Proclaiming Tuesday, October 1, 2019 as National Night Out in Jacinto City.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Lee. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

- 9. Council authorization to amend Budget Code 25-6941 in the amount of \$13,000 for upgrade on city hall roof.**

**City Manager Squyres advise that after starting repairs on the roof, they found some additional problems with the gutters and it would also include roof repairs at the annex.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and Seconded by Council Member Garcia to authorize amending Budget Code 25-6941 in the amount of \$13,000 for upgrade Of city hall roof.**

- 10. Council authorization to issue RFQ for engineering services related to CDBG Harvey Recovery Program.**

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**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to table issuing the RFQ for engineering services. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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**Robert Hernandez, 10721 Lane Street, ask about the fracking they had discussed earlier, would it be during certain hours or 24/7, and how would they transport the oil.**

**City Manager Squyres stated it would be 24/7 and he had ask and they said they would transport by truck and we plan to make them go through Galena Park, we were talking with City Attorney DeFoyd about this.**

**Mr. Hernandez ask if the program the lady had talked about on the water and sewer lines be an exclusive contract or could other companies compete.**

**Mr. Squyres stated that it was an non exclusive contract but other companies would have to come to City Council and no other companies had approached us, they have just sent letter to the residents making it look as if they are working with the city.**

**Rebecca stated that our zip code didn't have anything like this and also Reminded everyone that Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> was Market Night.**

**Mayor Diaz ask Rebecca to work on the food truck for the Pumpkin Festival, she would like to have them lined up down Mercury Drive and would like to do this once a month.**

**Alonso Castaneda stated that his scout troop was selling popcorn for \$10.00 a bag and Ms. Carmela had encouraged him to come back and speak to the council and he thanked them for letting him speak.**

**Mr. Jimmy Berry, 11009 Flaxman, stated that he had lived in Jacinto City since 1951 and was a Scout Master for a lot of years and this was a very worth while project. He stated that he could tell by his rank that he had a way to go yet, that he had two sons that were Eagle Scouts. He thanked Alonso for his service to the Scouts.**

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**Mayor Diaz announced that Sylvia Kee's brother had passed away last week and to please remember Sylvia in their Prayers.**

**City Manager Squyres stated there has been a change in the law during the last session to where citizens have to have an opportunity to comment on items on the council agenda before they are voted on so he wanted to give them a heads up that on future agendas comments from the public would be at the first of the agenda.**

**Mayor Diaz ask if we would still let them speak at the end of the agenda and he advised that she could if she wanted to.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Rivas stated that he wanted Mr. Berry to realize that he was happy to see him come and present himself and to see that he was involved with scouts, he could see that he would be a good influence, that he always enjoyed talking with him.**

**Mr. Berry ask Rebecca when the next market was and when would the brewery be there.**

**Rebecca advised the Market was September 14<sup>th</sup> but the brewery would be at the Market on October 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Council Member Rivas reminded everyone that tomorrow was Friday 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**Council Member Robinson cautioned everyone to be careful and have a good time. He also advised that the County was now in the city paving Streets.**

**Council Member Lee commented on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, thanked everyone for coming out and God Bless.**

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**Council Member Garcia stated that she was happy to see Alonso come up and speak, that he sounded great today and that his service in scouts was just like government.**

**Council Member Gonzales thanked everyone for coming out.**

**Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

**Joyce Raines  
City Secretary**