

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, September 25, 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 arrived after roll call.

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: 4 For 0 Against

Mayor Diaz called upon the Department Heads for their reports.

Chief Ayala advised that they were staying busy and reminded everyone of National Night Out on October 7th, that a list of the parties was available.

Public Works Director Kyle Reed stated they had been busy, that last week we had 16 to 18" of rain, that the city did good, there were a couple of spots they were working on at Flaxman and Kerby, they knew they had problem and they were going to fix them but they would not be pressured into fixing them, they would do it because it needed to be done. He stated the rain had brought out the mosquitoes and we would be spraying as much as possible and ask that people please get rid of old tires, etc. that hold water and take care of their pools to help with mosquito control.

Mayor Diaz advised Kyle that the lady at the corner of Flaxman and Kerby was very happy and thanked them for addressing the problem.

Mayor Diaz advised the Chief that the Principal at Jacinto City Elementary thanked him for going back the way it was and thanked Officer Longrigg and Pct. 2 Captain Luman for all they did.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, reminded everyone of the Pumpkin Fest on October 25th, went over different activities they would have and that they would have a movie which would be on the new screen and it was very big.

Mayor Diaz stated that if there were any movies they would like to see to let us know.

Cindy Miller, Heritage Hall Director, advised everyone that the new benches were in and Kyle and his crew put them together and that Lon said he had already seen people using them.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diaz reminded everyone of movie night on Saturday and commented on the fire at the police station and that everything was ok. She reminded them to call if they had a mosquito problem.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres advised that the air condition unit at the police stations had caught on fire, that they had gotten it out pretty quick and prevented any damage to the 911 system. He stated that we were probably looking at \$65,000 to \$75,000 dollars in damage and that we had another fire there today near the Chief's office and that both were because of poor wiring, he stated that we were going to make it as safe as we could but we needed to start looking into the future.

He advised that we had another infrastructure problem, it was not ours but it was in the 900 block of Lane Street and we are resolving it with the Port of Houston and the Flood Control District . He discussed the job that Kyle's men did on Flaxman and Kerby, that they were on top of it and he appreciated that.

He advised that this Saturday there was an event that the Jacinto City/Galena Park Rotary was hosting from 10:00a a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Galena Park Community Building, that Jacinto City would be there and we would have a officer and a patrol car there and he would be there as a City Hall representative and we would be talking about Heritage Hall and the things that we offer to the seniors and pass out some cold water and if any seniors would like to participate with him he would be more than glad to buy them lunch.

Mayor Diaz stated it was going to be an excellent event and we did have Heritage Hall which a lot of people did not know that it was for seniors 60 and over, they do different activities, they have shopping trips and lunch is provided so if they know of any seniors ask them to come out and enjoy Heritage Hall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Ordinance 2014-3 adopting a Budget for FY 2014/2015 on the second and final reading. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

NEW BUSINESS:

Chad Burke, Economic Alliance Houston Port Region presented a power point presentation report for 2012/2013.

1. A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Robinson to reappoint Council Member Garcia as the representative to HGAC'S 2015 General Assembly and Council Member Mario Gonzales as the alternate representative. Vote: 5 For 0 Against
2. A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve Resolution 2014-9R, a Joint Resolution with Harris County Commissioner's Court for a Comprehensive Emergency Management Program with Harris County. Vote: 5 For 0 Against
3. A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve the Interlocal Mutual Aid Agreement with Harris County. Vote: 5 For 0 Against
4. Chief Ayala introduced Ovidio Gonzalez Elizondo Jr. and his family, gave a short bio on the officer and recommended that the council approve hiring him as a full time officer.

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Rivas to confirm Mr. Elizondo Jr., as a full time Jacinto City Police officer. Vote: 5 For 0 Against.

Mayor Diaz administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Elizondo Jr..

The officers present were ask to stand, introduce themselves and stated how long they had been with the department.

Mayra Gonzalez – 5 years
Dennis Walker – Many years
Eric Rodriguez – 5 Years
Mark Longrigg – 8 years

Mayor Diaz stated that she sees Officer Longrigg everyday at the school and the other day he was out in the rain directing traffic with no raincoat or anything.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Raul Rodriguez, 1410 Jennifer, thanked the Fire Department for the good job they did containing the fire at the police station and they we needed to start thinking about a new police station.

He advised that LULAC would not be having the BBQ Fund Raiser they had talked about earlier, that they were working on the Roast and Toast for Constable Diaz and they welcomed donations if anyone would like to contribute, that a table would be \$600.00 and individual seats would be \$60.00 and ask that everyone please come out and support this event.

La Gloria Sephus, 9701 Market Street, reminded everyone about the Community Rally at the Galena Park Community Building and encourage everyone to come out and support it, that everything was free, go out and see what they had to offer.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Council Member Rivas encourage everyone to come out and enjoy movie night and our new big screen.

Council Member Robinson Congratulated Officer Gonzalez on his appointment as a Jacinto City Police Officer and thanked everyone for coming out.

Council Member Lee thanked the City Manager and Staff for all the work they did on the budget and thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

Council Member Garcia thanked the Fire Department and Public Works Department for all their help during and after the fire at the Police Station and thanked everyone for coming out.

Council Member Gonzales welcomed Officer Gonzalez and thanked everyone for their quick response during the fire and ask if we had smoke alarms in all of the city building.

City Manager Squyres advised that we were going to start working on that.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 7:00 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