

## COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 13, 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 Robinson and seconded by Council Member Rivas to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala passed on his report.

Chief Squyres discussed the flood plain changes and possible rate change but that it did not seem to be a major change.

He advised that the people living South of Munn St. would be getting a notice on their door because of some testing that was going on. He stated that Sunday they started getting calls on the 911 System and many of them got personal call asking what just blew up, there was actually a company that was setting off dynamite charges looking for oil in the region. He stated that the city of Galena Park did not permit that to happen but it happened in their city. He advised that we were able to stop it that morning until we got notification out and got a little more information and made sure that we now have an insurance policy naming Jacinto City and that way if they do damage to our water pipes, etc. we can claim it. He advised this should be taking place over the next few day is what they were told.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, advised that the annual Jacinto City rabies clinic would be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Public Works Facility from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. He went over the different service that would be provided by the vet, that they could also get city tags and these services were all at a reduced rate and was a very good deal.

He reported that the water job that we have going was at the worst time of year because it had been so wet but we have to get the job in and he could assure them that when the

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contractor was through; they were a good contractor and before they were paid they would restore everything as close to original as possible. He advised that Horseshoe Construction was through with the sewer line project and would be out tomorrow to do some additional cleanup.

Mr. Reed thanked Council Members Garcia and Gonzales for the BBQ lunch they brought the guys, they really enjoyed it.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, reminded everyone that the softball and baseball parade was Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and encourage everyone to come out and Support the leagues.

Cindy Miller, Heritage Hall Director, reported that all was going well, that they would be having their St. Patrick Day party on Monday, to be sure and wear green.

Cindy advised that Mr. Wayne Hughs, a long time member of Heritage Hall, had passed away on Sunday and gave information on the services.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diaz stated that like Kyle said, all the yards would be taken care of as weather permitted and encouraged everyone to go out and support the ball leagues. She thanked parks and recreation and public works for keeping the parks and fields looking so good and stated that everyone was looking forward to the new restrooms.

Mayor Diaz reported that they had the Job Fair last week and it was a big success, that over 200 people went through the job fair and some people were even hired that day.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Maner advised that all was going well and they could see from the reports but if they have a problem or know of a problem please let us know about them so that we can try to take care of them.

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mr. Robert Belt, Belt Harris Pechacek Auditors, presented the Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2013.

Mr. Belt went over their independent auditor's report and he was pleased to announce that it was a clean opinion, unmodified opinion which was the highest level of assurance they could provide them as their auditors that the financial statements were fairly presented.

Mr. Belt went over a few of the financial highlights, stating that the city was in great shape financially within the General Fund. He stated there was a slight deficit in the Debt Service Fund but there were adequate funds in the General Fund to cover that completely so there was no concern in that area.

He went over the revenues and expenditures in the Water and Sewer Fund, stating that we began with net position of \$16,694,833 and ended the year with a net position of \$17,162,212, he stated that there was a tremendous amount of financial information in the report and he would stop his report at this time and entertain any questions the council might have.

There were no questions from the Mayor or Council.

City Manager Maner advised the Mayor and Council that Mr. Belt and Staff would be available at any time to answer any questions they might have.

2. Public Works Director Kyle Reed stated that he would like to ask that they authorize him to draw up specs and advertise for bids for resurface of Oswego Street from Siesta to Holland or until we run out of money and with bids due back on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

City Manager Maner ask about clarifying the blocks, was it from 10500 to 11200.

Mr. Reed stated that he wanted to start in the 11000 block and go as far as possible and City Manager Maner stated that we would request bids by block then.

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to authorize advertising for bids to resurface Oswego Street with bids due back on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

Mr. Jim Moore, 4400 Sherry Ln., Crosby Texas, stated that he would like to correct a statement that he made at the last meeting on the Fire Chief's father-in-law's trailer, he had said that the city owned it and that was not so, that last Friday he talked to a person that was very very close to the father-in-law and that trailer does not belong to the city so that brought him to the point of what was said about the trailer being back there for five years and he didn't think the city would be responsible for anything that was on it anyway because the floor was all rotted out when it first came to the city. Mr. Moore once again discussed what transpired with the trailer when it came to the fire department and they had to put plywood over the floor in order to load the fireworks on the trailer. He stated the trailer never did catch on fire, he was over handling of everything at the fire department, he took all the trailers up on the hill before the fireworks and removed them afterwards and not one time was anything ever done to that trailer, it was only used one time in four to five years and it was brought up in October of last year. Mr. Moore stated that he hadn't heard back from anybody about the tags on the trailer, he discussed using exempt tags on a trailer that did not belong to the city, that you couldn't take tags off of a trailer and put them on another trailer and use it, was he wrong, that no he wasn't wrong, the tags on that trailer were illegal. Mr. Moore stated there was so much going on and so much still going on that to him they all needed to just stop and think about what they had really working for them at public works, that he told them once before that he was not an asset to the city, he was a liability. Mr. Moore advised the Mayor that he was going to make it easier for her, that what he was going to do next week, with some citizens was go down to the D.A. and file charges to help get them going, that was the only way he could see to do it at this point and it was not just going to be the trailer, it was going to be other things, that it was high time this was stopped, that everybody needed to get their lives together and move on but they couldn't do it when they put blinders on.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Robert Hernandez, 10245 Chadwick, stated that he would like to know how much Ana Hernandez paid the city for rent and how much was her water bill.

City Manager Maner stated that he was not certain of that but he wished that he had ask him while they were sitting in his office today so that he could have looked it up for him but he thought the rent the State Rep paid was around \$900.00 a month and the water was included because the city maintains this and several other areas as well as storage areas so the water bill was not separate and it was an asset for the city for her to be here.

