

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2016, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Garcia arrived after roll call and City Attorney DeFoyd absent.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by council Member Robinson to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala stated they had been busy, they had a burglary yesterday right across from the police station, the officers were able to track him down and he was being charged but overall everything had been going ok.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, advised the Mayor, Council and Citizens that our lift station was under construction over on Lane Street now, that it was a long awaited project which was funded by a TGLO Grant , they had the road bored and should be out of there soon. He also advised that our engineers had started the study on our sewer plant and hopefully we would get that finished in about six months. He stated that he would also like to thank Ms. Campbell for calling us a couple of days ago to advise us that the light company was about to drill through our water line on Munn Street. He ask that anytime a citizen saw someone with a drilling rig anywhere near our property or doing anything to our fire hydrants to please call and let us know.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, advised that all was going well at Parks and Rec., that the leagues were registering for baseball and softball, that they were doing registration for baseball on line and softball at the gym and hopefully would have a date for opening day by next council meeting.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, stated that they had a busy day to day and reported that Heritage Hall was continuing to increase their members.

Sue Ellen, Jacinto City Library was ask by Mayor Diaz if she had been going to Heritage Hall lately, that she had been hearing about her. Sue Ellen replied that she had and they had worked on crafts, etc.. She discussed some new programs they were going to be having at the Library and that flyers were on the table for anyone that was interested. She also advised that Friends of the Library were going to be active again to help provide way for additional programs at the Library.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diaz advised that all was going well in the city.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres

Stated that several weeks ago Council passed a Resolution allowing us to join The Keep Texas Beautiful Association and as part of that, we were going to be hosting part of a State wide competition for kids and it was going to be K thru 5 and it was an art contest and the rules would be on our website in a couple of days, they were going to ship him a PDF this weekend and it should be up by Monday or Tuesday and what it was that Keep Texas Beautiful has a calendar each year and so the kids compete to be on that calendar, there were 13 pictures and a cover picture so we were going to be pushing that at each of the elementary schools and even the home schoolers can do it.

He referred to a google earth map on the table, stating that they made the meeting for the Greens Bayou Collation and they selected a project they would like to push hard on, that he had never realized how close Pyburn Elementary school was to Jacinto Oaks neighborhood, that he wouldn't have thought that that it was only 500 Ft. from property line to Serpentine Street . He stated that a bridge across that would save a lot of people time and trouble, eliminate traffic, bus routes, etc., so they are doing a feasibility study on it now and have already mapped the flood plain and a 200 ft. bridge was what it would take so we were going to start looking for grant money etc. , to please not tell anyone that we were going to do this in the near future, that it was long term planning.

Mr. Squyres advised that we have three new business coming into the city, Petroleum Express, which they already knew about, UYL Auto Paint Co. at the large building that was rental center for events on Market Street and a Insurance Agency at 926 Mercury.

There was No Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council to appoint Randy R oll as Associate Municipal Court Judge

City Manager Squyres introduced Mr. Roll who gave a short bio of his experience, stating that he was bilingual.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Rivas to confirm Mr. Randy Roll as Jacinto City Associate Municipal Judge. Vote: 4 For 0 Against (Council Member Garcia stated that she chose not to vote because by the time she arrived she missed what was said by Mr. Roll and didn't feel comfortable voting for something she missed)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Carolyn Davis stated that she was the Treasurer of Friends of the Library and they would be meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Library and would appreciate and invited everyone to come out and help. She stated that she was an avid reader and she believed in education and that was one of the reasons that she accepted this position to help the library.

Mayor Diaz thanked Ms. Davis for her support to Friends of the Library.

Robert Hernandez stated that just a thought for the new year to think about as we go forward, to often people value things and use people when instead we should value people and use things.

Council Member Rivas stated that he just wanted to say Happy New Year and God Bless.

Council Member Robinson cautioned everyone to be careful.

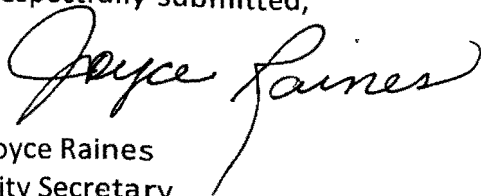
Council Member Lee stated God Bless all of them, that he was looking forward to a great New Year and welcomed Judge Roll and wished everyone a great weekend.

Council Member Garcia thanked everyone for being here, apologized for being a little late and welcomed Judge Roll aboard.

Council Member Gonzales wished everyone a very good year, that he looked forward to working for them again this year and welcomed Judge Roll, advising him that if there was anything we could help him with, we would be glad to.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce Raines
City Secretary