

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Rivas absent due to work.

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

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala advised that they had been extremely busy and that with the holidays upon us we ask that everybody buckle up, take care of themselves and come back home safe.

Bernardo Perez with the Public Works Department advised that they were staying busy, cleaning storm drains, spraying for mosquitoes, etc. and that Mr. Reed was on vacation.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Department advised that all was good at Parks and Recreation and reminded every of the Pumpkin Fest, went over the activities planned for the event and encourage everyone to come out enjoy the activities and movie.

Cindy Miller, Heritage Hall Director, advised that all was going fine at the center and the November Calendar was available with all of the activities for the month and anyone that was 60 years or older, pick one up and come out and join them. She thanked Constable Chris Diaz for providing the seniors with tickets for his spaghetti dinner and his officers also brought some bread and the seniors really enjoyed that.

Linda from Jacinto Library advised that they were starting out great at the library, that they were doing literacy classes and a lot of other activities such as field trips from the schools and thanked Officer Aguilar for helping with the children.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diaz reminded everyone that we were having our Pumpkin Fest on Saturday and encourage everyone to come out and join the activities. Ms. Diaz announced that we would have a special guest, Baby J would be coming to introduce a good educational video

about texting and driving and drinking and driving and we would have a lot of activities for the children as well as the movie so bring your lawn chairs or blankets and come out and enjoy the movie.

Mayor Diaz welcomed Congress woman Shelia Jackson Lee to the council meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres stated that they should have already gotten their Fall City Newsletter in the mail and if not there were copies on the table in both English and Spanish and it was also on the city website. He advised that we had a special guest tonight and we were going to change the agenda a little.

Mayor Diaz stated that we were going to Item No. 5 on the Agenda, Allan Jamail to address Mayor and Council about the state of the city and would complete the agenda after this item.

Mr. Jamail stated that he ask to be put on the agenda because he wanted to address something he thought was very important to the entire community and the last time he was officially on the agenda was in September 2009 and he was saying that to let them know that he was not one to come up here unless he sees a need, if he sees a need he was going to come up and address his city government and so for five years he thought everything had been going very good in the city, he didn't see anything that warranted him coming up and voicing his opinion until recently. He stated that recently our police station had a fire, not a fire but two fires about two weeks apart and that was really not a shock to him because he used to be the police chief in this city and as the police chief he knew the condition of that facility down there so when he heard there was a fire, it didn't surprise him. He stated that in 1978, when he was the police chief, he notice the building, which had been built in 1952 had reached it age limit so he addressed the Mayor and Council that we had at that time and we all know that money is hard to come by in small cities but they managed to rake up about \$40,000.00 and let him add one room onto the very crowded police station. He stated that later on he became the Mayor of Jacinto City and in 1986 he promoted and tried to get a full scale brand new police station with municipal court on top of it. He stated that the City Attorney Jim DeFoyd, the City Manager at that time Joann Griggs and himself went to New York and went before a bond rating company, he ask the city attorney if he remember that and was advised that he did. He stated that we needed a new facility so we got a very good rating, we had an architect and engineer draw up the plans and we wanted to progress with a police station and we

even put enough money in for a recreational facility, spa, workout room with first class, state of the art equipment and as things sometimes happen in small town politics, it became a political football, people were saying that it was going to double the tax rate, it was only going to be three or four cents added onto the taxes per \$100 of your property taxes based on 50% of your total evaluation and at that time it wouldn't have been but about \$50 or \$60 and we felt like it could be afforded but nevertheless it became a political football and the city government decided they would hold off on it. He stated that later on, he saw the need again and members of the city council saw the need and he went to a friend of his, who was a graduate of Galena Park High School and a lot of them probably graduated there themselves or had kids or grandkids that were there, he went to this friend, Ed Gant and his wife Carolyn, who both graduated from Galena Park, he was a God fearing person and he ask him if he could help our city in some way get some funds to help get this police station or at least remodel it. He stated that Ed Gant donated his architect and engineering company to the tune of \$10,000 to \$12,000 to draw some plans up that we could submit maybe for a Government Grant to bring in some funds to help offset some of the expense the taxpayers would incur. He stated that we had the study and submitted it to our Congressional leader at that time and eventually it just ran into a brick wall so that brings up to today. He stated that after the two fires he felt that it was need that he come up here and address the people that we have elected to take care of our police department needs and that was why he was here tonight and he knew it took him a while to get here to this point but he wanted some of them to know the history of the attempts that have been made to modernize the police department, that our police department, when you looked at Harris County as a whole, we have the only police department that doesn't have the latest state of the art equipment to fight crime, that we had a police chief's office that was cluttered with cases of evidence. He stated the officers confiscate drugs when they have drug raids and the fumes got so bad from some of these drugs that they had to put fans in to blow the fumes out of the station, it was ridiculous what our police officers have been working under and we have lost about 12 police officers in 2013 up to now and a lot of the officers are leaving because they come by his house and talk to him and tell him they were leaving because there was no future here, not just because they could make a dollar more somewhere else but they are working with ancient equipment sometimes in a facility that is really not decent for them to be working in and the City Manager Lon told him in 2009 after he inspected it and was trying to get the money for a grant, that it was a fire hazard and a death trap and that was coming from your fire marshal of the city but still we didn't get the money, no money was appropriated by the city government to the citizens and it didn't happen and now we have had two fires and we have had a wakeup call now and if we turn our backs on doing what is needed then

