

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday October 22, 2020 with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Robinson, Lee and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Rivas and Council Member Garcia arrived after roll call.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve the meeting minutes for October 8th. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall, Had no report.

Chief Ayala cautioned everyone to watch out for children now that they were back in school.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, stated their department was staying busy keeping the city looking good and they were doing a good job and they would continue to spraying for mosquitoes.

Chief Mier called attention to envelopes that were on the table, stating this was a new program to get rid of expired medications or medication that is no longer being used, you just put them in the envelope, seal it and put it in a mail box, and they go directly to the where they are incinerated and are incinerated unopened at no charge to you. She stated that additional envelopes could be picked up at the fire station if Needed.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Department, stated they were staying busy.

City Manager Squyres stated that the program that Chief Mier was talking about was especially good for older people, their real goal was to get rid of narcotics. He advised there was information in the envelope telling what you could put in the envelope and what you could not.

Mr. Squyres advised that 2021 would be the 75th anniversary of Jacinto City and the Mayor and Council wanted to give each of the city employees a jacket with the city logo and the 75th anniversary on it, we had a sample and after the meeting we would like them to see the jacket and make sure that is what they want.

Mayor Diaz stated that Council Member Robinson had come to them with the idea and they all agreed.

City Manager Squyres advised that we would have a Free Garage Sale on Saturday, November 14th.

Mayor Diaz announced that on Friday, October 30th the Mayor and Council would be handing out Halloween candy in front of City Hall from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. so the kids needed to have the parents drive them through and get candy.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dee Maner, 10249 Wiggins, widow of Jack Maner, stated that she was here to support Donna Dailey who had a speech about signs in the city and she supported her 100%. She said that she wanted to tell them a story about her granddaughter Alora, who was the light of Jack's eye, told them one day that the prettiest building in Jacinto was Dairy Queen. Dee stated but now we have a lot of pretty buildings and most of them were city buildings. She ask them if they had driven by her house, that She worked hard to make it look nice, that it was on one of the main streets through the city and she wanted the city to look nice when people drive through and she supports Donna's speech on signs in the city. She ask Jim DeFoyd about the U.T. Band not playing at games because they didn't want to play The eyes of Texas and ask Mr. Seydler

if he though Texas A&M would and Mr. Seydler stated no, they had their own problems.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2020-4 Amending Chapter 10, Utilities Sec 5E Garbage Collection Fees**

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

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Council to change November 26th Council Meeting to Tuesday, November 24th due to Thanksgiving Holidays**

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to change the date of the meeting due to Thanksgiving Holidays. Vote: 4 For 1 Against – Rivas

- 2. Council to confirm Magdalena Hernandez as a Jacinto City Police Officer.**

Chief Ayala advised that Ms. Hernandez is presently employed With the department in communications and has completed her training to become a police officer, he commended her for accomplishing her goal, that she had been here 3 years and 9 months and was very dependable and he recommends that Council confirm her as a Jacinto City Police Officer.

Ms. Hernandez was accompanied by her Mother, sisters and brother.

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Council Member Rivas ask her how long she had been here and she replied that she had lived here all her life.

Council Member Lee ask her if she was born here and she replied she was born in Channelview.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to confirm Ms. Hernandez as a Jacinto City Police Officer. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

Mayor Diaz administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Hernandez and presented her with her badge.

Mayor Diaz welcomed Officer Hernandez to the Jacinto City Police Department.

3. Donna Dailey to address the Mayor and Council regarding signs in the city.

Donna Dailey, 1701 Chasen, stated that she was here to address signs located on city property and with all the things going on now we have been very fortunate as long as we remain neutral. She stated that she came here on behalf of PD, that signs in yards was ok, there is an ordinance on that. Political signs, garage signs etc. on city property should not be allowed, they just clutter the city, she thought that political signs was deleted from the ordinance and she thinks all they do is just divide the city, that Jack used to drive around taking down all illegal signs, what has changed.

City Manager Squyres stated that he had signs in the back of his truck now so he still picks up signs. He read from an Ordinance that City Council passed in 1984 and articles from Texas Municipal Law Bulletin and he had discussed this with the City Attorney and he agreed that it would not be easy to do .

