

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee; City Manager Maner and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Garcia arrived after roll call, Council Member Gonzales absent due to work and City Attorney DeFoyd out of State.

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: 3 For 0 Against

Department Head Reports:

Lt. Longrigg advised that the police department was participating in the Click it or Ticket program and cautioned everyone to please buckle up and save lives.

Mayor Diaz announced that this week was Teacher Appreciation Week to please appreciate the teachers and if she wasn't mistaken it was also Police Officers Appreciation Week, that Constable Diaz had just gone downtown for a very special memorial and reminded her to thank all the officers for everything they do protecting us and keeping our kids safe and ask that everyone please acknowledge and thank them.

Council Member Lee ask Lt. Longrigg to introduce his children to us.

Lt. Longrigg introduced his nine year old son Zachary and his daughter Avery who was eight.

Chief Squyres advised that the fire department was actually a little slow but we were making up for it on the management of the TGLO grant which was the biggest head ache on earth. He stated that we were working our way through that and finishing up the water plant, all of the paper work and close out for that and we were well on the way getting Round 1 out of the way and one part of Round 2.2 and we might even find some Round 3 money which would be good. He ask the City Manager if he wanted him to talk about the Munn Street project or did he want to cover it.

City Manager Maner ask that he go ahead and cover it.

Chief Squyres stated there was a pipe line that was years old and at that age they start having problems and they detected a problem on one of the pipeline going under Munn Street in the pipeline corridor and under the street itself to make some repairs so within the next two weeks, and it could be as early as next week they were going to close Munn St. at Horatio and at Cheston and they would have our police officers directing traffic but there would be some heavy traffic around it and there would door knockers all through Horatio so people would know what is going on. He stated that Mr. Maner, Chief Ayala, Mr. Reed and himself all met together with a representative from the company and laid out a plan, everything from traffic management to road closure, police officers and door knockers and it was only going to be day time work from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and then they would put metal plates on the roads to cover the trench so that the road would be open in the evening and it should be about a three day project.

Tjere was discussion about the weather and the possibility of getting some rain.

Council Member Garcia ask about the date on the closing and Mr. Squyers stated that it could be as soon as next week but it was tentative right now because they were on a project now and they were not sure when it was going to finish.

Mr. Squyres advised that it would be on the city website and on the signs and we would do everything we could to publicize it.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, reminded everyone of the tire roundup this Saturday and they would pick up four tires per residence, no rims and no big truck tires and the hours would be from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and they normally make four rounds through the city.

He advised that they had repaired 13 water leaks last Tuesday and Wednesday and if anybody sees anyone hooked to one of our fire plugs to please contact them, that we didn't sell water to contractors, because we have some old line and we had a pressure reducing station and if you open or close those plugs to fast it affected our pressure through the city and our lines could not take that pressure so if they saw someone doing this to please call public works or the police department.

Mr. Reed advised that the mosquito truck was ready to go.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, advised that all was going well in Parks and Recreation and he wanted to let everyone know that swimming season was among us and we were registering for swimming lessons and they had flyers up here and they would be at the gym. He stated that the pool would be open on Memorial Weekend and the pool would officially open June 7th. He stated that Mr. Rivas and he had talked to the contractor doing the restrooms and everything was on schedule and they hoped that by the end of the month they would be able to drive down and look at them

Cindy Miller, Heritage Hall Director, advised that the center was monitored by the Area Agency on Aging today and that tomorrow they would be having their Mother's Day Party at 10:00 a.m. and went over the activities on the May calendar and that they were going to have a beginners bridge class starting June 2nd, to call and let them know if they were interested.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diaz stated that like Ivan said, the pool would be open on Memorial Day and they would also be having a community garage sale again on Saturday, May 24th which means there is no fee and they would like to have it the way they had it last year inside the baseball park where everybody was together, we would put a banner down the fence on Mercury like we did before, that we had about 32 booths in the garage sale last year and hopefully we can double it this time and we would also be having movie night that same day, there was suggestions of movies to have. She stated that if they knew of any non-profit organizations that would like to set up, hotdog, etc., they were more than welcome, just give Ivan a call at the gym and he would set it up. She stated that for the non-profit organizations they would provide them electricity for popcorn, etc.. She suggested that if they had pop up tents to bring them that it could get pretty warm and they would also have to provide their own tables.