how should we expect to have good police officers so he was here tonight begging the city council, City Manager and Mayor to do whatever they can do to move forward. He stated that he took it a step further than just coming up here, that recently our city became divided in the Congressional District, he stated this was not a patrician issue, Republican or Democrat but the people in Austin, who are in the majority, divided up the districts and Jacinto City got split. We have Congressman Gene Green representing the South side of Market Street and we have Congresswoman Shelia Jackson Lee representing the North Side of Market Street and she was from the 18th Congressional District. He stated that he was not saying anything negative about Congressman Green because he was a friend of his but when he heard that Congressman Woman Shelia Jackson Lee became the Representative of the North Side of Market Street and he knew in his head the projects that he had been trying to get done he knew that we had somebody, that if it was anyway possible to get funds, she would shake them loose so the other day he put out a call to the Congress Woman, she and her entire family was a friend of his and Linda's so he didn't feel that he was in strange territory when he put out a call to her. He stated that the Congress Woman was here tonight but it wasn't easy for her to be here, she was in the middle of a campaign herself for reelection right now, she came off the campaign trail to come here tonight to address the needs of this city and to address the needs of our police officers and as a matter of fact, the Clintons, Bill and Hilary, who were good friends of the Congress Woman had ask her to be in Hope, Arkansas in the morning and that was her plan to come off the campaign trail and help the Clintons and help Senator Pryor but she ask him to meet her at 3:00 p.m. and she would have her staff there to hear what we needed so he met with the Congress Woman and he was giving them a run down because he wanted everybody to know how and where we were at. He stated that he met with the Congress Woman, showed her the pictures of the police station, showed her pictures of the electrical wiring and pictures of the recent fires and she told him she couldn't believe there was that big of a need in that city and she said we were new to her district but it didn't matter if we were the oldest constituents of the newest, we were her constituents and ask what could she do and he said he was going to address the city council with this and he was going to ask them to try to appropriate funds for this but before he did he wanted to know if she could help us get some funds so it would not put a burden on our citizens as much as it would if we had to secure the whole funding but even if we have to do that, it needs to be done. He stated that he had been told by politicians all his life and they had too that they would look into it but she didn't do that, she said just a minute and she hit the speaker phone and started dialing numbers and when people started answering the phone in Washington she told them who she was and that she was talking to a former

Mayor of a City and he showed me evidence of a deplorable condition in my district and she wanted it fixed that she wanted them to shake loose any amount of money that they could, to shake every money tree in Washington but she wanted some money for her constituents in Jacinto City and he heard this, she made things happen and she was know for making things happen, that she knew what it was like to sit at a table like this that she was a council member for the City of Houston so she knew what it was like to work close to the people. He stated that in 1994 she got her reputation for going after funds for projects that were being neglected in the 18th District because the person there at the time would not go after what was needed to make the improvements, she got elected, she went and got the funds and she made the improvements and she was here tonight to try to help this city do the same thing and come up with funds. He stated that his wife Linda was here tonight and she had some plans and ask the Mayor and Lon if they minded if they were handed out. He stated there were not enough copies for everybody and ask that they share them and what there were was the plans that were prepared in 2009 and those plans would have to be altered and brought up to date if this city council makes the decision to utilize the help of Congress Woman Lee and together as a team reach out and try to get some funds. Mr. Jamail stated that he had good news for the city government tonight from our architect and engineer that drew these up, Ed Gant, that he called Mr. Gant today and told him that he had drawn up plans for this city three times that he knew of and had donated them each time and he was not going to ask him for a handout again, that he wanted to know how much he was going to charge our city to revise these plans and bring them up to date, explaining the need for them being brought update. He stated that Lon, the Mayor and Council had obtained a grant and had been able to remove the things that would have prevented being able to enlarge the station at that time so what is on the drawings now can be changed by having them revised and make a better facility but here was the answer they needed to hear, that Ed Gant said that he had donated all of the funds from 1986 until now and he was going to donate them again so that was good news, it was not going to cost the city one penny to come up with a new financial analysis of a new police station so we were looking at something that would not cost the city to get into where we need to get to maybe get some grant funds, he apologized to everyone if he had talked to long but there were things that he felt like people needed to hear and at this time he would like to bring up the Congress Woman.

