

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY JUNE 11, 2015, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 11, 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 Garcia and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

Mayor Diaz welcomed Mr. Chad Burke with Economic Alliance and Ms. Wanda Johnson with the Galena Park School Board.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND COMMITTEES:

Chief Ayala stated that he just wanted to let everyone know that we had National Night Out coming up the first Tuesday in October and if anyone was interested in hosting a party to please let them know. He stated that they encourage everyone to know their local police officer and they did have a ride along program and if they were interested to check by and let them know and they could set up a time frame, that they did have some of them here that had ridden with the officers and he encouraged that, it was very important to know your local law enforcement officers. He stated that he also wanted to mention that we had our K-9 officer A. J. Seydler and he was chosen as the Rotary officer of the year, that he was a two and a half year officer with the City of Jacinto City, that he works the night shift and has done a tremendous job of keeping everyone safe.

Chief Meir from the Fire Department advised that they had 86 call during May and unfortunately they had not been able to get with the school district to teach CPR to 5th graders but they were working with Parks and Recreation this summer to provide 4 days of CPR to residents, that it would be free, there would be no cards involved but they would teach them CPR. She stated that 4th of July was right around the corner and they were gearing up for that as well.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, advised that the rain fall for May and to date in June averaged approximately 20" and no home flooded and our drains were in pretty good shape. He advised that our people were out cleaning drains during all hours to keep

the drains clear. He advised that we were having a bit of a problem with mosquitoes and we would be on the street spraying as long as it wasn't raining.

Mr. Reed advised that the asphalt job over on Inverino was going quite well, that they had completed from Holland to Baca and they would complete on around to Oswego and if anyone had any problems with their driveway, they were not through yet but they were an excellent contractor and we would make sure everything was as close to normal before they leave, to call him or city hall if there was a problem, we were getting this small number of street done and hopefully we could get some more done next year.

Mr. Reed advised that we had a water leak on Belin and Munn this past Sunday and he had to tell them that when water comes out the middle of the street, it really sets a lot of people off but he would assure them they were used to that and would get it fixed. He thanked the police department for reporting it to them and ask that anyone seeing a water leak report it to them 24/7 so that they could take care of them but when they are working on those bad water leaks, they need everyone to stay back.

Mayor Diaz thanked the public works department for doing a good job.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that everything was ok in their department and they wanted to remind everyone that the pool was open Tuesday through Sunday and gave the hours of operation. He advised that senior water aerobics was Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and senior swim was 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. He advised that swimming lessons were going on right now and you could still come down and register your kids.

Ivan stated that we also had a program called WE Can that was going to start on June 29th through July 3rd and he had Ms. Calzada here to explain the program.

Ms. Alba Calzada stated that she worked at MD Anderson and their program was for children 8-13 and it was for obesity prevention and they teach the children nutrition and activity and they would have it at the gym from June 29th to July 3rd from 11:00 to 12:30. She encourage them to come by and sign up their kids, they would get soccer balls and the parents that did stay they would give them Walmart gift cards for \$40.00 and they would also be providing lunch and snacks on some of the days for food tasting and some of the nutrition demonstrations that they would be having.

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Mayor Diaz ask if this was free and was advised that it was, they would be giving them everything.

Mayor Diaz ask Ivan to post this on the Marquee because a lot of the citizens would not know about it.

Ms. Calzada advised that she had already been to Jacinto City Elementary and 48 children registered from there and they were limiting the program to 100 people and that Ivan had flyers on the program.

Mayor Diaz advised that we would put it on the marquee and City Manager Squyres advised that it would be on the web under upcoming events.

Mayor Diaz advised that baseball All Star games were going on and encouraged everyone to go out and support the kids. She stated that if she wasn't mistaken, the T-Ball team was going into the championship and she thought their game was tonight.

Cindy Miller, Heritage Hall Director, reported that they were doing fine and enjoying water aerobics and swimming.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diaz stated that she thought everything was going well, the kids were out of school and she cautioned everyone to watch out for the kids and encourage everyone to go out and enjoy the pool, that we still just charge \$1.50, that it had been \$1.50 for ever and we have never changed it.

Mayor Diaz congratulated and welcomed the graduates.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres stated that he was in the middle of the CBDG Grant, it was water line grant writing time for the next couple of weeks and that was going to be the next leg of that project which was from Kirby to Flint and Burman all the way down to Lane Street, both the city water lines and the one going to the homes over there. He stated that for Mayor and Council over the next two or three months, it was that wonderful time of year called budget time and he would be submitting some proposed dates to them for workshops and hearings and most of that was pretty much regulated by the State and we

Had some pretty tight regulations on that.

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council approval of resolution 2015-6R adopting the Harris County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Resolution 2015-6R as read. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

2. City Council to consider funding sources for replacement of current (CAD) Computer Aided Dispatch System.

Chief Ayala advised that this was an unforeseen incident and that tec support had recommended that the system needed to be replaced, if it went down, we could loose all information on the system. Chief Ayala stated that he was recommending that we use the drug fund to replace the system in the amount of \$36,000.

City Manager Squyres explained how we could use the drug seizure fund to pay for this.

A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve using the Drug Seizure Fund to replace the CAD system at a cost of \$36,000. Vote 5 For 0 Against

3. Public Works Director Kyle Reed presented the 2014 Consumer Confidence Report, advising that our water met or exceeded the State requirements and was safe to drink. He stated that we were required by law to provide this report and that it was also on our website and if they had any question they could call Public Works or City Hall.
4. The Mayor and City Council honored the students living in Jacinto City who graduated in the top 10% of their class from Galena Park High School and Furr High School, presenting them with a Certificate of Achievement, a cap and pin from Jacinto City and a gift bag from Capital Bank.

