

**COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021, 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales, Council Members Robinson and Council Member Garcia; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Mayor Diaz and Council Member Lee out of the City and Council Member Rivas working.**

**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 of the previous meeting as presented. Vote: 3 For 0 Against**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, discussed the Water Quality Report that he had presented at a previous Council Meeting, that he had left the sheet out on the City of Houston water, it had now been included and they could read it on the city's website, call him or pick up a copy at City Hall.**

**Mr. Reed advised that they had sprayed for mosquitoes 27 day in May and June, and there were people that were not pleased about the time they spray but we would start spraying at 9:00 P.M. hopefully they would be through BBQ by that time. He advised that they would do a good spraying before the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks, that Bernardo and Mr. Duran do a good job with spraying.**

**He stated that the Automatic Meters that Mr. Squyres discussed in the Budget Workshop would be a good thing for the city.**

**Chief Ayala passed on his report.**

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**Chief Mier passed on her report.**

**Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, stated that at the last meeting she had reported on the conference call that they would open the center in September and they had called back and advised that they wanted us to open on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. She thanked Kyle and his staff for their help with their tables.**

**Elizabeth advised that the people with the free tablets wanted to do the sign up in the evening and she advised them she would get back with them.**

**Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director advised that they had 75 people at the movie at the pool and the next movie at the pool was scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup>. He also advised that the pool would be open on July 4<sup>th</sup> and they would have hotdogs and snow cones, etc.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that the amendment to the Water Quality Report was on the city web page and addressed the changes that SB 2 had made in the time frame for the upcoming budget and tax rate hearings, that there were all kinds of mandates coming out of that session.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Robert Hernandez, 10721 Lane, stated that he appreciate Kyle and his staff for all that they have to deal with from some people.**

**Criselda Salinas, President of the Girls Softball League, stated they had not been able to play since the power lines fell down and wanted to ask what they could do, would they be able to play on one of the other fields.**

**City Manager Squyres advised the one of the items on the agenda was asking the Council to approve a budget amendment for \$13,000 to add to what was budgeted in that code for this repair, that the total cost was going to be \$19,000 and if it was approved tonight the contractor was ready to start on the repairs. He ask that she talk with Ivan about the schedules on the other fields but they could play on their field, the electricity was all disconnected but the only time they would not be able to use the field was after dark but it was safe to play on.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1. Award bid on construction of northside water mains and fire protection project.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that he, Kyle and LJA had reviewed the bids and based on their review rerecommended awarding the bid to the low bidder Reliance Construction Services, Inc. and the council would need to vote conditionally to award the contract to Reliance Construction Services, Inc. when the County completes their review if all were in agreement.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Robinson to award the bid conditionally to Reliance Construction Services, Inc. when the County completes their review and all are in agreement. Vote: 3 For 0 Against**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Council to consider amending Budget Code 32-6950 in the amount of \$25,000.00 for required Risk and Resilience Plan.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Robinson to Amend Budget Code 32-6950 in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the required Risk and Resilience Plan. Vote: 3 For 0 Against**

- 2. Council to consider amending Budget Code 15-6722, Ball Park Maintenance, in the amount of \$13,000.00.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve Budget Amendment to Code 15-6722, Ball Park Maintenance in the amount of \$13,000.00. Vote: 3 For 0 Against**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Robinson Commended Ivan on the success of the movie at the pool, wish everyone a happy July 4<sup>th</sup> and cautioned them to be careful in the heat.**

**Council Member Garcia stated that she had rode on the mosquito truck and it takes three hours to go through the city and if they start at 9:00 p.m. it would be 12 midnight before they finished, so if they needed to start earlier they should do so.**

**She ask Ivan how many hot dogs he cooked for Memorial Day and he advised 150 and she ask if he could double that on July 4<sup>th</sup> and thanked everyone for coming out.**

**Council Member Gonzales ask City Manager Squyres if the water meters would be like the ones that the light company used.**

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**City Manager Squyres advised that they would be something like them, they were still trying to find the one that would work best for the city and explained how they worked.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales announced that we would be having fire works on July 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**He adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

**Joyce Raines  
City Secretary**