

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, and Garcia; Assistant City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Lee on Vacation, Council Member Gonzales absent due to work and City Manager Maner absent due to illness.

The meeting was opened with Prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Rivas to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 3 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala passed on his report.

Public Works Director Kyle Reed reported that the asphaltting of Oswego Street from Siesta to Flint had been completed and they did a really good job and there was some material left over and they were utilizing that.

Mr. Reed advised that we were on our water for about eight days and the well behind City Hall Annex cratered and we were getting cloudy water, nothing dangerous but we were getting some calls from resident so we had to get on City of Houston, who had some pumping problems and that was when we had some water pressure problems, which he was sure everybody was noticing. He advised that he had gotten Houston to come out and take care of their problem today so we were back at normal pressure. He stated that hopefully tomorrow we would get our other well fired up on LaCrosse and we would be back on Jacinto City water because Houston water tasted terrible but it was perfectly safe. He stated that everything was the City of Houston's fault. He stated that he would be talking with Lon and the Council about the well that cratered and we were going to have it pulled and do a tv survey, that he was not a big advocate of abandoning wells, it was a great source of water but he just didn't know right now.

Mayor Diaz ask Mr. Reed about mosquito spraying.

He advised that Mr. Molino had brought that to his attention tonight, that he has had no complaints.

Mayor Diaz explained that Kyle could not spray unless we have complaints about mosquitoes and that was a state law.

Mr. Reed advised that we were going to spray tomorrow and the County was even going to start doing that themselves and we could spray up to three nights a week but he did need documented complaints and he did have two tonight and Mayor Diaz stated that she was complaining as well.

Mayor Diaz advised that they did spray and it was late at night when they do this.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, reminded everyone that the pool was open from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and Senior swim 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and Senior aerobics was on Tuesday and Thursday 10:30 to 11:30. He also reminded everyone that on the 4th of July the pool was open from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and the bike parade was at 12:00 noon and movie night July 5th at 8:00 p.m., that we didn't know what we were watching yet but any suggestions were welcome.

Mayor Diaz advised that if anyone knew of any nonprofit organizations that would like to have a booth set up on movie night to earn money for their organization to let them know.

Cindy Miller, Heritage Hall Director, advised that tomorrow was their end of the month birthday party so if they needed some ice cream and cake to come by and join them at 10:00 a.m.. She stated that today they had gone to the Garden Party and Dora Wamsley had won about 15 categories and if they see her to be sure and congratulate her.

Stephanie Orr, Jacinto City Library, reported that last week they did customer count and they had 614 people in and out of the library. She stated they were continuing with their summer reading program and were having movie day on Saturdays from 12:30 to 2:30.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diaz stated that they just had an election in Galena Park and she would like to welcome and congratulate the new Mayor Esmeralda Moya, that we were neighbors and would be working together and we were inviting them to come to our movie night on the 5th so they could participate with us and we would welcome our neighbors.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER'S REPORT/FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Squyres advised that all was quite on the fire department side.

He stated that the biggest accomplishment we had done in the last few weeks; we had been working for years, ever since Hurricane Ike, we had been getting large amounts of grant money and we were talking millions in grant money, that the first phase of that was 3.4 million and discussed the projects that we had accomplished with this money and the only thing harder than that infrastructure that went in was the paper work that Joyce, Kathy and he had been putting up with for this time, just think how long it was that we had that storm and tomorrow, after the Mayor signs the Resolution, we were going to close that round of the grant. He discussed how much paper work was involved dealing with the Federal Government but we were glad to see the money and we were glad to do the paper work and we had done a lot of good with it. He advised that we were half way through our second round and there were rumors that there we might even see some Round 3 money, we were eager to see that and we were grateful for the money.

Mr. Squyres advised that we had a complaint from a resident today about Entex or Center Point Energy as it is called now and we investigated it, they were out looking at gas lines in our city and they have hired a subcontractor and there will be a gentleman walking the gas lines but they should stay within the city easements where the gas lines run but we had caught them in people's backyards and if they see someone doing something, whether they look official or now, call PD to come check it out. They have been advised to talk to city hall and to let the police department know they are there.

He stated that it was mentioned during the Prayer that Mr. Maner was back in the hospital, that he was in Methodist Hospital and he was doing well today and was on the road to recovery again and that is good to hear.

Mr. Squyres advised that on the Emergency Management side of the house, he had toured

the county facility that had been greatly enhanced and the county would be able to support our activities a little firmer during and in the middle of hurricanes and disasters of that kind, that we continue to have a very good partnership with them and will be passing an Ordinance and Resolution updating that partnership.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Reed advised that the Consumer Confidence Report was the same one that he had reported on at the last council meeting, that it was on the city's website, copies were available here at city hall and the library, that we had not been required to mail it out this year and if anyone had any questions about it they could contact him. He advised that the water was perfectly safe to drink and if there were no questions this meeting we would not need to put it on the agenda again.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 2014-6R Establishing an Excessive Force Policy was read by City Attorney DeFoyd.

