

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 11, 2020
6:00 P.M**

PRAYER: Council Member Lee

Pledge of Allegiance: All

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session 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 arrived after roll call.

Mayor Diaz called for a motion related to the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion: Robinson

Second: Garcia

Vote: 5/0

Reports of Officers, Employees and Committees:

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, Thanked the Mayor and Council, Members of City Hall Staff and Police Officers for helping with Home-Bound Meal deliveries. She advised that a member of her staff had been exposed to the virus and they all had to be tested and remain at home until they received their results. She also stated that they were now delivering 5 pack frozen dinners for the congregate meals.

Elizabeth advised that she had received a call from the State and they stated they hoped to reopen centers in August.

Mayor Diaz stated the seniors were ready to come back, she stated they had discussed letting them start back on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with 8 People at a time. Mayor Diaz announced that they would have another food Distribution at Town Center on June 18th

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, passed on his report.

Chief Mier passed on her report.

Ivan Rojas, Parks & Recreation Director, advised that he was working with the little league trying to get them back on the field, that the organization has a lot of rules that they have to comply with and concessions would be held to a minimum. He advised that the fields were open to just come out and pitch the ball around.

Ivan advised they only sell certain things in the concession stand but maybe they could follow the guide lines and start practice, that we had to see that they complied with guide lines for safety.

Mayor Diaz stated that Galena Park had already started.

Ivan stated that we would start it if we can, that we had to look out for safety.

Chief Ayala stated that he wanted to say that his officers had been busy and they have the full support of the community. He stated they expect the officers to be above reproach in conduct, etc., and they will do anything they can to help the community. He also advised that they were experiencing a high rate of theft, to be careful and watch their surroundings.

Mayor Diaz commented the officers for always wearing their mask when they get out of their vehicles and ask the Chief to thank them for her.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres commented on the Fire and Police Department, saying that he rode an ambulance for 30 years and that most people arrested in small towns are not criminals and they don't take chances with life, we have a very diverse police department and have a good reputation and we don't take that for granted.

He advised that the County was letting up on playground equipment and then the County Judge came out with more controversy. There was discussion of business and community cooperation.

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Luisa Perez, 1506 Cheston stated they were trying to open the Little League and so far they haven't had any complaints about reimbursement of fees. She ask Lon if they were still going to be able to get a wash station.

City Manager Squyres advised they were working with the President of the League, he would submit a list of what they need, he was their contact and they would work with him and there were rules regarding concession stands.

Luisa they were just having chips, etc., the cops were doing a great job and she was glad to see everyone in the room tonight.

Donna Dailey, 1701 Cheston, stated that she appreciated the police department, that she had lived in a different area where it took one hour for the police to arrive and that was why she moved back to Jacinto City and sometimes there were unfortunate incidents on the news. We were fortunate to live in Jacinto City because of the Fire Department and the Police Department, that she appreciated everyone in this town and all they have done with all the food drives.

Mayor Diaz advised that there would be a food distribution at Lady of Fatima Church in Galena Park tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

There was no UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, to present 2019 Consumer Confidence Report:**

Mr. Reed stated that he wanted to let them know that they were spraying for mosquitoes three nights a week to please call in complaints if they were having problems with mosquitoes.

Mayor Diaz ask if he could spray for termites and Mr. Reed said he didn't spray for termites but maybe he would go into that business when he retired in May.

Mr. Reed presented the 2019 Consumer Confidence Report stating that it was on the city's website, that we had good drinking water, we had no violations and City of Houston had no violations, copies of the report could be picked up at City Hall or contact him at the public works facility and he would see that they received a copy of the report. He stated that this year we had to report on water loss that we can't account for and that was only 9% which was very good.

Mayor Diaz said to drink city water and save money.

2. Council to approve Resolution 2020-6R approving the submission of Texas Governor's Office Coronavirus Emergency Funding (CESE)

City Manager Squyres explained that anytime there was a Federal disaster Cities were allowed to apply for grants, that after Hurricane Ike we received Seven million plus for replacements and repairs and after Harvey five million plus which we were using for the wastewater treatment plant but this grant application was to offset the police department expenses. He advised that we would possibly be putting off some capital expenditures.

City Attorney DeFoyd read Resolution 2020-6R.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the Resolution. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

3. Council approval of agreement between Jacinto City and LJA Engineering, Inc. for professional service

City Manager Squyres stated this was for the Northside Water Line and the sewer plant design and survey, that we had a contract with LJA but Harris County wanted a current one and it was time for us to update.

Council Member Robinson questioned Item 1.5.6 in the contract and did that mean they were not going to be liable, that he wanted to be sure we protected our self.

City Manager Squyres and City Attorney DeFoyd explained the legal terminology and it was much the same as the previous contract.

Council Member Lee ask why did the County request this.

Council Member Rivas stated that he agreed with Council Member Robinson, we had not done well with recent projects and at the end it would have gone better if we had p project manager.

Council Member Gonzales ask if we could go out and hire an overseer.

City Manager Squyres advised that the County had an engineer who inspected and was very good, that he had worked on a lot of jobs with us and Kyle and Bernardo did inspections as well as LJA.

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve the contract with LJA Engineering. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

4. Council to confirm Donavan Christopher Hall as a full time Police Officer.

Chief Ayala gave a short bio on Mr. Hall, stating that he recommended that they hire him as a full time Jacinto City Police Officer, that he had completed all of his TECLOS requirements.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to confirm Mr. Hall as a Jacinto City Police Officer.

Mayor Diaz administered the Oath of Office, presented him with his badge and welcomed him to the city.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas welcomed Officer Hall to the city and ask him where was his favorite vacation place and Officer Hall replied San Marcos. Council Member Rivas advised that when he makes his way home, he gets to see a lot of stuff going on, that he has worked in a lot of cities and they don't have it anywhere as good, that you had to love it,, if you see something, say something, we will take care of it.

Council Member Robinson welcomed Officer Hall aboard, and like JJ said, he would see them all around the city, that he was born and raised here.

Council Member Lee advised that as they were leaving church last night, they heard the mosquito truck and everyone wanted to wait and say hi to the mosquito truck.. He stated that he wanted to brag on the Police Department, Fire Department and everyone else.

Council Member Garcia welcomed Office Hall into the family and ask him what his plans were.

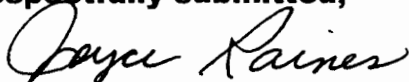
Officer Hall stated that he wanted to learn and grow and gave a short bio of his life to date.

Council Member Garcia stated the Public Works Department does a great job but they need to get more calls coming in to justify mosquito spraying, she advised that the 2020 census was still going on and encourage everyone to register and thanked all the department heads for what they do.

Council Member Gonzales welcomed Officer Hall and like JJ said, everyone here was willing to help him.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce Raines, City Secretary