Mr. Bud Kyzer and wife Lora Kyzer stated that they no longer lived in the city but they were here representing his dad and he grew up here at a location on the corner of Wiggins and Kerby, that it was an old two story house at 10806 Wiggins and they recently got notice that something had to be done about the place, it was in deplorable condition and they understood that and he knew that the garage was in real bad shape and what ever was in it was probably the only thing holding it up. He stated that they agreed that the place needed to be cleaned up, it was bad. He stated that his brother still lived there, it was not abandoned and what they would like to do was demolish the garage and he didn't think there was much help for the house either, it was in pretty bad shape. It was over a 100 years old so all he was doing was here to assure the Council that things are going to be done about it, it wasn't something they were taking lightly, brushing it aside and hoping that it will disappear because we know it won't and after getting notice from the city, he just wanted to assure them. He stated that he was working with Mr. Squyres right now and things would get done that he wished he could tell them that it would be done in a month but he worked and his dad was up in East Texas and he was elderly.

Mayor Diaz stated that we appreciated him coming forward.

Mr. Kyzer stated that he just didn't want the council to believe they were not doing anything about it and ignoring this.

Mayor Diaz stated that was the first step right there and thanked them so much of coming and letting us know that they were aware of the issues.

He stated that it would look a lot better and would probably be a vacant lot and they hope to sell it.

City Manager Maner advised the Kyzers that we would work with them and they would have no problem selling the lot.

Donna Dailey, 1701 Chazen, stated it was Jacinto City Little League time and everyone was here to sell tickets, that everyone tries to help the kids out and they would appreciate their help, that it all went into the same pot and anything you could do for the kids was wonderful and she hoped to see them afterwards because her grandson had given her a job to do and she needed help. Ms. Daily stated again , same thing over and over and she

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would really be glad when it was time for it to be over with, they were addressed but people from other towns don't listen and she was glad tht she lived in Jacinto city and sometimes she was really sorry this was an open forum.

Raul Rodriguez, 1410 Jennifer, stated that LULAC was having a fund raiser on March 29<sup>th</sup> and that he had passed around a flyer. He advised that in the last 14 years they had raised over \$80,000.00 in scholarships and they were not just for Hispanics, that LULAC, that worked together for the children and they appreciated any help and donations.

Mayor Diaz introduced Danny Sims (Bevo), from Galena Park's City Council.

Mr. Danny Bevo Sims stated that he was from the great city of Galena Park stated that it was good to be here tonight and see each of them and as the gentleman was speaking with LULAC and they were talking about little league, he had kinda moved up the ladder, his daughter was a senior at Galena Park High School and the Galena Park Choir had a car wash at his church on 11<sup>th</sup> and Main St. and they raised more money on that corner than they had ever raised so they ask if they could use it again so this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until noon they were going to have a car wash there at the Peace Lutheran Church and they would also be having a Golf Tournament on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Diaz advised that the Little League was selling raffle tickets for \$2.00 each after the meeting.

Nicholas Diaz announced that he was selling raffle tickets for Little League for \$2.00 each.

Ms Hazel Buck and her son Clarence Buck stated that they had been involved in Scouts quite a few years, each of them over 40 years and this was the time of year they had their fund raiser and they were selling the coupon books and went over where some of the coupons were from and the books were \$10.00 each and \$4.00 of that came to the their unit each year and this was their only fund raiser. She stated that they were not sponsored by any church, they were self sufficient and if anyone was interested in purchasing one, she had them and they would appreciate it.

Mayor Diaz stated that the Girl Scouts were here selling cookies as well and ask that everyone please support our kids.

Council Member Rivas stated the situation with the trailer was getting old, that he had been here two years and he had heard it over and over and he would like to put it to rest. He stated now he come to us with those words that he was going to get us, what did he say, four or five years ago, last time it was this trail or that trailer, Galena Parks' trailer burned down, he couldn't follow along, he was a part of it, he even said that he did this to it, he did that to it, well if he is fixing to call somebody on us well he was an accomplice too wasn't he. He stated that he appreciated all of them being here, Little League, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, LULAC and everybody and he appreciated them stepping forward and saying that the property would get cleaned up and working with the city we won't take any action until it is resolved. He thanked Mr. Sims for being here tonight and wished everyone a good evening.

Council Member Robinson thanked everyone for coming out and announced that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt would be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m..

Council Member Lee stated that he appreciated everyone being here and thanked all the department heads for what they do.

Council Member Garcia stated that on the comment that JJ was referring to that we were tired, that part of our job was to listen to comments and like any other council out there they could not act on anything they say but they can look into things and she personally had looked into it and there was no crime, had there been there would have been action taken, there was nothing to worry about on that end.

Ms. Garcia stated that back in the budget workshops in 2013, it was mentioned that we wanted to upgrade the water lines on the north side of Market Street and she ask Kyle, if possible by the next council meeting, if he could have a couple of average cost to fix water lines on half of the north side of Market Street maybe looking at it versus the whole side. She stated that she knew that we were in very good shape right now and like she said previously at the last budget meeting, we can't wait for government to take care of things that we need done in the city, that she knew that these lines were going to be finished in 2016 and we need to start working on this side and still after this side we still have another side of Jacinto City that we need to not forget.

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Public Works Director Kyle Reed ask Council Member Garcia for clarification on what she wanted him to do.

Mayor Diaz ask Mr. Reed to get with Council Member Garcia after the council meeting please

Council Member Garcia explained what she was asking for and thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

Council Member Gonzales thanked everyone for coming out, stating that hopefully we were through with the cold weather so that we can actually come out and enjoy the baseball season that was coming up and people could get out and enjoy time with their families.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:45 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