

## COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 27, 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 RPORTS:

Lt. Longrigg advised that everything was going good at the police department and they were busy as usual.

Chief Squyres stated they were having a contest with the police department to see who could stay the busiest and they were all swamped. He advised that they were about to get the handhelds to try on the radio system, they were to meet with them tomorrow and supposedly have some radio to play with by the end of the week and in a couple of weeks we would be on our new radio system.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, advised that on April 12<sup>th</sup> they would be having a Rabies Clinic at Public Works from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., that he didn't have any flyers with him but it was online and he went over the different services the vet would provide. He advised that he just got with the contractors today on the waterline job and they were getting ready to bore under Market Street to tie into Flint and he had mentioned a couple of meeting back that we would have to shut water down and they were shooting for next Friday night at midnight. He advised that unfortunately, they were going to have to shut Flint at the railroad track down off of Market because they had to adjust the bore due to some pipeline problems and they would get it back open just as quick as they could. He advised that was what they were shooting for and if it happened, they would put it on the city marquee. He reported that they started tying in services today on Norvic on the new

water line that were being put in and it wouldn't be long before we were through with that project but again we were dealing with weather issues but they were doing a good job and we would promise them it would be clean and neat before they left Jacinto City.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that all was going good in parks and recreation, that they had a good turnout for the parade and they had some good games out there. He reminded everyone to come out and watch some good games and support their teams.

Cindy Miller, Heritage Hall Director, advised that Heritage Hall's April calendar was out and that Senior Olympics would be the last week in April and the last Monday, Jacinto City would be hosting the activities and there were entry form for those who were 60 and older and a schedule of all the events for the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Diaz advised that she did go to Pasadena today and they warned her to let them know that they were ready for the bean bag baseball and that they were going to kick our ----- so she was just warning them that they said they were practicing everyday and they were taking first place this year so to let our seniors now.

Cindy stated they would have to see about that, we were pretty tough here.

Cindy announced that on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, they were having a craft sale at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church on Indianaoplis St. and Heritage would have a craft booth there, to come by and visit them.

Stephanie Orr, Jacinto City Library, advised that they had their March patron count, that every March, June and October they have a patron count to see how many people come through the library, as well as how many questions they answer and how many phone call they receive and they had over 650 people in the library the week of March 10<sup>th</sup> and they were now getting ready for Easter.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diaz advised that opening day was a very good success, a big turnout and plenty to eat and she was there all day, that her boys played.

Mayor Diaz welcomed the Girl Scouts, stating that she knew this was their last chance to sell cookies and we also had our raffle for our Easter Basket, be sure and take a chance. She stated that as she said earlier, she did go to Pasadena and met some people there that wanted to meet her and they knew Rachel and told her some stories about Rachel and that they really missed her and Mr. and Mrs. Mata were there and they introduced her to everybody and she heard a lot of good stories about Ms. Rachel and a lot of people knew who she was. She encouraged everyone to go out and support the baseball teams, there were excellent players out there. She announced that LULAC was having a car wash at the corner of Federal and Market to raise funds for their trip to New York and ask everyone to go out and support them.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Maners advise everyone to call us if they needed us.

Mayor Diaz stated that she also had a flyer on the Galena Park/Jacinto City Annual Country Fair and Carnival which was being held on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> in Galena Park and they were also having a Health Fair on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Mayor Diaz advised that there was another thing she wanted to announce, that we had a citizen here by the name of Mrs. Berry, who is known to a lot of people here as Mom, and she was being honored with the Community Builders Award at the Galena Park Masonic Lodge on April 5<sup>th</sup> at noon and she congratulated Mrs. Berry.

There was no Unfinished Business.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council to amend Fire Department Budget Code 14-6799 in the amount of \$4,356.56 for emergency electrical repairs to Unit #201.

Mr. Squyres gave a brief explanation of what the repairs were and why they were necessary.

A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve the amendment to Fire Department Budget Code 14-6799 in the amount of \$4,356.56 for emergency electrical repairs to Unit 201. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

LaGloria Sephus, 9701 Market Street Rd., said as the Mayor had already stated about the Annual County Fair and Carnival, she would be placing these flyers in various businesses around here and would also leave some at the city hall and gave a number where she could be contacted if anyone needed extra flyers.