City Manager Maner stated that he would add, just for clarification, that both the garage sale and movie night would be the Saturday night, May 24th.

Mayor Diaz advised that they could set up that morning for their garage sale and if they

wanted to be there all morning they were more than welcome, that last year was a good turnout and her son was already getting ready ask that everyone please spread the word around.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Maner stated that all was going well but he wanted to make a quick personal note, he wanted to give everybody a crime watch report, that today, at about 2:00 p.m., he pulled up at our new Subway on Market St. and went in to get a subway and while he was in there someone busted out his window and stole some stuff out of his car so always be aware of your surroundings, it was just a terrible thing to happen.

There was discussion about witnesses seeing the man break into the car.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2014-1 – Application of Williams Purity Pipeline LLC for pipeline permit.

Council Member Rivas stated that at last meeting they did have questions or concerns about this pipeline going in and through Jacinto city and ask if there was a representative here from Williams and he was advised that there were representatives here from William and also the contractor and each representative was introduced.

Mr. Rivas ask that they leave business cards and stated that there were concerns from the citizens, that we had a lot of pipelines in and going through Jacinto City right now, that construction had been ongoing probably for the past two years through the same easement they were going through and it had just really been a problem on our streets, the traffic, the equipment that they needed to use in order to get in and out of there, the noise and we understand that it is construction and there is going to be noise, dirt and what have you but it is working together and what we ask of them, we need them to comply. He stated when the rain comes in the easement gets muddy, guys will pull out and track mud up and down the street and the last time it was just left that way and our guys had to go and do what they could to take care of that, so we were asking if they could or they needed to. He stated some of the people who had been here before said it wasn't their problem and it

is their problem and like Kyle was explaining about the water situation, we were not set up for that and ask that they get with Mr. Reed and we did have a way to supply them with water.

Mr. Rivas stated that the neighbor in the back of the room there lived right off the easement and the gentleman sitting in front of them lived on the opposite side of the easement and they could tell them about the traffic, noise and what they have to deal with, that he lived nearby and he sees it and he would like their assurance that they are going to take care of us, that he knew they were just passing through but we lived here so it was our house and these were the rules and we would like their assurance that when they leave it will look like it did when they found it.

A representative from Williams stated along the corridor there they are putting door knockers on all the doors notifying them that they were coming through and who they were and every employee on the job has something on their windshield showing that they are with Williams Purity, that way when the residents see them they know it is a Williams Purity person not someone else out here doing something that they shouldn't be. The Representative ask Wayne Lindsey with the contractor to address what their plans are.

Mr. Lindsey with Emergency Maintenance Service, stated that what they usually do when they start a project like this was to put the door hangers out to inform all of the community that they are coming through and let everybody know that they are going to be there, identify themselves so they will know who they are. He advised that they did use heavy equipment and have big trucks and something that they always did was video or take pictures of all of the access roads that they will be using and that was for our benefit as well as theirs and they were all time stamped and dated so they will know what the street looked like before and if any damage needs to be taken care of. He stated that they work from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to keep the noise down and if dust is a problem they use a water truck and they have a street sweeper and will keep the streets clean., he discussed streets that they run into that is already damaged and what they did to try to prevent it from being damaged anymore and keep it safer for the residents so they are not driving their cars over big humps and tearing up their cars, etc. and they would always abide by the city regulations as well.

Council Member Rivas stated there was one thing that he forgot to mention, he said a lot of residents but also businesses here and because that easement there butts up to Tinseltown shopping strip, Chili's etc., the last time they were jumping the curb and leaving that way and of course they riddle that parking lot with mud and that was something else he wanted to address because he cares about the businesses as well as the citizens and he would like them to keep an eye on the businesses as well, he stated that they were friendly enough that they could have access to that parking lot, he hadn't heard any issues of contractors going and parking there and being asked to leave.