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He advised that cities could regulate signs based on size but not on based on content.

Donna Dailey stated that she thought we should be able to regulate signs regardless of political, etc.

Dee Maner said she was thankful we had Jim DeFoyd who had been here So long.

Mayor Diaz said it would be up to the Council if they want to pursue this.

Council Member Garcia ask if other cities have this Ordinance.

Dee Maner said maybe ask the politicians to move signs to another area.

Council Member Rivas said things change, he is pretty sure there is some way to say what can and cannot be done on this.

Council Member Robinson said this has been here a long time and he thinks we can do something.

Council Member Lee stated that we can't just do this without some research, we can't violate the law.

Council Member Garcia said if anyone sees them putting out signs where they don't belong, they need to call PD.

Council Member Gonzales said he agreed with everyone but we need to be sure we don't break the law.

4. Discussion & possible action on adopting the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Jacinto City and approval of Resolution 2020-14R

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City Manager Squyres stated this mirrors what we ask for at the Special Meeting to meet LMI requirements but that we would not need the Resolution.

A motion was made by Council member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to adopt the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan for Jacinto City (Copy Attached).

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas stated that political signs or signs in general are a great distraction to him, what they say can change your day, that he does not like the bill boards outside the city, that we have to look at what is necessary or not. He wished all a Happy Halloween.

Council Member Robinson wished everyone a Happy Halloween and stated that signs have been a problem for years.

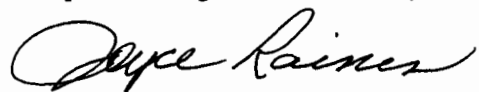
Council Member Lee hoped that all had a warm and safe holiday and God Bless.

Council Member Garcia thanked Kyle for getting rid of the mosquitoes and to call public works and let them know if you are having a mosquito problem so they can spray more. She congratulated Officer Hernandez and that we were glad to have her.

Council Member Gonzales congratulated Officer Hernandez, that she would be working for a great police department and cautioned everyone to be safe on Halloween.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,



Joyce Raines, City Secretary

City of Jacinto City

Water Projects	Year(s)	Need/Priority	Cost
Obtain funding to replace water lines in areas not addressed by prior projects. These areas include North or Market Street and East of Mercury. South of Market Street and East of Holland Ave.	2023-2025	Mandatory	\$5,489,000
Obtain funding to migrate to a city wide AMI type water meter system.	2023-2026	Necessary	\$850,000
	2024-2025	Necessary	\$489,000
Sandblast and paint ground storage and elevated water tanks			
Obtain funding to harden the City's water system by installing a new water well.	2026-2028	Desirable	\$1,500,000

Wastewater Projects	Year(s)	Need/Priority	Cost
Obtain funding for Sewer Treatment Plant Improvements to address the increase in influent and the stricter licensing requirements by the EPA & TCEQ.	2020-2026	Mandatory	\$5,400,000

Streets & Drainage Projects	Year(s)	Need/Priority	Cost
Obtain funding to remove "dip gutters" and replace with curb & gutters to allow increased street drainage in 35 city blocks in the Industrial Acres subdivision.	2022-2024	Mandatory	\$2,158,114
Obtain funding to repair streets and sidewalks in the Jacinto Oaks subdivision. This also include replacement of storm drains.	2022-2024	Mandatory	\$1,998,854
Obtain funding to replace drainage culverts from RR Tracks to Turkey Run Gulley on Jennifer and Cheston.	2022-2024	Mandatory	\$642,000
Obtain funding to install box culverts in drainage canal between I-10 & Rumar (10100 to 10250)	2022	Mandatory	\$175,000
Obtain funding to replace drainage culverts along both sides of Oats Road from I-10 Feeder to Market Street.	2022-2024	Mandatory	\$489,000
Obtain funding to repair asphalt streets within the city (7.2 miles)	2028-2030	Desirable	\$4,000,000

Lowest project:	\$175,000
Highest Project:	\$5,489,000
All Projects:	\$23,190,968