

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee; City Manager Maner, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Garcia arrived after roll call and Council Member Gonzales absent due to work.

The meeting was opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala passed on his report.

Chief Squyers advised that FEMA was making some adjustments on the flood plain maps and they might see some change on the insurance.

Public Works Director Kyle Reed encourage everyone to take it slow and easy, that we had some very bad weather coming in. He advised that we have sanded the bridges located in the city but it was going to be very icy.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director advised that all was going good at parks and recreation and that the Library staff was not able to be her tonight and had ask him to announce that they would be giving flu shot at the Library on February 4th.

Cindy Miller, Heritage Hall Director, advised that the February calendars were out to please pick one up for all their activities.

Mayor Diaz reminded everyone that baseball registration was going one and that the cold weather was here, try to stay warm.

City Manager Maner stated that all was going well, but if anyone knew of any problem, let us know.

Mayor Diaz ask that anyone knowing of any seniors that needed to be checked on during this bad weather to please let us know.

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Jim Moore stated that he was not up here to hurt anyone, that what he had to say was for the citizen's benefit. He stated that he was fixing to bring up some other stuff about the investigation, he stated that he was not getting into anything the Rangers have but he did have one where Harris County had filed several charges and they were laying over there on the Judge's desk but with that being said, there was a big problem over there and he has pictures, he discussed the 12" line he stated was put in and no one ever investigated it, he discussed the problems with the line, how it was put in, etc. and that when the manhole overflowed that raw sewage ran into the flood control drainage. He discussed what he felt were problems at the Akron Easement and stated that he had called TCEQ about complaints. Mr. Moore stated that his goal was to get corruption out of public works. He stated that he was not here to hurt the city but they have an internal problem that he had been out of here and let them do their job. He stated there was an election coming up and those who have them took an oath and he was here to do what could be done, that he was going to be walking the street and supporting whoever was going to get the job done, that he was here to help them and the people in Jacinto city. He discussed the reconditioned manholes, etc., that he was trying to help them and the people in Jacinto City. He stated that he had heard that they had money appropriated to fix the problem and that was telling him they knew there was a problem. He stated they had an internal problem, from top in management down to the bottom in management and they could correct it, they were the bosses. He stated that he was going to be walking the streets and he had a bunch of Hispanics that were with him and they were going to be looking to see who could do the proper thing, that he felt like, when they took office was to take it to heart and he knew that most of them did, that he didn't even know who was up but he knew they had a big problem and they were the only ones that could take care of it. He continued to discuss the 12" line problem. He stated that if something could not be done, his next step was the media and he didn't want it in here.

Council Member Lee stated that he would like to make a comment, he stated to Mr. Moore that he had mentioned several times about their oath and they had all taken an

oath to uphold the law and because of taking that oath, he must understand that he had mentioned several agencies that were investigating and they couldn't make any comments and they certainly couldn't sit down and talk with him about this because there were investigations going on and they would take care of it and we don't want to interfere and he was a little bit concerned about them even hearing some of the things he had to say.

Mr. Moore wanted to come back up and speak, Mayor Diaz advised him that his time was up.

Ms. Aguilar, 1502 Cheston, She stated that she had been a resident here for over 28 years and when speaking with a Texas Ranger over the phone to day, he had even questioned the integrity of the PD doing their job and being properly trained and knowing their own city ordinances they have to follow. She stated that they had been having a problem with the Oasis with loud music and one of the officers had even told her that there had to be probable cause for them to do a courtesy to let them know that there was Loud music and speaking with another officer, they stated that once a person calls in and make a complaint of loud music that was your probable cause. She stated this was the third weekend that they have been having the problem and they were suppose to be shut down at midnight and there was loud music and she now had a video tape to make sure the officers were going there and doing their job, she stated this was an ongoing thing. The stated that the second things was that if you expect the residents to obey the city ordinances of nuisances and she understood that, she had just moved into her house, she wasn't aware of it but she was now but the way you deal with your residents was that if you want the residents to comply with what you want done, it was the same for anybody that worked for the city, the city council should also obey those same city ordinances. She stated they were getting a petition, as far as the Oasis, because it was an on going thing and it would rattle the windows and she had small children. She stated there was a zero tolerance for loud noise so maybe these officers need to be trained.

