

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; 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 Rivas to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

There were no Department Head reports.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres discussed the coronavirus, stating that we get a report every morning from the Governor and CBC so we get information About testing, health habits, etc. and that the City of Houston was urging to not meet in gathering of more than 250 people.

He advised that we were going to keep Heritage Hall open as long as we can and if it became necessary to close, we would deliver meals to them or they could drive by and pick them up. He stated that if Houston closed their centers we would probably have people coming in from other places and we would not have the meals to provide them.

Mr. Squyres advise that he had gotten with the J. C. Nursing home and they were cutting back on visitations and would scan people coming in.

He stated that our EMS had always been a part of Set Track and they have a set of plans to handle situations like this and that hospitals had plans established as well.

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He advised that China has approximately 80,000 cases with only 39 deaths and they seem to be leveling off.

He advised that this region started planning in January and was going to take precautions and try to control the virus.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robert Hernandez, 10721 Lane St. stated that he had a couple of questions, that down close to Maxie there was a poker room and he wanted to know if Jacinto City had any thing that would prevent this happening in Jacinto City and also a gaming room.

He was advised that Jacinto City had an Ordinance prohibiting game room.

Rebecca Mier reminded everyone that Market By Night was this Saturday from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., that they had a lot of vendors coming in, one new pizza vendor and Kelly Chambers would be the entertainment. She invited everyone to come out and join them.

Wayne Nichols, 11502 Lane, stated that the Resolution on the agenda would not have anything to do with polling places for the primary or run off elections, that the County had nothing to do with them, those were set by the parties.

Dee Maner, 10249 Wiggins, stated that she watched Dr. Oz and he taught her how to wash her hands and that he said to use the mask from Home Depot, not the surgical mask and she ask Lon why they would not Work.

He advised that it had something to do with the way they fit.

Ms. Maner stated that Wayne knew what he was talking about, he had been working elections for years but we sure needed a polling location In our city.

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City Attorney DeFoyd stated that this Resolution was directed to all election officials for Harris County.

Luisa Perez stated that she was done with politics, we need polling places in Jacinto City, that she had made a lot of trips taking people to vote.

Ms. Perez advised that the Little League was still discussing whether they will have their opening day parade on March 21st , that they would let them know.

Ivan Rojas, Park & Recreation, stated that he just received an e-mail saying they wanted to cancel the parade and just have the games and had ask if the city could help with hand washing stations.

City Manager Squyres advised that he was sure we could work out something.

Mayor Diaz stated that everyone else had cancelled their Easter Egg Hunt and we would be discussing this.

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Submittals of RFQ for Northline Water Mains and Fire Protection Design Project for Jacinto City Will be received and publicly read.**

City Manager Squyres advised that the process on this was submittal of their qualifications to perform the work and all we would be doing was opening the submittal and verifying that they had provided a bid bond and we would have a group to go over the them and that Harris County CDBG would have a group to do the same and out of the submittals received we would narrow it down to two and then set up interview of With these firms.

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The following Engineering Firms submitted qualification and each provide a bid bond. LJA Engineering, Blackline Engineering, Civiltech Engineering and Kit Professionals, Inc.

City Manager Squyres stated the Council would need to table this item for review:

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Garcia to table submittals of the RFQ on the North Side Water Line Project for review. Vote 5 For 0 Against

- 2. Resolution 2020-5R Requesting Harris County Clerk's Office to locate a polling place in Jacinto City for all future elections.**

City Attorney Defoyd Read the Resolution.

Council Member Robinson ask if we should include something about the election the parties picking the poles. City Attorney DeFoyd said this covered all election parties and Mr. Squyres stated that he would like for it to include State parties.

There was discussion on why there were no poles in the city and Mr. Nichols stated that he called Harris County and they told him they were not going to have any poles in Jacinto City.

City Attorney DeFoyd made some corrections to the wording of the Resolution and the Resolution was signed by the Mayor and each Council Member.

- 3. Police Department to present Racial Profiling Report for 2019**

Lt. Longrigg presented the Racial Profiling Report for 2019 and stated that the 2019 report had no complaints on the department.

Mayor Diaz ask Mr. Perez, from the Public Works Department, if he had

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anything to comment on and he stated that we needed to address the mosquito problem.

City Manager Squyres advised that the Rabies Clinic was scheduled for April 18th, Senior Olympics April 20th and the Tire Roundup was May 9th.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas stated that he could not keep up with the media on all the stuff on the corona virus and God Bless Everyone

Council Member Robinson advised everyone to be careful, wash your hands and take care.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, stated that they were going to take the seniors to Galveston but the event was cancelled but they would keep doing the local trips and their attendance was down a little.

Council Member Lee advised everyone to take precautions, don't worry there was nothing to be gained by panic.

Council Member Garcia stated that Lon was going to Big Bass at 9:00 a.m. in the morning. She questioned what our match was on the water line replacement project and was advised that it was 25%.

She stated that Jacinto City Water was great, that the cases of the virus are great but the deaths are few and she agreed with the Little League about cancelling the parade.

Council Member Gonzales ask what work was being done on the water tower and was advised that it was T-Mobile working on their equipment there. He ask if the sample point had been installed on the water tank and Bernardo advised that it had already been done.

Mayor Diaz advised that the kids would be out of school for spring break to be sure and watch for them.

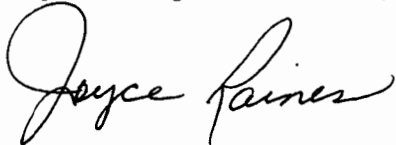
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She also advised that Galena Park High School Principal Ms. Martin became Dr. Martin.

Mayor Diaz stated they would make a decision on cancelling the Little League Parade and Easter Egg Hunt and let everyone know.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:57 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 the printed name and title.

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**