Mr. Lindsey stated that they try to maintain professional standards and so far they have had no complaints from cities.

City Manager Maner stated that one thing he would like to mention, that we would appreciate their co-operation on using the routes that we assign to them and we would get them access to what they need but there were some streets that we really didn't want those large trucks traveling down.

Mr. Lindsey stated that they would mark all of the road that they allowed them to use with EMS access signs and they would be numbered according on how they fell into their pipeline and they would be visible markings for their drivers to know where to turn in to access the pipeline.

Council Member Robinson ask how long they thought they would be in the city with the project and was advised approximately two month depending on the weather and not everybody would be here at the same time, it was like an assembly line.

The Contractor stated that they could call them if there was any problems.

Mayor Diaz thanked them for coming.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and Seconded by Council Member Rivas to approve the application of Williams Purity Pipeline LLC for a pipeline permit. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

NEW BUSINESS:

1. City Manager Maner read Resolution 2014-4R Providing for imposition of additional penalty for collection cost for taxes due before June 1st and additional penalty for collection cost for taxes due on or after June 1, 2013 and all future years.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve Resolution 2014-4R providing for imposition of additional penalty for collection cost for taxes due before June 1st and additional penalty for collection cost for taxes due on or after June 1, 2013 and all future years. Vote: 4 For – 0 Against

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Allen Jamail, 10710 Flaxman, stated that he would like to commend our seniors for recognizing Older Americans Month, that he notice on their agenda Older Americans Month and a lot of people were not recognizing our older Americans and he would love to see the city take it a step further and maybe put it on one of the marquees and discussed when and by whom it was and how important it became and a lot of cities had not taken the initiative to keep it going so he would like Jacinto City to step forward and do more and he really wanted to praise Cindy for putting that on there.

He advised the Mayor that the other reason he was here tonight was when he met with her, Jack and Lon last week, she invited him to come to this meeting and he appreciated the invitation, he would not be here tonight if he had not had that invitation extended to him so he was not here for some other reason to complain about anything, he was here by the invitation of Ana. He stated that Allen Jamail normally had something to say and he understood that he was under a time limit but he just wanted to say that someone made available to him some minutes and they were concerned back in January, when these minutes were made available to him, that Ana was concerned about the city and the condition of the city and that just tickled him to death because in 1973 he started the Keep Jacinto City Clean Committee and they had that committee, they kept it going and it was active and then in 2010 he started the committee back up because the city had gotten pretty bad and now he sees that Ana has joined in that same song and dance that we need to keep Jacinto City clean and since March of 2010 he had reported to Jack, Lon or either the Chief or Kyle a 117 different types of concerns or issues and recently when he met with Ana, Jack and Lon his issue was that we had a lot of these big vicious security

dogs that were not licensed nor had they had rabies shots and that was a danger to any citizen plus our fire and police officers that have to go into these yards. He stated that Jack was addressing that and Kyle had been addressing it and he was very glad to see that. He stated that since the meeting at which he had 44 separate pictures of different vicious dogs that didn't have license or tags and some of them were on chains that were easily reachable to grab a citizen walking by. He stated that it was a fad now for people to have these types of dogs and he loves animals and he loves dogs so he was not an anti animal people, he just thought they should comply with the ordinance and since then he had gotten 26 more pictures but he would admit that some of those first 44 now have collars and tags on so something is getting done and he was glad to see that.

He stated that we pay a lot of city employees to drive around this city and we have an elected group up here that get a gas allowance and with all the driving that is being done by city employees and the people getting gas allowance and he was not saying that nobody was not doing their share but he was just saying that if we all chip in and see things and report them it would get the job done that Ana said she wanted to see. He stated that Jack, he was pretty sure, would take any complaint you have and go to work on it but he can't be everywhere and can't see everything so please report these things to him and he wanted to commend JJ because the other night he was complaining about some of our former elected officials driving with blinders on and they just didn't see nothing but on his way to Rachel's ceremony he saw a contractor getting water that wasn't authorized and he took care of that and got it reported and he knew the rest of them also reports things and he thanked them very much.