Mayor Diaz ask everyone to join the Mayor, Council and students for refreshments after the meeting. (A list of the students attending is attached) That we had homemade cookies by Ms. Campbell and ask her to stand and be recognized.

Council Member Garcia introduced one of the teachers from Furr High School Who thanked the board members and advised that Furr High School was going to get a new high school and they would probably be doing the ground breaking late this summer or in the fall and they would love to invite every single one of them and the whole community of Jacinto City to attend the ground breaking and the new school should probably be built by the late 2016 or early in the spring of 2017.

Ms. Wanda Johnson from Galena Park School Board thanked the Mayor and Council for recognizing these students.

5. Chad Burke with the Economic Alliance Houston Port Region presented their report for 2014. He stated that he was really excited to be here tonight to give this report and see the top 10% from the two high schools, that it was an impressive group of kids and advised the student going to Texas AM that if he needed any help with anything there to let him know, that he went to A &M and with in the military also.

Mr. Burke went over the things that they have accomplished, and who the Economic Alliance was made up of.

Council Member Rivas ask Mr. Burke about landscaping for the Gateway Projects. Mr. Burke explained how the funding came about for the monuments and that cities did their own landscaping but suggested there might possibly be some funds in the Historic District that could be used for that. Mr. Rivas ask the City Manager to look into that.

6. Council to consider and approve Economic Development Service Agreement with Economic Alliance.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve the Economic Development Service Agreement. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

7. Allan Jamail address the Mayor and Council stating that he had a handout that his wife Linda was going to hand out and while she was doing that he would like to congratulate the graduates here and in addition to that, he wanted to thank the Mayor, Council and City Manager and everyone who was working in the city to make it a cleaner and better place to live. He stated that he could see the difference and he knew that it was a slow road to get to where we wanted to go but we do see progress and that wouldn't be made without a Mayor and Council that was committed to making the city better and he realized that and wanted to express his appreciation. He stated that when he comes here with a handout like this he didn't want people to feel like he was necessarily complaining, he would hope they look at this as reporting and a city that got in such a bad condition as our city got is unfortunately going to take a long time and some things had already been addressed and he was going to be bringing to their attention things that he didn't think that we should let fall through the cracks and went over each page of the handout stating that Page 1 was the sidewalk on Munn Street that was damaged by the pipeline company as well as a sign put up by the pipeline company stating that high pressure testing was in progress and discussed what he felt should be done about this. Page 2 contained three different address showing dogs that were not wearing collars or tags, Page 3 also showed a dog with no tags and two different addresses with large debris piles not meeting code. Page 4 showed a hole filled with water that he felt could be a danger to a child and a breeding place for mosquitoes. He stated that he was going to finish up with the last picture on Page 4 which was a bright spot in his report and it was a picture of our supervisor Bernardo Perez, Public Works Director Kyle Reed and himself and this picture was taken today, that Charles Scott worked 22 years for this city before he retired and has developed an incurable disease where he is not always able to remember things. Mr. Jamail stated that he visits him and some of the citizens down there weekly, James Parrot and he didn't know if Donna was here tonight or not but her brother was there. Mr. Jamail stated that Kyle had visited Charles Scott after he retired but they lost touch because Mr. Scott relocated and he was able to pair them up today and it was a great reunion and worth seeing. He stated that he had passed out a card for another employee who was retiring, James Bilbo, and he would appreciate it if the everyone on council, the Constable and departments heads would sign it. He stated they were going to have a Safety Meeting at Public Works in the morning and his wife, who worked for State Representative Ana Hernandez was going to go down and present a Certificate of Acknowledgement and Recognition of Mr. Bilbo who was retiring with 23 years of service. He stated that our city employees were

valuable to us and anytime they put in this many years of service he thought their name needed to be mentioned.

There were no public comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas congratulated all the seniors and ask them to remember that the road was long and sometimes they were ahead and sometimes they were behind but to not get down on themselves, they made it this far so the rest should be a piece of cake.

Council Member Rivas advised Mr. Jamail that he could explain a little bit about some of the pictures and he would get with him later.

Council Member Robinson congratulated the graduates and advise Ivan that he got a good report on the lifeguards that he took for testing the other day, they said that even after he left, that all the kids were very well behaved and he had two people come in his office, because they use the same place and said they were very surprised at a lot of kids like that being so well mannered and he wanted to pass it on.

Council Member Lee congratulated all the seniors on a good job and wished them the best in their future and thanked everyone for being out here tonight and thanked everyone for the reports and information they give us because they were our eyes and ears out there. He thanked Ivan for responding so promptly in taking care of something that he had brought to his attention.

Council Member Garcia stated that earlier today we mentioned that budget time was coming up soon, she explained what we did during that time and encourage anyone that would like to attend and then we would have a public hearing on the proposed budget and they could voice their thought at that time. Mr. Garcia advised that if they had not gone into our city website, to please go in there and keep up with all events and things going on in the city.

Council Member Gonzales stated that he would like to say congratulations to the graduates and to the families and that the graduates know how proud their parents were at this moment of what they had accomplished and we as council members and mayor here were also very proud of what they have achieved. He stated that they need to remember that it was them that did this from day one at preschool to this present time, they worked hard and with dedication and it was going to pay off for them.

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Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p. m..

Respectfully submitted,

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

Joyce Raines
City Secretary