Congress Woman Shelia Jackson Lee thanked the Mayor, Council and City Manager for the privileged of being here and to let her say that she felt right at home because her grounding was as a member of the Houston City Council and she loved it because she loved the ability to fix problems and to find solutions over problems so let her thank them

for their leadership and thank the enormous holder of history in Allan Jamail, she knew that he gave an extensive amount of history but it helped her when they had their meetings to be able to dig down into what they might have. She ask to be allowed to note Chief Ayala and the very fine Jacinto Police Department and to acknowledge that she was here months ago in honoring some of those who had been injured and wounded and she certainly acknowledged the bravery and leadership of these very fine officers and chief and ask that we give them a big hand and thanked them for the service that they give.

She stated that she also wanted to acknowledge State Representative Ana Hernandez who she joined two nights ago on a issue dealing with human trafficking or domestic violence which she spoke about and to honor and acknowledge Senator John Whitmire and Sylvia Garcia, which she believes shares this area and they are always working together. She stated that she had the privilege of running at the same time as a former Mayor and now Constable ran and he ran and ran everybody else out of town and she knew that he had been doing an excellent job and she wanted to thank Constable Diaz for his leadership and the men and women who work with him. She stated to the citizens here, there were a number of items on the agenda and certainly she wanted the budget to be passed and all good things to be done but Allan was right and he provided her with that very detail history so they knew that she didn't spend a short period of time with Allan Jamail going over this history but it was very helpful and don't dismiss the City Manager, that he caught her two nights ago so she wanted to be prepared to let them know that her belief in serving anywhere was to make sure their tax dollars work for them. She stated that most people would see the United States Congress in a conflicting position but allow her to say one word, that she was cited as the member of Congress that had gotten the most amendments, that was like a bill, passed in a bi-partisan manner, that she has had more amendments put on the floor of the house by her colleges than any other member of Congress, that she believes in reaching across the aisle and working with administrators in the cabinet, cabinet officers and others who can help her get the job done and so as she listens, her immediate reaction would be the Department of Justice on the police station which really touches her heart because as a former City Council Member of Houston and someone who has worked for a longtime on the Judiciary Committee with all of our Federal Law Enforcement and started and worked with Bill Clinton's Community Oriented Policing which many cities and town are able to benefit from, she considers the useful tools for police departments to be an important cornerstone of safety for our community. She stated that they didn't return to Washington for a couple of days or so and she had just ask her office to schedule a meeting immediately to make a request for funding, (and she

