

PUBLIC HEARING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2015, 5:30 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in Special Session, for a Public Hearing on an application for an Emergency Wrecker Permit, 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.

Chief Ayala advised that Mr. Steve Hernandez, Hernandez Towing, had worked for the city for about a year and had given us excellent service while working for North Houston Wrecker Service who was on our rotation schedule. Mr. Ayala advised the council of a problem that Mr. Hernandez would be going to court on and that Mr. Hernandez stated he was not guilty of. Chief Ayala advised that he still had a permit from the city of Houston and that we did need another wrecker service on our rotation list.

Council Member Lee ask if this was a repo and was advised that it was not.

Council Member Rivas stated that if the permit was granted and he was found guilty, we could terminate the permit.

Council Member Gonzales stated that you were not guilty until you were found guilty.

City Manager Squyres advised that even if we didn't grant the permit, he could still be towing cars in Jacinto City.

Chief Ayala advised that when the department had a car towed, the officer would follow the vehicle and they had site of it at all times.

He advised that Mr. Hernandez had another case against him years ago, an assault charge which he was given a Deferred adjudication on for a year and the case was dismissed and we did need another wrecker on our rotation list.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the public hearing at 5:45 p.m..

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2015, 6:00 P. M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 12, 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 Robinson and seconded by Council Member Rivas to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala advised that they were busy, he reported that they had a hi-jacking of a vehicle on the feeder road early in the morning between 2:30 and 4:30 and they recovered it the next morning and the suspects were caught on camera. He cautioned everyone to be aware of their surroundings.

Mayor Diaz advised that she got a couple of call from citizens wanting to know what was going on at City Hall and why was every officer at city hall and they are not patrolling and she advised that she didn't know but she would find out so she called Lon and learned they were taking their yearly pictures for the calendar and after she explained this to them they were ok with it, but they do keep an eye on things and they knew it was 5:00 p.m., and this was just to let them know that people were looking.

Rebecca Meir, Fire Chief, reported that they had made 86 call which was down from last year and they had an incident at Big Bass Resort with smoke in the building , that the elevators shut down when the fire alarms went off and there were handicapped individuals on the third floor with no way to get down. She advised that they would be meeting with the management there and had some safety things planned for them.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, stated that he did not have anything tonight, that he was sure everyone had seen the sidewalks on Holland that the County was installing at no cost to the city. He also advised that weather permitting, they would get the sidewalks poured and connected at the park.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and recreation, reported that all was good at parks and recreation, that opening day for baseball and softball would be March 7th and they would be hosting a basketball camp sometime in June and would get flyers out on this.

Cindy Miller, Heritage Hall Director, thanked the Mayor, Council and city employees for helping out with the Fabulous 50's Valentine Banquet for the seniors, that it was a great party and enjoyed by all.

Linda, from the Jacinto city Library, advised that they now have income tax forms but you would have to go on line for the instructions booklet.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diaz advised that all was going fine and if anyone did have a problem to please call either herself, the council or the city manager and they would do their best to take care of it. She stated the Valentines party was fun and she enjoyed it.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyers advised that Harris County Flood Control came out last week and he and Kyle met with them and marched them down to the site of our collapse and they have actually hired Cherry Demolition to come in and remove the debris from the inside of the gully itself and the box of the gully because it had formed a very effective dam right now, they have not been able to give us a time table right now but we stressed that it was an urgent job and they were planning long term to actually go in and do some repairs, the next panel was already eroding and they knew they were going to lose panel after panel if they don't get on top of that job.

He advised that he and Ms. Raines met with GLO today, that they sent some representative out and we were just now finishing up the last of the GLO projects from Hurricane Ike. That it was the large amount when we got millions and the paper work was unbelievable so GLO actually had a good idea before the next storm comes through, they wanted to come through and identify some projects and they were expecting a hand full of projects and there was no limit and he thought we were the number two city as far as number of projects we came up with and went over a partial list of them and these would be fully funded projects if we got a major storm that damages the city, those projects were going to be pre populated to the plan so that we could get started earlier on them and we got real inventive, we talked about generators for Big Bass, the Nursing Home and he thought there were 22 or 23 projects, they will send it to us sometime in the next two month with what they think the priority is and we get to edit the priority list and send it back to them.