Raul Rodriguez, 1410 Jennifer, advised that he was the Vice President of LULAC and he wanted to thank a lot of them for helping them out, that if it was wasn't for everyone here and them, they wouldn't have children from LULAC in college. He stated that if he made a \$100.00 and sent it to National, they would send him \$160.00 back so that was a big help they were getting for these children. Mr. Rodriguez gave examples of children that had received scholarships from LULAC and what they had accomplished. He stated that they would be having a BBQ fund raiser on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Auto Zone on Federal and Market and would appreciate everyone coming out and supporting them.

Mayor Diaz stated that this was a hard week for us in our little town and a little harder for Jacinto City Elementary, that she didn't know if they remembered back when she ask them to open their hearts and wallets to help a little girl named Evelyn Perrett who was 6 years old and was battling cancer, that she had passed away and to please keep the family in their Prayers.

She extended sympathy to the Shuptrine family on the death of Po Shuptrine, also known as Mama Po to a lot of people here and she would be missed.

She advised that we also lost another special person, Ms. Fran Keal, who had been the Assistant Principal at Jacinto City Elementary and also worked at other schools in the district for years had passed away from cancer and ask that we keep the Keal family in our Prayers as well.

Mrs. Morlock, from the audience, advised that Ms. Early on Septentine had also passed away.

Mayor Diaz stated that we were here for everybody, that we were a small community and

like Mr. Raul said, we are a family here, we don't discriminate, we help out anybody, if they need us we are here for them and ask that we keep all the families in our Prayers.

#### COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL:

Council Member Rivas expressed his condolence to all the grieving families. He advised that Saturday was a great turn out for the baseball and softball program. He ask Ivan if he could give us an update on the bathrooms.

Ivan advised that they were still in construction and were estimated to come out in June.

Council Member Robinson stated that as the Mayor said earlier, we had the Easter Egg Hunt coming up on April 12<sup>th</sup> and we were also selling raffle tickets on the Easter Basket that was being held up and would be giving it away at the Easter Egg Hunt on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Lee stated that Saturday was a great day, they had a great time and the ball fields just looked great and he wanted to compliment everybody who worked on those and they look better than they have ever looked and he really commended them for their hard work and appreciated everyone who took part in that and he knew the kids appreciated it and they will be having a lot of good memories of little league here, it was a great program and he was proud to be out there.

Council Member Garcia stated that she had heard nothing but good comments about the parade and the health fair that we had and thanked anyone that attended both of those and she also wanted to thank Constable Chris Diaz, that she lived on the north side of Jacinto city and lately they had some doughnut making on the other side of the freeway and it was a noise nuisance and not only Chris Diaz, she knew that our police department had been on top of that as well and she was very thankful that they took care of it. She stated that at the last council meeting she had ask Kyle to look into and give her some estimations on the water lines on the north side of Market Street and she knew that he had been a little busy lately but could he just share with the public where we were on that.

Mr. Reed stated that he was in the process of putting those numbers together, that it had been a very busy week and he should have her some numbers, based on the latest information that he had by the next council meeting.

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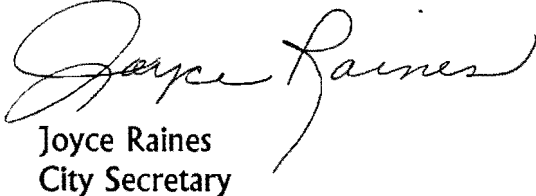
Ms. Garcia advised that would be fine, she just didn't want anyone to think it was forgotten. She thanked the Girl Scouts for being here again. Ms. Garcia stated that we had a new visitor here for the first time and he was in the first grade, she ask Alejandro to please stand.

Council Member Gonzales stated that he would like to give a special thanks to Ivan and his staff for putting on a good deal at the ball park, that the fields really looked good and he thought everybody was pleased and he also thanked the police department for helping make the parade a success. He advised that we had a big event coming up in a couple more weekends, the Easter Egg Hunt, to please come out and support the event.

Council Member Robinson advised that Mary had tickets and the basket that we were raffling for the egg hunt and after tonight it would be at city Hall.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:25 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