wanted to note the City Attorney, her good friend as well,) for monies that would come under uniquely and interestingly the United States Department of Agricultural and the reason was because this city fit in there in terms of its size, its income, location and that it is an independently organized municipality separate and apart from the City of Houston and part of Harris County which makes it very much eligible for what we call community programs that are under the Rural Development Department funding and that funding goes to rural areas, towns and cities up to 20,000 in population and Jacinto City fits squarely in those perimeters and the grants are authorized on the graduated scale, there has to be an application that comes from the City of Jacinto City and of course whatever procedures the city might engage in, a resolution supporting it and an application supported by the City of Jacinto City. She stated that these were for special purpose districts but what she thought was most important, which she was most excited about, was that the grant funds can be used to construct, enlarge or improve community facilities for health care, public safety and community and public services and so a rightly drawn application would fit squarely in this area and she also had the intent to speak for some matching funds which would be other Federal funds that had already been translated to local entities and she believed that we would have a very strong fight because whenever you fight for Federal dollars it was a fight but well placed because of our story, because of the need, because of the age of the facility and because of the two fires the police department has faced and she knew that they would be looking for a temporary place and satisfactory resources for them to be in place but she wants them to be part of the ability of new construction, this is the funding source that would be able to be that vessel and she would be delighted to work with the City Manager who had been energetic on their behalf as well, to ask for certain funds. She stated that at the meeting with Representative Hernandez another effort that she had been engaged in was passing legislation, really law enforcement legislation that deals with assisting law enforcement officers and one of those legislative initiatives was what they called, which they just got reauthorized, the Violence Against Women Act which was first started in 1994 and they reauthorized it and it covers the areas of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. She stated that she just left the University of Houston where they launched an effort dealing with campus sexual assault; it was on us to embrace the entire City of Houston with our college campuses to stand up for that and they were speaking to men and women, boys and girls, college students and she had to correct herself and call them young men and women on college campus to say that we could do this together but keeping that in mind as we wrote the Violence Against Women's Act, which she helped to write, she wanted to say to the City Manager and just read one, two or three of the grant cycles and focus that you would be very much in line to do under the Violence Against Women's Act so the City Manager probably didn't have

to write that down, their office would work with them but the funding would be to encourage State, local and tribal arrest policies in domestic violence and that would be a grant, authorized grant for education and training for judges and court personnel, these were in State and Federal Courts and they may have a District Court, authorized grants to assist local governments in entering data on domestic violence and all of this could be under your Law Enforcement and Public Safety and then grants that would specifically deal with more funding for the police department which might create a dollar or two for an additional officer trained in that area or expand the time that officer could use in that area by these grants so this was another way she would like to offer a partnership and to begin formulating the application, working with the grants, getting on the line and ensuring that would happen. She stated that she was excited about the opportunity to partnership and to particularly work on a long overdue construction project that the city deserves and again, whenever we talked about these matters maybe it was the excitement she get, maybe the constituents are saying oh no another fight, well getting money was a fight but the joy of getting it, which was their tax dollars, was worth the fight and she couldn't imagine an application from this great city with the individual she already knows that Doug O'Brian is the head of the Rule Development office in the U. S. Department of Agricultural and we have a regional administrator here in Texas and we would be working with that individual as well, that we start in Washington only because she needs an eyeball to eyeball and then we put papers and resources together and then we make our journey and work with our regional officer here in the State of Texas, she stated that it was always good when Washington says to the regional that this was a very high priority project and we respect the regional officer which is an appointee of the President of the United States to be able to say this is one we want to make sure we get on our horse and get riding. She stated that they had been kind to yield to her and she was very delighted that beyond their friendship that Mr. Jamail had a light bulb and said maybe there are some Federal dollars and she wanted to make sure that they met as soon as they could, that we met this week and she made the call this week and she had just made the call to schedule her for a meeting with the Secretary that deals with this at the Department of Agricultural immediately upon returning to Washington. She stated that she was excited about the opportunity we have and Allen has let it out of the bag, that we are in a little cycle called election but she had been called away to Arkansas, she guessed that they knew her as a country girl because many of them might not know that she was a Deputy Commissioner of Agricultural for the State of Texas so she had been all around the State checking on the quality of food, etc. so she guessed that is the way they see her a little bit even though she is in this big City of Houston and Harris County. She stated that she would be out of State

but she would have some staff at the Halloween Festival, that she had been our before when she first had us in her district and she would like to give a donation and would like to know who to make the donation out to for the event that she really enjoyed and she thought she had been a Judge on the cakes and pies. Congress Woman Lee thanked the Mayor and Council stating that this was a timely council meeting, it was a wonderful and diverse city and has nothing but future growth on it name but still small town flavor and that was what America was all about, diversity. The thanked Allan and Linda for their friendship and stated that she would take one or two questions, she was not limiting them but she knew their time was very valuable and they were in the middle of their agenda but she thanked the citizens in region for allowing their city council to yield to her to extend her hand of friendship and for us to build these opportunities to work together, their tax payer dollars, their country and their beloved city working together.

Mayor Diaz stated that she and the Council thanked her for coming today and taking her time helping them, that these were our citizens and they knew that we needed a police station and anything she could do to help us would be greatly appreciated and we would do our part and then some.

Mayor Diaz thanked Mr. Jamail, stating that she knew that when he fought for us, he fought for us hard.

Mr. Jamail ask Congress Woman Lee if her assistant Mr. Glenn Rushing would be the one reaching out to our City Manager.

