

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Maner, 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 Garcia and Seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

City Manager Maner advised that Public Works Director Kyle Reed and Fire Chief Lon Squyres were on vacation and Heritage Hall Director Cindy Miller was at a workshop.

Chief Ayala passed on his report, stating that the police department was very busy.

Bernardo Perez, Public Works Department stated that it was unfortunate that they had to cut water off to do repairs, etc. but they try to complete the work and get the water back on as soon as they can.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director advised that all was good in Parks and Recreation.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diaz advised that all was going good in the city but if anyone had a problem to please let us know so that we could address it.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Maner stated that as they could see from the reports, all was quite in the city.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. The following bids were received on the Resurfacing of Oswego Street:

Forde Construction Co.	\$ 175,980.00
HMI (Huff-Mitchell)	235,300.00
El Dorado Paving	145,074.00
AAA Asphalt Paving, Inc.	148,197.50

City Manager Maner recommended that they table the bids for review and award at the next council meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Lee to table the bids on the resurfacing of Oswego Street for review and awarded at the next council meeting. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

2. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 2014-1 Granting pipeline permit to Williams Purity Pipeline LLC.

Council Member Rivas ask if there was a representative from Williams Purity Pipeline present and there was not. Mr. Rivas stated that at the last meeting they were advised that there would be someone there for the final reading of the ordinance.

A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Robinson to table the final reading of Ordinance 2014-1 until the pipeline company had a representative present. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

City Attorney DeFoyd read a Proclamation designating Thursday, May 1, 2014 as National Day of Prayer in Jacinto City.

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Garcia to designating May 1, 2014 as National Day of Prayer in Jacinto City. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council Member Gonzales advised that we had received the Memorial Plaque for Former Mayor and Council Member Rachel Nunez and would like to place it at City Hall. He stated the dedication and placement would be on Friday, May 2nd at 6:00 p.m. and invited everyone to come out and join us for the dedication and cake and punch.

Councilman Gonzales stated that the plaque was paid for but if anyone would like to make a donation, to please make it to the Santa on the Fire Truck or Toys for Tots Programs which had been Rachel's favorite programs and she had worked hard for both of them.

2. A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve the Audit Contract with Belt Harris Pechacek for the year ending September 30, 2014 and 2015. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

San Juana Aguilar, 1502 Cheston, stated they were here again to complain about El Oasis at 1518 Holland, that the noise was going on until all hours, there was two businesses there and but it was all open and she questioned the hours of operation. She stated that our officers were not doing their job and they wanted to know what could be done about this business, etc., that she had talked to TABC and to Chief Ayala and he was handling the noise and that the restaurant should be closed, not open and that all the neighbors had a problem with these same issues. She stated that they were advised that letters had been sent out to residents before the permit was issued but she could not find anyone who had received a letter.

City Manager Maner sympathized with her regarding the noise but they were not breaking the law regarding the open restaurant, that it was not required to be closed and ask if she had talked with TABC, that he didn't know if they had inspected it.

Chief Ayala stated that he had advised his officers that that there was zero tolerance on noise and that he had talked with the residents in the area and their problem was with the traffic but his officers would be keeping check on this.

Mayor Diaz suggested that we set up a meeting with the owner of the business to see if this could be resolved.

Council Member Garcia ask about the hours of operation.

Chief Ayala advised that TABC controlled the hours.

Raul Rodriguez, LULAC, reported that they did good at the BBQ fund raising event and thanked Council Member Rivas, Gregg, Lee, the Mayor and Constable and everyone for their help. Stating that when we all work together we get things done. He thanked their sponsors and Chief Ayala and his department for helping them through the years.

Louisa Perez, 1506 Cheston, stated that they had been complaining about the Oasis for a long time, that it was supposed to be 50% food to operate and serve alcohol, that there were two businesses there all in one space. She stated they had worked on this forever, what was it going to take to get something done.

City Manager Maner advised that nothing had to be closed, they could have an open patio.

Ms. Perez, stated the permit says two separate businesses but they are open, there is just a garage door there that stays open.

City Manager Maner explained about the building permits, that they would look into it and that Chief Ayala was on top of it.

Council Member Rivas ask if anyone had talked to the nursing home and was advise that Chief Ayala had.

Council Member Robinson thanked everyone for coming out.

Council Member Lee thanked everyone for being here.

Council Member Garcia questioned the distance from the school.

City Attorney DeFoyd explained that the city didn't control alcohol, TABC did and they could protest the liquor license with TABC each time it came up for renewal.

Council Member Gonzales thanked everyone for coming out.

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Mayor Diaz announced that Second Baptist Church, 10501 Muscatine would be hosting a Prayer Breakfast for National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 1st at 8:00 a.m., and that Representative Ana Hernandez would host the Annual Peace Officer and Armed Forces Day at the Jacinto City Town Center on May 17, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m..

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joyce Raines
City Secretary