Mayor Diaz thanked Mr. Jamail, stating that she thinks everyone wants to keep the City clean. She thanked Mario, Joyce and Kathy for putting Rachel's Memorial dedication together and if anyone had not seen the plaque to please go by city hall.

Council Member Rivas also stated that Rachel's ceremony was beautiful and like he said before, we love her and we miss her. He commented on keeping JC Clean, that we were taking tiny steps but we were getting there, it was not a master plan community but there was a master plan for this community and we were working on that. He stated that when you give it all you got, the rest of it was just luck.

He ask Ivan about putting the Older American Month on the marquee at the park and could we do that if the other two were taken up.

City Manager Maner advised that we would look into it.

Mr. Rivas stated that on a personal note, he would like to say that his wife would be graduating from college. He stated that he wore the shirt he had on tonight because it was election time and maybe this was the last time he would wear it with sleeves because if he wasn't back he was going to cut the sleeves off and do Larry the cable guy. He stated that it had been a pleasure for him to sit up here, that he did miss one meeting but it was tough to make it on time for each and everyone one of them. He stated that he hoped that the next time he saw them his name would still be up here.

Council Member Robinson thanked Joyce and Mario for doing a good job on Rachel's memorial dedication. He advised that the blinds should be in and up at Heritage Hall next week.

Council Member Lee stated that he did appreciate the Memorial Service for Mayor Nunez and the plaque was beautiful, he appreciated all the hard work and he appreciated the people who were there and not just the plaque but what it means and what it represents, he thought it was a great thing to do and God bless everyone.

Council Member Garcia thanked everyone that was able to go to Rachel's memorial and that she also had some information that she would like to pass along, that she had a call during the week asking her about the water rate concerns and she just wanted everybody to have a copy of the power point showing how our water rates have increased throughout the years and unfortunately we could only get the water through the City of Houston, there was no other company out there, 80% of our water was surface water and 20% was from our wells. She ask that they look at the third slide from 2005 and we have experience eleven increases since then and not once had the city increased or passed down the increase to our residence so if the City of Houston raises our water rates and we haven't passed them down to our citizens basically the one that is paying is the city. She called attention to slide 5, stating the you would see the increases on the chart format, that she loved it when it was stable for a pretty good while, but unfortunately it was not going that direction right now. She advised that our largest increase was back in 2009 which was a major increase. She stated that our goal was to eventually get to use our water well

and that way we wouldn't have to purchase water from the City of Houston. She stated that the plan was to gradually increase the use of our well water up to about 50%. She called attention to a letter that we had received from the City of Houston and every year they were nice enough to let us know the price of our water was increasing. She stated that nobody like to increase water rates, taxes or anything but the city had not passed on the rates to the citizens and she knew that Jack sent them an e-mail back on March 14th explaining that we are at a deficit right now and we were eventually going to have to look into the water rates and figure out what we wanted to do, that she herself could not keep it the same for them or increase it, it took the council, it took everybody sitting up here, a majority vote. She stated that she just wanted to share that with them and thanked Lon for getting the power point together for her and ask if there were any questions.

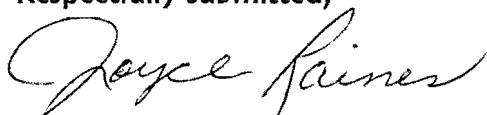
A member of the audience ask a question and was advised by Mayor Diaz that this was not on the agenda and we could not discuss it.

Council Member Garcia stated that she just wanted everyone to have the information.

Mayor Diaz stated that if she wanted to put it on the agenda for the next council meeting she could and then we could discuss 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 and title.

Joyce Raines
City Secretary