

**COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021, 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; Assistant City Manager Greiner, City Attorney Defoyd and City Secretary Raines.**

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

**A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by council Member Robinson to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

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

**Chief Ayala wished everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day and stated that he appreciated all the Veterans for what they had done to make the Freedom and way of life possible for us today.**

**He advised that we have had some bad problems with an individual shop lifting – that he was armed and dangerous, that we had made contact with him and he told them to come and get him, that we had filed charges against a sex offender living in Jacinto city but was not registered here and a stalker who we had made contact with and advised him to stay away from the individual.**

**Chief Ayala thanked Ms. Daily, stating that she had done a lot for the city with the food deliveries she had been doing for years and that she was leaving this now because she could not handle it any more.**

**Chief Ayala gave the report for the month of May: 280 total calls for service, 45 arrests with a total of 50 charges, 6 PI's, 5 drug, 2 assaults,**

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**1 BMV, 3 for other agencies, 27 junk vehicle Ordinances and 12 unhealthy conditions. He stated that we have had a lot of rain creating high grass and we will have to work with the community.**

**Council Member Rivas ask when he says charges have been filed, what did that mean.**

**Chief Ayala stated that they have been arrested.**

**Council Member Rivas stated that he thought the County was not taking charges due to the over crowding and Chief Ayala advised they were taking them for now.**

**Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, advised that in 6 days we have had 14" of rain here in Jacinto City, that mosquitoes were going to be bad and we have the mosquito truck on the street and for a while they will see two people in the truck for training purposes. He stated that they had been working on the pool and Ivan had advised him that the pool would be open on Saturday and Sunday and closed on Monday.**

**Mayor Diaz advised Kathy to tell Ivan that the pool would be open on Monday and we would have hotdogs, etc. as usual.**

**Kyle advised that they would help him out anyway they could and that mosquitoes were going to be bad.**

**Mayor Diaz advised that they problem we are having now is termites swarming, that she wished that we could spray for them.**

**There was general discussion between the Mayor and Council concerning the pool being open on Memorial Day.**

**Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, presented the 2020 Consumer Confidence Report for the city's public water system, stating that we watch our water very carefully and it is a good quality, that we spend thousands of dollars testing the water and we have to do this report annually and make it available to our consumers.**

**Chief Mier had no report.**

**Assistant City Manager Greiner announced that the city had received notice that our application for Mitigation Harvey Round 1 HUD Grant had been approved for \$5,319,717.00 for the Wastewater treatment plant improvement.**

**There were comments from the Mayor and Council commending City Manager Squyres and staff on this major accomplishment for the city.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Donna Dailey stated that she had been doing the food delivery for years but was stepping down because she could not handle the heavy boxes but would be available for assistance when needed and that she had two great individuals to handle it, that Corry Davis would be doing the pickup and Coach Cook would be the driver and they did a great job.**

**She called the Mayor and Council's attention to the fact that we needed more members on the Variance Board, that she had attended the last variance board meeting, even though she was sick because there would not have been a quorum and she thought we needed some young blood on the Board. She thanked the city for all that they do.**

**Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, advised that we had a non-mandatory Pre bid meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup> on the construction of the waterlines on the North Side and bids would be coming back on June 10<sup>th</sup>.**

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**There was no unfinished business.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Council authorization to auction 2001 Crown Vic Vin#4986, Police Unit**

**Chief Ayala stated this was his old car that he had driven for 20 years, it was a good car but had a lot of miles and need some work.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to authorize the auction of the 2001 Crown Vic. Vin #4986. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Rivas ask the Mayor to start at the other end of the table.**

**Council Member Robinson wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day and to be safe,**

**Council Member Lee stated that he seconded that and God Bless.**

**Council Member Garcia reminded everyone to call and report if they were having trouble with mosquitoes and to have a Happy Memorial Day.**

**Council Member Rivas ask what was on the Marques, was there anything about the pool, etc. and no one was sure what was on the signs.**

**There was general discussion about what was on the signs about the pool opening.**

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**Mayor Diaz ask Kathy to tell Ivan about the pool being open on Monday and to be sure it was on all the marques.**

**Council Member Rivas stated that Jacinto City Elementary tore up our streets and we are paying for repairs and he wanted to know why.**

**Mr. Reed stated that we were getting a lot of complaints from citizens and they were very bad so we were patching the pot hole, this was the right thing to do.**

**Mayor Diaz stated we are wasting our money to repair what the School District's contractor tore up. She stated that she had talked to Mr, Moore at Galena Park School District and he stated that it would be taken care of.**

**Council Member Robinson stated he thought they were waiting until they moved out their equipment and they were doing that now.**

**Council Member Gonzales stated that we needed to get with Lon to be sure who he talked with.**

**Council Member Lee stated that we told Lon we weren't going to spend money on repairs, that the School District would need to repair it.**

**Mr. Purcell stated that he hoped that we had better luck with that than we did with the pipeline.**

**Council Member Lee stated that we didn't need to talk about Lon when he wasn't here.**

**Council Member Rivas wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day, that his**

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**Grandfather served in World War 1, his Dad in World War 2 and his son was serving in the Coast Guard and he didn't think the Coast Guard received the recognition they deserved for all they do. He wished everyone an enjoyable and safe weekend.**

**Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

**Joyce Raines  
City Secretary**