

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

JULY 9, 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, Rivas and Gonzales; City Manger Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines.

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

Motion: Robinson

Second: Rivas

Vote: 5/0

Reports of Officers, Employees and Committees:

Chief Ayala advised that there have been complaints about the homeless under the freeway and he made some phone calls to HPD and will be meeting with them to get this resolved.

Mayor Diaz stated there had been a lot of negative comments on social media about the city not doing enough during this pandemic but she said we are doing as much as possible.

Bernardo Perez from Public Works stated they have been busy.

Ivan Rojas – Parks and Recreation Director advised that they were

keeping parks mowed and clean. He also stated that on Thursday, July 16th there would be a food fair at town center at 11:00 a.m.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, reported they are still delivering meals and the seniors can get portable a/c units from AAA and can get help with electric bill.

City Manager Squyres commented on the pandemic and reported that we get daily updates from TML.

City Manager Squyres introduced Fidel Martinez the new code enforcement officer. There were discussions about his duties and his background and everyone welcomed him to Jacinto City.

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2020-1 declaring Unopposed candidates in the November 3, 2020 City election, Elected to office; cancelling the election; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.**

Motion: Rivas

Second: Garcia

Vote: 5/0

New Business:

- 1. Council to appoint Mayor Pro Tem**

Motion: Councilmember Lee to appoint Councilmember Gonzales

Second: Garcia

Vote: 5/0

**2. Council action on Variance Board recommendations for:
11201 Verano, 10602 East Freeway, 10324 Palestine, 10430
Pillot and 1002 Mercury/10222 Rumar**

City Manager Squyres explained that 11201 Verano had built his fence four feet in the city right of way and the board had recommended to not allow it.

Motion: Rivas

Second: Garcia

Vote: 5/0

City Manager Squyres stated that 10602 East Freeway wanted to sell used cars at the same address of his tire shop. He stated that state law prohibits this from happening so they did not need to vote on this.

City Manager Squyres stated 10430 Pillot had poured a driveway approach incorrectly and the board recommended not to allow it.

Motion: Garcia

Second: Rivas

Vote: 5/0

City Manager Squyres stated that 10324 Palestine had cancelled his request for a variance hearing and 1022 Mercury/10222 Rumar did not require a variance hearing as well.

The Mayor and Council thanked city workers for all they do and thanked everyone for coming out to meeting.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**