

PUBLIC HEARING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019, 5:30 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in Special Session on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. for the second and final Public Hearing on the proposed budget for 2019/2020 with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Rivas absent due to illness and City Attorney DeFoyd arrive after roll call.

Mayor Diaz turned the meeting over to City Manager Squyres.

City Manager Squyres advised that the good news was that there was no tax increase, that there was some improvement in revenue and in spite of the new law on the tax cap we were still 3 ½% above the roll back rate, there was no impact on us.

Mr. Squyres stated that the anticipated revenue for the general fund was \$8,520,986.00 and went over the projected expenditures for each department, stating that expenditures were projected at \$8,233,826.97 leaving income less expenditures at \$287,158.03.

He advised that income in the I&S fund was \$491,250.00 with expenditures of \$491,550.00.

Income from the Water Fund was \$2,541,215.00 with expenditures of \$2,507,615.35 leaving income less expenditures of \$33,599.65.

Mr. Squyres stated that one change in the budget was that he removed the flag pole for the fire department from the proposed budget and was Purchasing it out of the current budget.

Council Member Lee ask about the pipeline fees and City Manager Squyres advised that was two different fees, there was a \$1,500.00 fee when they apply for the permit and \$500.00 fee per year.

There was general discussion about the fees charged.

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Council Member Gonzales ask who set the fees and City Manager Squyres there was a cap on what fees could be charged, that pipelines were controlled by the Railroad Commission.

There was discussion on possible ways to hold the pipelines responsible for the damages they do while installing the lines.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:47 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Rivas absent due to illness.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 4 For 0 Against.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala reminded everyone that Tuesday, October 1st was National Night Out and that five parties were being hosted and gave the locations. He advised that they had been having some burglaries in the neighborhoods and around 24 hour fitness and cautioned everyone to be aware of their surroundings and report any unusual activities.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, stated that he was glad to be back, was still part time and he wanted to thank everyone for their thoughts and Prayers. He stated that he was very thankful for the insurance provided by the city, it was great. Kyle stated the mosquito truck was

ready to be on the street but he was out of mosquito spray and over budget but needed to order spray tomorrow.

Mr. Reed advised that the water line on Market Street was completed on Tuesday night, he had not received any complaints, it had gone well and the contractor had done a good job.

Mayor Diaz ask what the status for completion with paving on Lane street.

Kyle advise they had started on Fairfax today and he understood that they would move to Lane after that, that this was a County project.

Ivan Rojas, Park and Recreation Director, announced that they would have the Pumpkin Fest on October 26th with a movie at dark. He also advised that the Food Bank would be at Town Center tomorrow from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, stated they were keeping the senior's busy. She advised that she had received a call from Congress Woman Lee ask how many turkey they would need this year and she told her a 100, that last year they had received 75 but we have more people now. She stated that they would be taking the seniors to the Opry in Pasadena tomorrow.

There was discussion about the open house at the Library and City Manager stated that he went by and they had a good crowd.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diaz stated that the Homecoming Parade for Galena Park High School was on Monday, October 21st at 5:30 p.m. and they had ask if the council wanted to put a float in the parade, there was discussion about possibly using the Heritage Hall Bus. Mayor Diaz advised that they were having a big event at Dement Field after the parade.

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City Manager Squyres stated that October 25th was the Employee Appreciation Dinner.

He was advised that was the Galena Park Homecoming game and he stated we would have to look at another date for the appreciation dinner.

City Manager Squyers stated that we had learned that for the design on the water project on the North side of Market Street that our long standing engineers may be excluded from the contract this year.

He reminded everyone that October 12th was Market Night and that Spindle Top Brewery would be at the market.

He advised that he was taking a couple of days off but would be back for National Night Out and they could reach him by phone if he was needed.

There was discussion on food trucks and that in order to get them for events they wanted a guarantee that they would make a certain amount or the city would have to pay the difference and we couldn't do that.

Shannon Lopez, our representative from Waste Management, advised the Mayor and Council that she would not see them at TML this year, due to a prior commitment so she wanted to stop by and make sure all was going well with the waste collection and to remind them to be sure and stop by their booth at TML and the reception at the Alamo on Wednesday.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Second and Final reading of Ordinance 2019-4 adopting a budget for FY 2019/2020**

Mayor Diaz polled the council and the vote was 4 For 0 Against

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Resolution 2019-5R setting tax rate for City of Jacinto City for FY 2019/2020**

City Manager Squyres advised that there was no increase in the tax rate, it was the same as last year, \$0.783554/\$100.

Mayor Diaz polled the Council and the vote was 4 For 0 Against

- 2. Resolution 2019-6R Nominating a Candidate for a position on the Board of Directors of the Harris County Appraisal District.**

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee approving Resolution 2019-6R nominating Mike Sullivan as a candidate to the Harris County Appraisal District. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

- 3. Council to authorize 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:

Donna Dailey, 1701 Chasen, stated that she wanted to commend the Waste Management driver on her route, that he always had a smile and if you were trying to get something out for trash he would get out of his truck and help you and was always pleasant about it.

Ms. Dailey ask how many inches of rain we received during the last rain and was advised 21". She said they didn't have any flooding and

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she wanted to thank the city for doing a good job to keep flooding at a minimum and she was glad to live in Jacinto City.

Robert Hernandez, 10721 Lane Street, ask Mr. Reed how many water pumps the city had.

Mr. Reed stated that we had two water pumps, but we have to be careful where we pump and be sure we don't flood anyone.

There was discussion on the water pumps and how they were used and Mr. Hernandez ask if we implemented them during the recent rains and were we pleased with them.

Mr. Reed stated the pumps were for water leaks not floods.

Constable Chris Diaz, Pct. 2, commended the Mayor and Council on doing a good job in the city and he was glad to see Kyle back. He advised that they were hosting to National Night Out parties and would have units throughout the district, he cautioned to everyone to be safe.

Constable Diaz stated that he had hosted his first campaign meet and greet last night and that he would need and appreciate their support in 2020.

Mayor Diaz reminded everyone that we would host National Night Out at City Hall.

Council Member Robinson thanked all the employees for the good job they did during the storm.

Council Member Lee said thanks to everyone and God Bless.

Council Member Garcia thanked everyone for coming out and commended the staff on taking care of the city. Council Member

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Gonzales thanked Public Works for doing an outstanding job during the recent rain.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

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**