

**COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY AUGUST 13, 2020, 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee and Garcia; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Mayor Diaz was out of the city.**

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

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

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, advised that the mosquito machine was down, the part should be here in the morning and we hoped to have it back on the street tomorrow night.**

**Mr. Reed announced that a longtime employee, who had retired several years ago, Mr, Louis Reed had passed away on Tuesday and services were to be on Saturday and we did not have the final arrangements yet.**

**Council Member Rivas ask if we were reaching out to the family and was advised that the city was sending flowers.**

**Chief Ayala reported that they were working on the gun range here in the city due to the difficulties they had with other ranges. He stated that we have 21 registered sex offenders here in the city, some were here before the ordinance was passed and if they move out they can not move back in. He advised that 3 were deceased, 1 was deported and 1 was in jail. He stated they were having a lot of burglaries of motor**

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**vehicle, etc. and they were doing what they could to take of the issues. He advised the citizens to secure their property.**

**Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation director, stated that they were staying busy and that Pre-school registration for 3 and 4 year old children was on August 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director had no report.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales stated that Mayor Diaz was out of town and there was no report.**

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

**City Manager Squyres stated that he was glad that Chief Ayala had mentioned sex offenders registered here in the city and talked about the Council and City Attorney who had wisely passed this Ordinance when they did because the Legislators are trying to take away Home Rule Charter Cities right to pass Ordinances.**

**Mr. Squyres called attention to a large sign on Mercury that stated they were starting the Hike and Bike Train and he called to see why we had not been advised and he was invited to attending a meeting tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. in Galena Park at the ball field.**

**Mr. Squyres advised that a tentative food distribution was supposed to be at Town Center next week, they would let us know for sure later.**

**Mr. Squyres advised that flu vaccinations for city employees would be on Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at city hall.**

**City Manager Squyres reported on the COVIN-19 virus, stating that we have several employees that have been out with the virus and that Jacinto City had a total of 182 cases so far and 57 of those were at the**

**nursing home, 56 had recovered and 7 had passed away. He also that advised that Galena Park had 259 cases so far and South Houston 420.**

**He also advised that the city gets a report from the Health Department every day but we can't give out the addresses and usually shortly after you will see neighbors around that address that are infected which tells us that they are not following recommendations for social distancing, etc. that when we are at work we wear mask and do social distancing and are sending letters out with payroll tomorrow to remind employees not to let their guard down when they get home.**

**Mr. Squyres advised the Council that GrantWorks, Inc. had requested that we have a Special Meeting on Monday, August 24' 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to award the RFQ that had been solicited to assist the city in its application for (CBDG-MIT) funding from the Texas General Land Office, It would be the only item on the agenda.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Donna Dailey, 1701 Chazen, stated that she was sorry to hear about Louis Reed and that a former resident Otis Young has passed away with COVID-19.**

**Ms. Daily stated that one of her neighbors had stopped her as she was coming to the meeting, stating that she had been walking by 1601 Chazen and the dog had stuck his head through the fence and bit her, that she had talked to Kyle and he was going to check it out and she had been trying to work with the owners but they were not working with her.**

**City Manager Squyres stated they would look into it.**

**Ms. Dailey ask what type of sex offenders do we have here and Chief Ayala discussed the different types.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that she could go to the city website and check the sex offender list and that most of the one living in the city was here before the Ordinance was passes and the Ordinance made it very difficult for them to move into the city now.**

**There was no unfinished business.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. First Reading of Ordinance 2020-2 Adopting a Budget for FY 2020/2021**

**A Motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve Ordinance 2020-2 adopting the Budget for FY 2020/2021 on the first reading. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

- 2. City Council to vote to ratify the proposed budget for FY 2020/2021**

**A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Garcia to ratify the budget which would increases the revenue over last year. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

- 3. City Council to issue RFP for street and drainage repair.**

**City Manager Squyres ask Public Works Director Kyle Reed to discuss the project.**

**Mr. Reed stated that at first He has estimated the job at \$160,000 but that won't work because he left the hauling of the concrete out but he thinks he can get the job done for what is in the budget. He advised that Council Members Lee, Gonzales and Robinson had gone over the streets with him and they had picked out the worst spots that needed repair and people would complain, everyone thought it should be their street. He stated that a mandatory bid meeting was scheduled next Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the Police.**

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**There was general discussion about the project and Mr. Reed stated they were using Harris County specs.**

**The question was brought up as to what we would do if the project was over budget or was not finished by the end of September.**

**Mr. Squyres stated the way we would handle the bid if it came over was to use value engineering, and if the job was not finished, the funds would have to be encumbered.**

**Council Member Robinson stated that maybe we could do alternate bids on the jobs and that he did not show square feet and he wanted to know how much the cost was by square foot.**

**Mr. Reed advised that concrete was priced by square yards.**

**Council Member Rivas said they knew how he felt, he wanted a project manager to oversee the project and if they do a good job on the first go with it and if they don't go to the next.**

**Council Member Robinson questioned the PSI, that it said one thing one place and something else in another so how would we know what they were bidding on.**

**Mr, Reed stated that it would be 5000 PSI and this would be brought up at the Mandatory pre bid meeting.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that we would get LJA to proof the specs to make sure they are in line and he had no doubt about Kyle's capability to manage the project.**

**Council Member Garcia ask could we carry part of the project over to the next year.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that yes we could and explained what we would have to do.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve issuing a RFP for street and drainage repairs. Vote: 4 For 0 Against**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Council Member Rivas stated that he would like to talk about the gun range, that if any property ever became available for sale he would like to see the city buy it and build our own gun range and maybe rent out to other agencies.**

**Council Member Robinson stated that would be a lot of liability.**

**Council Member Rivas stated that he was sitting home and thought about Parks and Recreation having a drive in movie where they sit in their cars and watch the movie and wondered if we could do this and talked with Gregg about it, the council could discuss it and see what we could do. He stated that he did not know Mr. Louis Reed but thanked him for all he did for the city, to love your neighbor and God Bless.**

**Council Member Robinson stated that he knew Mr. Reed and that he was with the city for a long time. He stated that he and his wife had been walking around the park a lot during the problems with COVIN-19 and there were a lot of people using the parks and that was good to see.**

**Council Member Lee thanked Joe for the information about the sex offenders, that it was a lot better than what you see on face book, He announced that there would be a food fair at Calvary Baptist Church at 10346 Fairfax on Saturday and God Bless everyone.**

**Council Member Garcia ask about the meeting on the Hike and Bike trail and could anyone attend.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that it was by invitation only.**

**Council Member Garcia ask if the trail would be lighted.**

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**Mr. Squyres stated that he would let them know after the meeting on Friday but on the original plans it was not.**

**Council Member Garcia ask if the mosquito truck would be out tonight and was advised not tonight hopefully tomorrow.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales thank everyone for coming out and adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m..**

**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

**Joyce Raines  
City Secretary**