

**COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY OCTOBER 8, 2020, 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Robinson, Lee and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Members Rivas and Garcia arrived after roll call.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to approved the minutes as presented. Vote: 3 For 0 Against**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

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

**Chief Ayala advised that we had lost a longtime resident of the city, Mr. Henry Duran who lived on Muscatine St., was 96 years old and had been involved with a lot of activities in the city. He ask that everyone keep the family in their prayers.**

**The Chief stated that October 1 – through October 31 was Breast Cancer Month and that he had passed out stickers provided by Sacalo Racing and who was doing a car show as a fund raising event and they have a business here in the city.**

**The Chief presented a monthly report on Traffic and Crime Arrest, Investigations, calls for service, citations, etc.**

**The Chief advised that Kyra, our K-9 was approaching retirement and had been a real asset to the city and we would be getting another one and was working on it now, it would be at no expense to the tax payers, it would be paid out of the drug seizure fund.**

**Chief Ayala stated that he would have a new officer on the next agenda, Magdalena Hernandez, who was now in communications and Mr. Hall Was no longer with the city.**

**Chief Ayala stated that we presently have 230 students attending Jacinto City Elementary out of 750 total enrollment and we were not enforcing the 1 way in the school zone at the present time.**

**Mayor Diaz advised that she had phone calls about what we were going to do about the hot dogs that we usually have at National Night Out and She told them that due to COVID-19 we would not be having National Night Out.**

**Chief Ayala stated that maybe we could do something at a later date.**

**Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, advised that the concrete job on Tila was done and they did a very good job, the only complaint we received was why didn't we do more. He advised that most of the cones had been removed, that we had a storm coming and cautioned residents about removing things from their yard that could become flying objects and that they would be cleaning drains.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that Public Works was doing an excellent job spraying for mosquitoes.**

**Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation director advised that they were working on having the food truck next week and it would probably be on Thursday, they would put it on the Marque.**

**Mayor Diaz commented on all the items they had given out at the Hygiene Products give away.**

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**City Manager Squyres advised that Mr. Duran was the grandfather of two of our city employees, Fire Chief Rebecca Mier and Debbie Martinez who worked at Heritage Hall and they was why Rebecca was not here tonight. He advised that we were predicted to have some colder weather coming in so to be careful when you turn on your heater and if you smell something call the fire department so they can check it out.**

**City Manager Squyres discussed the CDBG-MIT Grants that we were applying for which would be through The General Land Office and that one was for approximately \$5,600,000 to be applied to the wastewater treatment plant and the second would be for city wide drainage problems. He advised there was a very short time frame to get the applications in and the firm, Grantworks, that we had contracted with to do the application had ask the Council to have a special meeting to meet with them to discuss the package and we were fortunate to have a Mayor and Council to work with us on this.**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

**Wayne Nichols, 11502 Lane, advised that early voting would start on October 13th and end on October 30<sup>th</sup> and one of the locations in Jacinto City would be the Jacinto City Gym for early voting and election day, and gave a list of other locations and advised there would also be drive through voting locations.**

**Luisa Perez ask why the JC Market got to participate and they didn't get to have the pumpkin fest, why did the market get special treatment when the kids didn't.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that the Council couldn't cancel Halloween, that all we were not having was the Pumpkin Fest because we could not do it safely, that they could still pass out candy if they chose to do so but we had to be careful, we have to be sure it is safe, we are responsible for the whole city and what we do depends on the count at the time and it is still weeks away.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that we were not having the Christmas Parade or activities at the Town Center, that with the crowds we have on Market Street and at Town Center there was no way we could make it safe and We would not have the groups helping that we usually have.**

**Ms. Perez ask about having a car parade, that a lot of people had ask her about this, like they did for graduation.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that any group can apply for a parade permit and discussed how it would be reviewed. He stated that we have had 450 people in the city that had contacted the virus and the rules set by the County and State will govern what the city has to comply with.**

**Council Member Lee stated that she had ask a question about the Market and no one had answered it and he would like to know.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that it was a very small event, mostly adults and outside where as the pumping fest was mostly children running all around, it was like comparing apples and oranges.**

**Ms. Perez stated that she had another question, who has people knocking on their door at 4:00 a.m. in the morning, that she goes outside and there are no cops anywhere.**

**Ms. Donna Dailey says that she sees the cops out.**

**Chief Ayala says the officer are out but the kids see lights and they hide.**

**Mayor Diaz advised that Galena Park Middle School starts back on October 13<sup>th</sup> and the High School starts back on the 19<sup>th</sup> .**

**There was no Unfinished Business.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. First Reading of Ordinance 2020-4 Amending Chapter 10, Utilities Sec 5E Garbage Collection Fees.**

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**A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve Ordinance 2020-4 on the first reading. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

**Council Member Gonzales excused himself, stating that he had received an emergency text.**

**2. Resolution 2020-11R designating a representative and alternate to HGAC General Assembly**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to nominate Council Member Garcia as Representative and Council Member Gonzales as Alternate to HCAD General Assembly. Vote 4 For 0 Against**

**3. Council authorization to sell the attached list of surplus equipment using govdeals.net**

**City Manager Squyres advised that this method of selling surplus equipment has been very successful, we did not have to advertise in the paper and receive the bid, the did it all for us and on the 4 vehicles we recently auctioned we made over \$5,000 and went over the equipment that was on the list to be auctioned if they authorized it.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to authorize using govdeals.net to sell the equipment. Vote: 4 For 0 Against**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Rivas expressed condolences to Mr. Duran's family. He stated that knowing about knocking on doors at 4:00 a.m. in the morning reminded him of something that happened about 15 years ago, all the neighbors knew what was going on, kids playing and running around and one of the kids was just visiting and not familiar with the houses and started banging on the wrong door and the home owner shot through the door and kill the child so if you see kids out doing this sort of thing call the police, we have a curfew up to 17 years of age.**

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**Chief Ayala said to definitely call the police, this could lead to something bad, that adult shouldn't even be out that late.**

**Council Member Robinson expressed his condolence to Rebecca and Debbie and cautioned everyone to be careful and stay safe.**

**Council Member Lee cautioned everyone to be safe and keep an eye on the weather and God Bless.**

**Council Member Garcia cautioned everyone to be safe and reminded them this is Fire Prevention Week. She stated the Market By Night had plenty of space and to be sure and come out on Saturday, a local artist would be performing and she was very good and there was room for social distancing.**

**Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

**Joyce Raines  
City Secretary**

SCAG Mower - Seriel # D7101181

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Unit 21	2008 Ford CVP 4 Door	2FAFP71V08X151318
Unit 27	2010 Ford CVP 4 Door	2FABP7BVXAX119494
Unit 22	2008 Ford CVP 4 Door	2FAFP71V98X151317
Unit 26	2009 Ford CVP 4 Door	2FAHP71V59X128286
Unit 20	2005 Mercury SGS 4 Door	1MEFM502X5A605480
Unit 67	2010 Chev, IMT 4 Door	2G1WB5EK7A1240415
Ambulance	2003 Taylor Made Type 1 Ford	350