Congress Woman Lee stated yes and he had indicated that they had already spoke and were communicating and her Chief of Staff was very familiar, having served as a Presidential Appointee in the U. S. Department of Agricultural now in my office so they were delighted that they had an inside lane on understanding the comings and goings of this funding source so they were hoping to move this along and as she said, nothing is easy in any government form citizens and that was why they were so glad they were there because they push things along but as nothing is easy, it is doable and that is what she thinks the message is here today and she appreciates it.

Mayor Diaz resumed the agenda at Unfinished Business.

1. Council to receive and award bid on Water Well #4 transmission line to Market St water plant.

City Manager Squyres opened and read the following bids:

	Base Bid	Alt. Bid
Alcott, Inc. dba TCH Drilling, Inc.	\$158,835.00	\$165,785.00
A Absolute Plumbing, Inc.	\$213,605.50	\$220,555.50
Resicom, Inc.	\$161,100.00	\$168,050.00

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Robinson to have the bids reviewed by the Public Works Director, the City Manager and LJA Engineering and award the bid to the low bidder meeting specification. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to change November 27, 2014 Council Meeting to Tuesday, November 25, 2014 due to Thanksgiving Holidays and December 25, 2014 Council Meeting to Tuesday, December 23, 2014 due to Christmas Holidays. Vote: 4 For 0 Against
2. Resolution 2014-10R authorizing the City to enter into agreement with Debit or Credit Card Companies to accept debit or credit card payments; providing for a convenience fee to be imposed for the costs incurred by the city to process such payments; providing a schedule of convenience fees to be charged for processing such payments.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Resolution 2014-10R. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

City Manager Squyres advised that tomorrow morning you would be able to use a debit or credit card to pay your water bill or fine at city hall.

3. Council to confirm Raul Roger Pererira and Zachery G. Horton as Jacinto city Police Officers.

Chief Ayala introduced the officers and their families, gave a short bio and recommended that the council confirm them as Jacinto City Police Officers.

Mayor Diaz administered the Oaths of Office to Officer Pererira and Officer Horton, presented them with their Jacinto City Police Badges and welcomed them aboard.

4. Council to approve over budget line items from FY 2013/2014 Budget.

City Manager Squyres presented a list of line item that were over in the 2013/2014 budget, explaining that even though we might not be over budget bottom line we were required by the auditors to amend these items. He pointed out that the total of these budget amendments was approximately 3% of the total budget amount and at year end the city was under budget by \$506,959.88 or 9.37%. (copy attached for permanent record)

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve the 2013/2014 amendments as presented. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Raul Rodriguez stated that he was from LULAC 4703 and they were going to have a Roast and Toast on November 6, 2014 to raise funds for scholarships for the GPISD and the would be roasting and toasting Constable Chris Diaz and Mayor Ana Diaz, he discussed the amounts they had provided for scholarships to date and that this year they had approximately 20 graduating from Galena Park so anything they could do to help them out would be appreciated, that it was going to be nice and a lot of fun and they couldn't get anyone better than the Constable and his wife and thanked them for helping out.

Issac Menendez stated that he was the Little League President here in Jacinto City and that Mr. Squyres had ask him to come out and give a little run down on the first time ever select tournament they had hosted here in Jacinto City, where select travel baseball teams go out and compete against each other and we hosted half of the teams here and half of the teams were at Dobie High School but he wanted to let the council know how it turned out and how it benefited the league. He went over what they had sold in the concession stand and what they had spent stocking it and that they had cleared approximately \$300.00. He stated that did not sound to impressive but did not include what they made from the games and they got paid so much per game so they actually made \$525.00 just from the games they hosted so with the additional \$300.00 from the concession stand

they made approximately \$800.00 and all of this was really going to help them. He stated they were pushing for all on-line registration this year instead of by paper and making payments by cash. He discussed the website they were setting up and that Mr. Lon had also offered to set up a link on his website as well which was good for the city, baseball and the kids. He thanked the City and parks and recreation for allowing them to do this and it really turned out very well.

Mayor Diaz stated that she forgot to mention it in the Mayor's Report but we do have a Soccer team here in Jacinto City, the YMCA was here and they only participate for all of the children here in Jacinto city and her son Nicholas plays. She stated that they practice one day a week on Wednesday and have soccer games on Friday at 5:00 p.m. and encourage everyone to come out and watch the games on the girls softball field.