Mayor Diaz asked if anyone had seen our sign coming down I -10 going East or going downtown, that Clear Channel had a big sign up there for us, it scrolls but we are on it and it was a big neon blue sign going both ways and she just got a text saying they liked our sign so be sure and go by and see it.

City Manager Squyers advised that there would be another sign further down, that it would not be the same art work because they were competitors.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve Ordinance 2015-1 providing for a fee to defray costs of collecting delinquent fines, fees, court costs and other debts pursuant to article 103-0031 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure on the second and final reading. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve Resolution 2015-1R setting General City Election for Mayor and Council Position 4 and Council Position 5 for May 9, 2015.
Vote: 5 For 0 Against
2. A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve Resolution 2015-2R Creating Early Voting Ballot Board for the May 9, 2015 election. Vote: 5 For 0 Against
3. Chief Ayala introduced Mr. Steve Hernandez with Hernandez Towing and advised that he had made application for and Emergency Wrecker Permit, had worked for us in the past and did a good job.

City Manager Squyres explained that one of the police department dispatchers Was related to Mr. Hernandez but that would not be a conflict of interest because We operated on a rotation basis and the dispatchers did not pick the wrecker to Send out.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Rivas to grant the Emergency Wrecker Permit to Hernandez Towing.
Vote: 5 For 0 Against

4. City Manager Squyres advised that one of our Associate Judges resigned about two months ago, we were looking for a replacement and this gentleman came to us very highly recommended, stating that Mr. Eduardo J. Franco had a law service in Sugarland as well as Rosenberg, he was a very busy man and yet had agreed to come out and serve as our Associate Judge and ask Mr. Franco if he would like to say a few words.

Mr. Franco stated that he practiced primarily criminal law, immigration law and juvenile law and gave a short bio of his background.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Rivas to appoint Mr. Eduardo J. Franco as Associate Judge for Jacinto City Municipal Court. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

Mayor Diaz welcomed Mr. Franco, stating that we were honored to have him.

5. A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Lee to authorize advertising for bid for the paving of Inverino St from Holland Ave. to Oswgo St and Kilroy St. from railroad track to Lane St. with bids due back at the March 12th council meeting. Vote: 5 For 0 Against
6. Mr. Jamail was not present to address the Mayor and Council.

There were no comments from members of the public.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas ask Kyle why he didn't just leave the street the way it was with the pot holes to slow down the traffic but that he was just kidding. He wished everyone a Happy Valentines.

Council Member Robinson thanked everyone for coming and advised the Mayor that he had a card here from the Seniors, that we had some raw talent that came out and when the video comes out they would sell pictures, that if they got a chance to read the card that a lot of seniors signed it and made comments and he thanked Cindy, the Council and everyone there, that we had a good time and Elvis was in the house.

Council Member Lee stated that we did have a good time and Vickie was going to show him how to keep his wig on the next time. He wished everyone a happy Valentine and to be careful out there.

Council Member Garcia thanked everyone for coming out and wished them a happy Valentines day, that it was great to see old faces back in our council meeting and thanked the directors of each department, stating that they were working super hard and comparing a year ago today to what it is now, we were definitely going in the right direction.

Council Member Gonzales welcome Mr. Franco aboard and thanked everyone for coming out and commended Cindy for doing a wonderful job on the decorations and things, that it was really a success.

There was general discussion about the Fabulous 50's party.

Mayor Diaz thanked everyone for coming and wished them a Happy Valentines Day.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:34 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 typed name and title.

Joyce Raines
City Secretary