

PUBLIC HEARING, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2014, 5:30 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in Special Session on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for a Public Hearing with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Robinson, Lee and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Members Rivas absent and Council Member Garcia at HGAC meeting.

City Manager Squyres advised that by Statue we were required to have a public hearing on the proposed Juvenile Curfew Ordinance.

City Attorney DeFoyd read the proposed Juvenile Curfew Ordinance.

The only comment from the public was Ms. Donna Dailey who stated that she had no problem with the ordinance.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the public hearing at 5:40 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Garcia at HGAC meeting.

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: 4 For 0 Against

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Chief Ayala advised that they had been keeping extremely busy, that the holidays were upon us and they wanted everybody to stay safe, be careful and buckle up.

Kyle Reed, Director of Public Works, reported that the water line from Water Well #4 over on LaCrosse, by the school, would be starting construction on that on December 1st and would be doing it on the weekends because there was never a good time, that it would

Interfere a little bit with the school but they would keep it to a minimum and like he said, they would be doing it on the weekends and he didn't see any major problems, that it was not going to cause any interruption of water service and when it did start, if there were any problems they could call him or city hall and report it. He stated that it was a good contractor that was doing it and they came highly recommended.

Mr. Reed stated that the cold weather had eliminated the mosquitoes for the time being and if they get bad again they would be spraying again.

He stated none of the folks that had been complaining about the dogs in Jacinto Oaks were here but he wanted to give Mr. Burley and Mr. Squyres a good compliment , That we had gotten two of those dogs so far.

Mayor Diaz advised that it was all over face book, so it had been heard.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation advised that everything was going good, that everything went well at the Pumpkin Fest and he thanked the Mayor, Council and Baby J for helping out, that they had a good turn out and he thanked public works and everyone who helped out.

Cindy Miller, Heritage Hall Director, stated they were have a very busy month and she wanted to thank the Mayor, City Council, City Secretary, Department Heads and city Employees that helped with their Thanksgiving luncheon on Tuesday. She advised that Councilman Robinson and Peanut donated the pumpkin pies and she thanked all of them very much for coming and helping. She stated that she did want to say something about the Police Department, that a lot of times they get a bad rap but they had an incident at Heritage Hall and she called the Chief and ask him to send some officers out there and Det. Silva and Officer Myra Gonzalez came and she just wanted to tell the Chief how very professional they were, they talked to one of the seniors and it had a great effect on that senior and she didn't think they were going to have another problem and she just wanted to commend him for the training that his officer receive. She stated that she also needed a DJ for the Senior Christmas Party if anyone knew someone who might volunteer for their show.

Mayor Diaz ask what day this would be.

Cindy advised that it was on Tuesday, December 16th and she would also need them to get

with her and give her their stage names they would be performing under so that she could make the program and she heard that our Constable was going to dress up as Chere and anyone 60 years or older is invited and she was counting on all the department heads and any of their employees that would like to participate.

Linda, Jacinto City Library, advised that everything had been going perfect at the library, that county wide they had just received a new Director over all the libraries and they still had their position open and they would let them know as it was filled.

Mayor Diaz advised that the Seniors would be having some raffles for Christmas. She thanked Ivan for the Pumpkin Fest, stating that it was very good and advised Cindy that lunch was fast, that she got there about five minutes late and they were already finished, that Ms. Joyce handed her a plate and said here you go, go eat. She thanked Flo Davis and Frank Haney for doing such a good job with the Thanksgiving luncheon.

City Manager Squyres cautioned every one that with the cold weather to please be very careful and called attention to news media where in the Harris County area we had three major house fire and one death, if they think there is any indication that they might have a fire to please call our guys and let them go out and look at it and he hoped that everybody changed the batteries in their smoke detectors recently when we changed time, make sure you have a working smoke detector and if they didn't to call the fire department and they would come and install one for them, especially if they were a senior.

He stated that he would add to Kyle's information on the water line, it would be on the weekends in the school area but once they hit Flint it would be a normal workweek and ask Kyle to confirm this, which he did.

Lon stated that in reference to him and Burley being mention on the dogs, he would take a little bit of credit but we had bought a special kind of trap instead of a box trap because the dogs had been so hard to catch, we got Burley a new rifle, a special dart rifle made for big animals and it was working well for him and on the trap that he set, his two little girls actually did most of the work on that with Dad as the supervisor, he explained how the trap worked and that they caught the dog the first day, they were going to reset it again, they thought coons or something was tripping it now.

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council to designate City Christmas Holidays as December 25th and December 26, 2014.

A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Robinson to designate the City's Christmas Holidays as December 25 and December 26, 2014. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

2. First reading of Ordinance 2014-4 – Revised Juvenile Curfew.

City Attorney DeFoyd read Ordinance 2014-4.

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve Ordinance 2014-4 Revised Juvenile Curfew on the first reading. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

3. Council to confirm Joel Montemayor as a Jacinto City Police Officer.

Chief Ayala introduced Joel's family, gave a short bio, stating that Joel had worked for us before and he recommended that the Council confirm him.

Mayor Diaz advised Joel that he had been missed, that a lot of the students at JC Elementary had been asking about him.

Mayor Diaz administered the Oath of Office to Officer Joel Montemayor and presented him with his badge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Raul Rodriguez, 1410 Jennifer, stated that he was from LULAC and they all knew him. He stated that they all had a really good, beautiful time at the Roast and Toast for the Mayor and Constable Diaz and he would tell them what, they had never had this much fun and he wanted to thank all of them for being there and helping them out and the kids would all have money for scholarships and they all helped make their dream come true. He stated that working together was the most beautiful thing there is in the city when we all unite, get together and work together for a good cause and he wanted to thank the City Manager for really helping them out, he had never seen somebody going out there and

Helping them out with the tables and chairs and he sure did. He stated that he had been in a lot of cities and a lot of places and he was the first one he had ever seen going out there and helping them out and he thanked him.

City Manager Squyres stated there were a lot of people helping.

Mr. Rodriguez stated there was a lot of people helping and if it wasn't for them it really made it hard for them.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Council Member Rivas welcomed Officer Montemayor back and cautioned everyone to be careful and safe out there, it was like the Chief was saying, there was so much crime out there, that this season really brought out the best in people and also the worst and related an experience he had while putting gas in his truck.

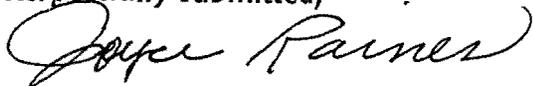
Council Member Robinson stated that on the turkey dinner there were a few people he would like to thank, Flo Davis, Frankie Haney, Janet Selph, Stella De La Rosa, they were the ones that put it on and he really wanted to thank them, it was good and like councilman Rivas said be safe out there, there was a lot going on and welcomed Joel back.

Council Member Lee stated it was a great time of year and a great place to live and he really appreciated all the things this town does to make the season that much better, it was a great time working together and we have some special and unique things here in this town at the holiday season that makes him proud to live here but it also was a time to be careful and keep your eyes open unfortunately so please do that. He welcomed Joel back, stating that it was good to see him.

Council Member Gonzales welcome Joel back, that a lot of people had been asking about him and they would be happy to see him again. He thank everyone for the Thanksgiving dinner, that everyone had a good time. He cautioned everyone to be careful, that we had some cold nights coming to bundle up and don't forget the pets.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce Raines, City Secretary