

## COUNCIL MEETING, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2015, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; city Manager Squyres, 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 RPORTS:

Chief Ayala ask that anyone seeing any suspicious activities to please report it to the police department so that they could check it out.

He reminded everyone that October 6<sup>th</sup> was National Night Out and that we Had 9 block parties scheduled and a list would be at City Hall and the Police Department.

Chief Meir advised that all was well with the Fire and EMS Departments.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, stated that he did not get to see Officer Walker receive his award, that they had five water line breaks during all the rain that day and ask that anyone seeing what might be a leak to please call 24/7 so they could get them repaired.

He advised that mosquitoes were getting to be a problem again and they were spraying.

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Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, advise tht all was well with Parks and Recreation and reminded every one that the Pumpkin Fest would be on October 24<sup>th</sup> and they would have flyers out soon.

Mayor Diaz welcomed Elizabeth Flores, advising that she would be the new Director of Heritage Hall and explained to her that we have council meetings twice a month and this was where she gave us updates on what was going on at Heritage Hall.

Ms. Linda, Jacinto City Library, advised that their Hispanic Heritage Program they had on September 17<sup>th</sup> went very well and they had a good crowd. She Related an experience she had at the library and thanked Chief Ayala for sending two of his officers to talk with the individual who was having a problem, that he came back and thanked her and also wanted to thank the officers for the advise and information they gave him, that it had helped him a lot.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diaz advised that the Mayor and Council would be out of town for the remainder of the week at TML Conference but Ms. Joyce and Ms. Kathy would be holding down the fort and all would be fine.

#### CITY MANAGER'S RPORT

City Manager Squyres related some feedback on an Ordinance the Council had passed a few months ago, stating that because of the Ordinance we had been able to prevent four registered sex offenders from moving into Jacinto City and advised the City Council that they were making the city a lot safer.

He advised that the city was removing a lot of trouble trees that were in our

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easements, alleys and damaging our sidewalks, waterlines etc. and to protect our infrastructure and things like that we had them removed and they were getting a lot of good comments on that.

He advised that the fall news letters were going out in the water bill that will go out at the end of this month and there would also be an insert in there for the hazardous waste collection on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

He reminded everyone of a few of the events coming up:

October 10<sup>th</sup> at Town Center – a group of realtors were sponsoring a program for home repair and property values and they will be giving away Home Depot gift cards and several other things.

October 17<sup>th</sup>, free garage sale date for everybody, you do have to register, the application was on the website under upcoming events.

October 24<sup>th</sup> – hazardous waste drop off at the fire station, paints, chemical, electronics, etc.. and the Pumpkin Fest

November 14<sup>th</sup> – we would be having a little event at Heritage Hall (not for Seniors necessarily) they were welcome to come, it would be a meet your City department heads and key employees; himself, the department heads, inspectors and a few other individual would be there. He stated it was a Saturday morning, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and we were just going to show up to answer people's questions and help them with any problems they may have with city government.

There was no Unfinished Business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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1. Resolution 2015-8R setting tax rate for 2015.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Resolution 2015-8R setting the 2015 tax rate for the City of Jacinto City at \$0.783554 per \$100 valuation.

City Manager Squyres advised there was a new state law that dictates that somewhere in this process that we need to make a statement that this tax rate actually raises more money for the city than last years tax rate so the tax rate is actually just over a penny lower than last year but because property values have been holding up high, especially on commercial and industrial, we are actually raising a little more money with a lower tax rate and we need to put this on the record.

Vote: 5 For 0 Against

No Public Comments.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Council Member Rivas welcomed Ms. Flores and wished everyone a good weekend.

Council Member Robinson thanked everyone for coming out.

Council Member Lee welcomed Ms. Flores aboard and ask her to let us know if we could do anything to help her, wished everyone a safe trip and God Bless.

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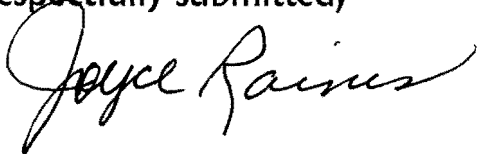
Council Member Garcia stated that she was looking forward to all the good things that would be happening at Heritage Hall, that she was taking a class on grants for parks and recreation and advised Ivan she would get him that information.

Council Member Gonzales welcomed Ms. Flores and advised that we would be ready to help her with whatever she needed and thanked everyone for coming.

Council Member Lee stated that he guessed that we should say happy birthday to Galena Park, they were 80 years old.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:20 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