

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, City Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyers, 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 Gonzales to approve the minutes as submitted. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala thanked everyone for their participation in National Night Out, that it was a success, good food, good friends and neighbors. He reported that they had the first Neighborhood Crime Watch Program in Jacinto Oaks, it was very successful there and he was sure that it would grow.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation, advised that everything was going good in Parks and Recreation and he just wanted to remind everyone to come out on October 25th for the Pumpkin Fest, that there would be booths, contests, hayride and end with a movies, so come out and enjoy.

Bernardo Perez was representing Mr. Kyle Reed for the Public Works Department and stated they were staying busy and would continue to be spraying for mosquitoes.

Cindy Miller, Heritage Hall Director, advised that the October calendars were available and that open enrollment for Medicare started on October 5th

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diaz reported that National Night Out was very good, that she was able to attend all of them, and thanked Chief Ayala for all he did and thanked Council Members Robinson and Gonzales and everyone who helped with the National Night Out function at City Hall, that we had an excellent turnout and she had been given some ideas for next year that the LULAC students had given her today.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres advised that they had National Night Out not only at their own home, but at City Hall and he was very proud of City Hall with everyone working together and many of the city hall staff volunteering, he thanked everyone for all their help.

He advised that on the next agenda we would have a resolution dealing with credit and debit cards and we would probably be implementing that probably after the next council meeting.

He stated that it was mentioned about the mosquitoes and one of the biggest contributors in our region was the facility between the two cities, the dredge facility and on the 2nd of October at our urging, the Port did treat that facility with a product that actually kill the larva of the mosquitoes.

He also reported on the cave in at Turkey Run Gulley, the gulley between Jacinto City and Galena Park, that we did know about it and were working with Harris County Flood Control on it and it would be taken care of.

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council to approve appointment of designee as Assistant City Manager.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Lee to appoint Kathy Greiner as Assistant City Manager. VOTE: 5 For 0 Against

2. Cindy Joseph, GPISD Coordinator of the Agricultural Facility to address Mayor and Council Regarding the GPISD FFA Livestock Show and Auction.

Ms. Joseph advised that she was here to get their support for their upcoming Livestock Show and Auction on November 18th through the 20th for FFA students and their goal this year was \$100,000, they almost got there last years. They were asking for the support of businesses that would like to sponsors or bidders at this event and ask that they

please come out and support them, that they had three levels of sponsor ships, The Gold, Platinum and Silver and went over the cost for each. She advised there were flyers over on the table and if they had any question she would be happy to try and answer them. She stated that she would be out in the community on October 12th knocking on doors so if they had some leads for her to let her know.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Donna Dailey, 1701 Chazen Dr., stated that as a grandparent of a senior, they were doing a fund raiser for prom night and they were selling soda waters and if anyone was interested to please see her after the meeting.

Mayor Diaz ask that everyone please keep Mr. Kyle Reeds family in their Prayers, that his mother-in-law had passed away and the service was in the morning at San Jacinto Funeral Home at 10:00 a.m..

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas thanked everyone for coming out and to say that National Night Out was a wonderful success, that Ms. Campbell had helped him time and time again and he thanked her and Ms. Cummings so much and God Bless them.

Everyone complimented Ms. Campbell on her gumbo.

Mr. Rivas thanked Chief Ayala and all of his officers, also Constable Diaz's office and Ana Hernandez's office for coming by. He stated that he didn't get to go around to other people's parties but that was the way it works out. He Reminded everyone to remember the Pumpkin Fest and we would remind them several time. He expressed his condolence to Kyle and his family.

Council Member Robinson advised that we did have a good National Night Out and he did get to make a couple of them and that he had already talked with Kyle.

Council Member Lee advised that they had a great block party and he thanked everyone who helped him, that they had a lot of help from the neighbors, the church and all the departments and he thanked Chief Ayala and the Fire Department for bringing the fire truck out and they also had a successful food fair at Calvary Baptist and would have those

the first Saturday of each month.

Council Member Garcia thanked Chief Ayala for organizing and the Fire Department for contributing to National Night Out and she was looking forward to revisiting again, that she thought she liked it better, that she didn't quite make them all and it was because of Ms. Campbell's gumbo. She stated that she notice that while she was just speaking to people that we had some that was just passing by and she just thanked them for being there and was glad they made the stop.

She advised that the Council was at the conference last week and during that visit they visited and got a lot of ideas from other cities and that on Friday, they went to the Chamber of Commerce meeting and wanted to let everyone know that State Representative Ana Hernandez was going to have a Domestic Violence class at the Town Center and it was on our Website under upcoming events. She cautioned everyone to report any suspicious activities to the police department.

Council Member Gonzales thanked everyone who participated in National Night Out, it was a great success, we get to meet a lot of people and get to know your neighbors and it served it's purpose and thanked everyone who was involved. He complemented Ms. Campbell on her gumbo.

Mayor Diaz ask that everyone keep John Cooper's family in their prayers that he service was on Tuesday.

She also thanked Ivan for the YMCA having their soccer going on here in Jacinto City and they have their first game Friday at 5:00 p.m. and encourage everyone to come out and support them.

Council Member Robinson stated that he wanted to mention that Cindy and 13 of the seniors had gone to Palestine last weekend for different events and he understood they all had a good time.

City Manager Squyres stated that he understood that TML gave the Mayor the Boot.

Mayor Diaz stated that we had been trying to win that boot every year and finally made it this year and described the boot for the public.

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Ms. Cindy Joseph advised that she would like to offer the agricultural facility if the city ever needed it for an event, just call her so that she could be sure it was available.

The Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Joseph.

Mayor Diaz Adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Joyce Raines
City Secretary