

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas. Robinson and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Members Garcia and Lee absent.

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

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, stated they were staying busy, that the pool was during great, the seniors were using it from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and the pool would be open on July 4th.

Mayor Diaz stated that the pool was staying busy and we might need to add more picnic tables and Ivan advised they were working on that.

Council Member Robinson stated that we might need to add more shade as well.

Claudia Hairston, Jacinto City Library, stated that were keeping the kids busy, they had just started a new program this month.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that Target Hunger would be delivering food to the center for the senior on the second Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. and that Ms. Dailey had brought food for the seniors today from the Joseph House. She stated that a lot of the seniors were staying at the center until 4:00 p.m. because of the heat.

Mayor Diaz stated that we needed to plan something for them next week.

Thomas Rogers, Assistant Public Works Director, advised that they had completed the Lead and copper sampling and had a good response from the citizens. He advised that they were hosting the rabies clinic this Saturday and it was going to be hot and they had water to hand out and the emergency repairs on the sewer was completed and it was working well.

Chief Ayala advised that their Law Enforcement Program had 15 people enrolled and that it would start on June 30th and was a six week program from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. He advised that they had to shut down the pool at Cynthia Square Apartments and in front of the city pool due to terroristic threats from a gentleman that locked himself in an apartment but finally came out and was taken into custody.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres advised that on the front page of the North Channel Sun there was an article where Jacinto City's Police Department had apprehended two individuals stealing catalytic converters here in our city. He advised that Jacinto City would be having fire works on July 4th unless the County had a ban against them due to the dry weather but rain was predicted for this week so maybe that would not be a problem. He advised that phase one of the Northside water line project was complete and we were waiting on the contract for the next phase. He advised that the city would not be getting anything from the project on the sign in front of City Hall and that a former resident, David Martinez had been shot and killed. He advised that CenterPoint Energy's contractor had put out door knockers that the power would be off on Burman and Pillot street from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on June 24th and we were going to make Heritage Hall and the pool available if any one needed to get out of the heat.

Mayor Diaz stated that Ivan had a good idea, since the pool would be open on 4th of July, there would be a food truck there selling hot dogs, snow cones, etc. and then move down to the fireworks site after leaving the pool and Ivan would have punch, chips and cookies at the pool.

There was general discussion about a movie night at the pool later in July.

There were no comments from the public.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Council to award bid on Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project.**

City Manager Squyres advised that this had been on the last Council Meeting Agenda but the County had not been through with their review and we were now ready to award the bid and advised that the bid was being awarded to the low bidder T-Construction.

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve awarding the bid to T-Construction. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

- 2. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 2022-5 Amending Jacinto City Ordinance 2008-5, dated September 26, 2008, entitled an Ordinance for the control of post construction storm water runoff.**

City Attorney Defoyd read the Ordinance by caption.

Council Member Rivas ask what did this mean and was advised by City Manager Squyres that this was dictated by FEMA and had to do with the change in the flood plain.

A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Ordinance 2022-5 on the second and final reading. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

- 3. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2022-6 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.**

City Attorney read the Ordinance by Caption.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve Ordinance 2022-6 on the second and final reading. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Wanda Dowlearn to address Mayor and Council with a proposal to make Swimming pool free to citizens.**

Ms. Dowlearn was not present.

City Manager Squyres advised that it was free on all holidays and that it cost the City about \$70,000 a year to operate the pool

Mayor Diaz stated that she didn't see a problem with \$2.00 admission to the pool and ask if we have gotten any complaints about this and was advised that we had received no complaints.

- 2. Council to consider advertising for bids for the asphalt paving of Flint, Switzer and Oates.**

City Manager Squyres advised that we budgeted \$200,000 for this and we had already spent some of it. He stated these were the streets that Public Works and Council had recommended and it would depend on how the price comes in if we were able to do all of them unless Council wanted to use money from another project.

Mayor Diaz advised there was a big hole in the street at Pillot and Kerbey.

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve advertising for bids on the asphaltting of Flint, Switzer and Oates. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

- 3. Council to consider approving MOU with the Joseph House Organization for the lease of structure at 1026 Mercury Drive.**

City Manager Squyres advised that City Attorney DeFoyd recommended that we do a lease agreement and Resolution instead of an MOU and the lease agreement would have the same information as the MOU and he would ask that the council table this item for the next meeting.

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A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Robinson to table Item 3 until the next Council Meeting. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

Council Member Rivas stated that he had missed the last meeting because he was under the weather but was doing good now. He stated that the heat was bad, that it was 103 degrees today and encouraged everyone to drink a lot of water and take a break and God Bless.

Council Member Robinson advised everyone to drink plenty of water and take care of their self, the heat was bad.

Council Member Gonzales stated that like everyone said, the heat is bad and is predicted to be this way for a while, if you have to be out in it, stay hydrated.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**