

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 28, 2022 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 Member Garcia arrived after roll call, Council Member Rivas absent.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Gonzales to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as Presented. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director advised they were staying busy keeping the parks clean so the kids could play there and they were taking applications for life guards for the pool.

Mayor Diaz ask him to get her a flyer and she would put them out at the high school.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, stated they were having from 20 to 25 people back at the center and they were enjoying the exercise Program, and they had a Spring Hat Contest and were just glad to be back at the center.

Claudia Harrison, Jacinto City Librarian, stated that they were having more people coming in now and they hope that the library cards that they are issuing with the individual's picture on them will serve as a valid ID, that some organizations recognize them now and she discussed their need for a hot spot.

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City Manager Squyres ask if it would serve as an ID for voting and Ms. Harrison stated that they had not been advise that it would yet.

Chief Mier had no report.

Chief Ayala stated that he had the most respect for our veterans and that the American Legion Hall had been unattended for a few weeks and he had gotten in touch with them about the high grass and upkeep on the monuments there and they keep telling him that they will take care of it, but never get around to it so he got permission to go on the property to mow and that he and the Mayor and Council would like to recognize some volunteers who helped with this. He had pictures of what the building and grounds looked like before these people volunteered to take care of.

He stated that the monuments were in such bad shape that you could hardly read the engraving and one of them was honoring Mr. Pedro Contreras Hall who had been a resident of Jacinto City and another monument that was dedicated to all veterans and that Sgt. Ramos has restored them so that you are able to read all the dedications and they Had placed American flags around the monuments.

Mayor Diaz presented a certificate of appreciation to Sgt. Ramos and thanked him what for he does for the city.

Chief Ayala presented the Citizens Award to Kathy Ledesma and Ledesma Lawn Service for donating their time to clean up and mow the area.

Chief Ayala, Mayor Diaz and the Council thanked them for their service to the city.

Thomas Rogers, Public Works, advised that Mr. Reed was on vacation and he was stepping in for him, that they should be through with the emergency repairs on the waste water treatment plant next week and

they had a TCEQ inspection on the plant this week and it turned out well.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres stated that we were having some problems getting some one to provide the fire works for July 4th but it looks like we will be having fire works but we will have to do the shoot ourselves and Chief Mire has her license so she will take care of it but it was going to be very expensive and we would be asking for a budget amendment, that we had budgeted \$7,000 and it was going to cost \$11,000. He advised that Galena Park has also agreed to increase their budget.

He advised that we got the substantial completion on the North Side water Main & fire protection project and we would have 30 days to complete and we had just received our first reimbursement from the county for our first four estimates.

He stated that we hope to have the vaccination clinic in a few weeks at the Public Works facility.

There were no comments from the public.

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Council to consider amending Budget Code 25-6955 in the amount of \$100,000.00 for Emergency Repairs to the Waste Water Treatment Plant.**

City Manager Squyres stated that we had a 38 year old plant that we had received a grant for rehabilitation on and were in the process of going out for bids but had to make some emergency repairs on and stated that had pictures showing the extent of the needed repairs and

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and that the emergency repairs would cost approximately \$100,000.00 and this amount would be taken off the bid for the rehabilitation.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to amend Budget Code 25-6955 in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the emergency repairs. Vote: 4 for 0 Against

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Robinson cautioned everyone to be careful and have a good weekend.

Council Member Lee said the same and God Bless.

Council Member Garcia recognized the Boy Scout Troop and thanked everyone for coming out.

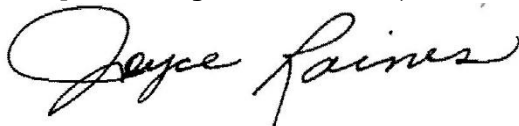
Council Member Gonzales thanked everyone for coming out.

Mayor Diaz introduced City Attorney DeFoyd's daughter Kathern and stated that she had great dad, that he kept us in line.

Mayor Diaz recognized the Boy Scouts.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joyce Raines", written in a cursive style.

**Joyce Raines,
City Secretary**