

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY OCTOBER 8, 2015, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, October 8, 2015 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 approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

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

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala thanked everyone who hosted a National Night Out Party and all the residents who came out and participated. He cautioned everyone to watch out for muggers following you from the banks, etc. and to please contact them about any suspicious activity. He advised that they were also working on city ordinances.

Bernardo Perez, Public Works Department, advised that they were having a lot of water leaks and ask that you report them 24/7 so they could be repaired as soon as possible.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, reminded everyone of the Pumpkin Fest on October 24<sup>th</sup> and advised that flyers were available.

Sue Ellen, Jacinto City Library, advised that they were having Story Time and Baby Time at the library and were also working with Ms. Flores and the seniors to schedule games and crafts, etc..

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised this was her first week and that the seniors would be participating in the Pumpkin Fest and would be having a Halloween party at the center.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Diaz stated that all was going well and like Ivan said, the Pumpkin Fest would be on October 24<sup>th</sup> and if a club or organization would like to set up a booth to get with Ivan. She advised that mosquitoes were out there and we would be spraying.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres advised that the city now had an active face book, that all of our activities were now on face book if you wanted to know what was going on that was a good place to do it, it was not the official website of the city, that we still had jacintocity-tx.gov as the official website but for all the social things and events that was a good place to go and you would also see on it that we have a home repair event this Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00

p.m. and on October 17<sup>th</sup> our Community Garage sale and on October 24<sup>th</sup> the household hazardous waste drop off site and the Pumpkin Fest. He commented the Health and Humane Department, on being able to capture a large bit bull dog in the Jacinto Oaks area and that we had been trying to capture for a very long time.

Mr. Squyres thanked everyone for the turn out for National Night Out and thanked public works and the city hall staff for all their work as well as the police department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The following bids were received and read on the Mercury Dr. lift station force main realignment and lift station modification:

McDonald Electric Municipal & Industrial	\$236,821.00
T & C Construction	\$312,683.00

City Manager Squyres stated that what they would like to do was submit these to LJA Engineers for their review and based on their review, if the low bid qualifies they would like to award it to the low bidder.

Mayor Diaz questioned if we only had two bidders and Mr. Squyres advised that we had three contractors attend the pre bid meeting but only two submitted bids.

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Garcia to award the bid to the low bidder provided they qualified after review by the Engineers, Mr. Squyres and Mr. Reed. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Penny Taylor addressed the Mayor and Council advising them of the I Galena Park and North Shore ISD 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Livestock Show and Auction coming up on November 17<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>,, went over the planned activities, presented each of them with a pot plant from their greenhouse and invited everyone to come out and support the FFA group.
2. A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2015-7 Amending Chapter 9 "Traffic Code". Vote: 5 For 0 Against
3. A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Rivas to nominate Council Member Garcia as Representative and Council Member Gonzales as Alternate Representative to HGAC General Assembly. Vote: 5 For 0 Against
4. City Manager Squyres advised that Cricket Cell Service has space leased on our water tower and had been paying us about \$15,00 per year for having this equipment on our

water tower and since that time AT&T had purchased Cricket Communications and they don't need this site and they would like to abandon that but we have a contract with them so they have to pay us their November payment this year and they are willing to honor that and they also approached us about not spending the time and resources to strip their equipment off the tower and after looking into this it look like it is in the city's interest to let them abandon their equipment on site and other cell companies may want to utilize the equipment and site on our tower and even if not, we could scrap the materials ourselves , there was a lot of copper there and they were offer us \$20,000 for being allowed to do so.

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Robinson to allow them to terminate their lease after the November payment and allow them to abandon the rest of their equipment on site. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

There were no public comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas stated that he had no comments.

Council Member Robinson wished everyone a good weekend and Go Astros.

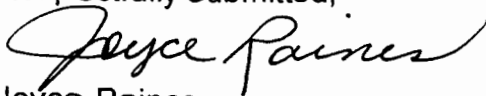
Council Member Lee stated that he wanted to thank everyone who participated in National Night Out, it was one of those times of the year when our city really shines , everybody works together and he was really proud of all of the departments and we really had a good time and he was thankful.

Council Member Garcia stated that she was like Mr. Lee, thanks for hosting National Night Out she visited a number of the parties and they seemed to be enjoyed by all.

Council Member Gonzales thanked everyone who hosted a National Night Out party and thanks to public works for helping out also.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce Raines  
City Secretary