San Juana Aguilar, 1502 Cheston, stated that about six months ago she came here and addressed an issue about the Oasis at and when she spoke to them they were supposed to address this and have a meeting, that she had talked to the Chief and he had done everything on his behalf to help them but they still haven't had that meeting and whatever the situation was, if six months had not allowed them to talk to the owner she said she was tired and fed up that she had researched through the TABC things that would affect their liquor license if they would like a copy of it, they were asking them to help, if they can't she would get the media involved.

Mayor Diaz ask Chief Ayala to schedule a meeting with the owner of the Oasis for tomorrow after 3:00 p.m..

Lusia Perez, 1306 Cheston, stated that they had been here for 30 years and there was always break ins and all kinds of things going on and for the past week she and her sister had stayed up late nights, they did their own citizen patrol and that we need a citizen patrol. She said that they rode around the other day for two hours and there was not one cop in site, where they were at she didn't know and like she told the Chief, during the day everything was fine and if we had our cops going back and forth during the night maybe we wouldn't have break ins, that she and her sister had chased down people, that we need the neighborhood watch or the officers to do their job at night. She stated they walk and drive the streets during the night and they don't see nothing. She stated she knew there were only three cops but they were tired, they were tired of the Oasis and discussed the ongoing problem with the Oasis and advised that their liquor license would be up in 10 months.

Mayor Diaz advised that we would discuss this in the meeting tomorrow.

Katherine Roses, stated that her pastor happened to be Allan Lee for 19 years, she stated that she had been living in this neighborhood for 30 years in three different apartment complexes and any time she needed to call the police department it had never taken any more than ten minutes and they were there, she appreciated the police department and thinks they do a great job.

Mayor Diaz thanked Ms. Roses, stating that we do appreciate what our officers do.

Chief Ayala stated that he wanted to address this issue concerning our officers and he could tell them they were doing a great job, he related an incident that occurred recent around 4:00 a.m. where one of our officer who was on patrol notice three men with masks running from behind a building where they were trying to steal an ATM machine. He call for backup and pursued the vehicle which crashed and they were able to get evidence to identify the criminals. Chief Ayala thanked all his officers for doing a fine job.

Raul Rodriguez stated that he had been here a long time and had never had a problem getting an officer. He stated that it takes all of us working together with the officers and thanked all of the officers for being here.

Mayor Diaz ask the officers present to introduce themselves and how long they have been with the city.

Officer Ramos – 4 years
Officer Walker – 15 years
Officer Elizondo – 4 weeks
Officer Gonzalez – 5 years
Officer Pereira - New
Officer Horton - 10 minutes

Officer Juan Garza – Precinct 2

Mayor Diaz thanked the officers, Chief Ayala and Constable Diaz for all that they do.

San Juana Aguilar stated she was not bashing the officer, discussed situations that were happening in the city and that we needed more officers on the streets.

Mayor Diaz advised that we would address this.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Robinson thanked Mr. Jamail for getting Congress Woman Lee involved, he stated that one of the things that he was really interested in because he had been here all of his life and that was our infrastructure and buildings, that he was on council before we got the gym built and was working on the Town Center when he got off so he would like to see us keep moving forward and any money we could get, regardless of the amount, we would take it.

Council Member Lee thanked Mr. Jamail for what he did and for getting the Congress Woman here and we did appreciate her being here and like he said, this was not a political thing and he knew that Congress Woman Lee was interested, that she rode with us in the Christmas Parade last year. He stated that he appreciated her and everyone for being here and welcome the new officers aboard.

Council Member Garcia stated that like all the Council, she appreciated Mr. Jamail for stepping out and speaking on behalf of every citizen in the city, we would be looking into it and considering it, that we knew there were a lot of changes that needed to be made to the city and that was just one of many, also in appreciation of our police officers for what they are doing and the citizens as well and as stated it was everybody's responsibility to watch over the city. She thanked the new officers for getting on board.

Council Member Gonzales stated that he would like to thank Allan also, this was a good thing and the city can really benefit from this and as he mentioned, it is long overdue we really do need it and our thanks goes out to Congress Woman Lee and her staff for a quick response on it and having this new building would really be a benefit for the citizens. He welcomed the new officers and if there was anything they could help them with to not hesitate to ask.

City Manager Squyres showed a short slide show of the present conditions at the police stations and pictures of the proposed new building.

Mr. Jamail ask about putting this in the news paper.

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Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

Joyce Raines
City Secretary