Mr. Squyres advised that we were required to do this in order to receive Federal grants as it was a HUD requirement.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Resolution 2014-6R Establishing an Excessive Force Policy.
Vote: 2 For 1 Against (Rivas)

Mayor Diaz ask Ivan about the status of the restroom facility at Wilke Park and was advised that the weather was the holdup, they had not been able to pour the slab but hopefully they would be out the week after July 4th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. LaGloria Sephus, 9701 Market St., stated that she was speaking on behalf of the Pasadena Scam Jam which was being put on by Constable Chris Diaz and she was the Senior Coordinator for Precinct 2 and this Saturday, June 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. there would be a large truck out there to shred all your old checks, etc. that has your personal information on it. She stated they would like to see the seniors come out since a Lot of the scams were directed at them.

Mr. Bob Gunn, a Deacon with Second Baptist Church, stated that about three years ago their church became aware of the need of the youth and they started out with the youth in their church and during the summer time they became inactive and we all knew what inactivity brings. Mr. Gunn stated they began a program at the suggestion of their pastor called Focus and this was to keep the youth focused during the summer time on what they needed to be doing, what was right and what was wrong and at that time they thought it would be good outdoors and contacted the parks department here and were told they could not do it because of the religious organization, so they continued with their facilities. He stated they put the program together and they were now approaching Focus three with no end insight because they continue to grow, not just their church but they had invited churches from all over the city and across town to join them. He explained what they did and how the program worked and that they had the city come out to make sure they were in compliance with all requirements. Mr. Gunn stated that recently, within the last week or two that word got to them through a member of the church council that the city had indicated, and he was not going to say by whom because it didn't matter, but the city had indicated that they would like to partner with them and be involved with them because they thought it was a good thing.

Mr. Gunn stated that his request tonight was for them to consider allowing Second Baptist Church to use part of the park, probably the ball field, and the date for the Focus this year was going to be August 7th through August 9th, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. He advised that registration began at 6:00 p.m., the program would start at 7:00 p.m. and go until 9:00 or 9:30 p.m. and there might have to be a change on Saturday due to their speaker but they have not worked that out yet. He stated they have a bilingual speaker because they want to attract everybody. He stated they did offer snacks and things for sale. He stated that once they were approved they could set down with them and say what they would provide and ask what they could do and work out all the details. He

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stated that they would provide the stage because they would have a professional band come out on Saturday and they would have their church band on Thursday and Friday and they would provide and set up the chairs and would like permission to use the bleachers and discussed security and medical needs.

Mayor Diaz advised Mr. Gunn that they would get with Mr. Squyres and the City Attorney to look at their request and get back with them.

Council Member Garacia ask how many people he projected would be attending and he replied approximately 400, that they started with youth but would expand.

Council Member Garcia stated that she would like to volunteer.

Donna Dailey, 1701 Chazen Dr., stated that she had worked with Jacinto City for a lot of year with the kids and keeping them off the street through baseball, boy scouts and different things like that and our youth was very important and the only thing she was wondering, as he was talking, was that we had already had Quanel X here one time and if we open that door can we eliminate certain people or by allowing something that is really good are we opening ourselves up to something that is really really bad and that is her thought because she knew that at our schools years ago they had different things going on and it was fantastic but then a lot of people came in that was bad and they had to just stop everything so that was her question when they were checking on this make sure we were not opening up a gate for things that are not good. She said she knew their hearts were in the right place and she thought it was fantastic, that anything we could do for our youth is fantastic as long as it is positive but she just wanted them to make sure that we were not opening a gate that was negative for our children.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas congratulated Mayor Moya, stating that it was a pleasure having her and everyone here and wished everyone a wonderful 4th of July.

Council Member Robinson congratulated Mayor Moya and wished everyone a good and safe 4th of July.

Mayor Diaz reminded everyone of the 4th of July fireworks at approximately 9:00 p.m., bring your lawn chair and enjoy them.

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Mayor Diaz asked Lon if we were still doing the tradition when the Mayors of each city Sets off the first fireworks.

Mr. Squyres advised that it was his understanding that because they tried to approach us with a budget change and the contract was already signed and we really couldn't do anything different so actually we are getting a little less quantity that he would not

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Mr. Joe Gebhart arrived late and Mayor Diaz ask if he would like to address the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Gebhart advised that he had come to see Councilman Gonzales but since he wasn't here he would get with his wife.

Mr. Gebhart stated that he had caught Waste Management at the fire station yesterday and ask them to move the recycle bin so that water did not stand around it and the ruts Were not so bad and they had done this. He advised that he was going to get with Mr. Gonzales about putting asphalt in front of his house and discussed why this was needed.

Mayor Diaz advised him that we would look into it.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:50 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.

Joyce Raines
City Secretary