Mayor Diaz advised that we would look into it and ask Chief Ayala to please look into the loud music at the Oasis.

Chief Ayala stated that he would check into that and he would like to ask a question, He ask Ms. Aguilar if she called the police department and did they send a police unit.

She stated that she was in the back yard and did not see them.

Chief Ayala ask that she get with him on the date and time frame.

Lusia Perez stated that she had the same complaint, city ordinances, that she has a vehicle that is being worked on and always before the public works department has enforced these, why is PD doing it now, they should be patrolling the city and working on crimes.

Chief Ayala stated that we all have to work together and it is part of our jobs to enforce city ordinances.

Ms. Perez stated that she felt like they were being targeted and ask about the process and talked about trash that had been thrown on their property by The Oasis, that PD had come by and took pictures and the trash was still there.

Mayor Diaz asked that she get with Chief Ayala about this problem as well.

Mr. Roy Moreno, 11105 Oswego, thanked Mayor Diaz and Jacinto city Elementary for the card they gave him, that he enjoyed being Santa for the Kids more than anyone else did and was looking forward to next year.

Mr. Moreno stated that he had already brought this up before that Oswego was a speed lane that the two ladies here with him had almost gotten run over on Monday night just crossing the street and this was at all times during the day and night.

He stated that the main reason he was here was that him being a member on the Variance Committee, they approved for Nopalitos to remodel and they were doing a wonderful business and he was really glad for them, however part of the agreement that they had was that when they park they were only to park in that first lot, there was actually three lots that they requesting to be able to turn into park area and they approved just the commercial lot which was the corner lot and they were parking past that into the residential side of it. He stated that actually from his house he couldn't even see it so it really doesn't bother him, the only thing he was concerned about the fact that we had an agreement with them and they were not honoring up to it and that was his major thing right now.

Mayor Diaz stated that we would look into it and ask the Chief if he would address that as well.

Chief Ayala stated that he did get a call regarding that and he gave them the inspector, Richard Spink, name and phone number and since then he had talked with Ms. Brenda DeLeon and informed her about the zoning, he stated that he wasn't too clean on it at the time he received the call, he went to city hall and checked into it himself, he talked with the City Manager, the Mayor and went and talked to Ms. DeLeon and she advised him that the inspector had been by to speak with her and had advised her that she could get a citation for violation of the zoning ordinance and that Ms. DeLeon had complied as of today. He stated that she did have an issue about parking her private vehicle on the residential lot and he told her that she would have to get with the inspector on that.

Mr. Moreno stated that they did put up a line where you could park up to, however, he took pictures of it but the line that they put up was in the middle of his property.

Chief Ayala stated that he and the inspector would keep tabs on it.

Brenda DeLeon, from Nopalitos, said she just came to address the concern of the gentleman about her parking in the residential area. She stated that she was parked in her commercial lot, that she had a survey and she suggested that if he wanted to verify it, he could purchase a survey, that it was \$295.00. She stated that she parked within her commercial parking, the thing was it was kind of a misconception because there was some gravel there but she didn't put the gravel completely on the commercial lot so he may think that only where the gravel goes to is the commercial lot but it is beyond that and she has some green park there and that is where she parked yesterday, her sister parked there etc., and it was still within her commercial parking lot so she had complied, she had cut the grass and put up a fence, etc., and if there are any issues, they do have her personal phone number and they can call her regarding this but they were in the commercial line and she had also talked to Richard about it and she was the registered owner of the residential lot and she can park there, her husband can park there and her mom can park there and they didn't really consider doing that but since she was in need of parking so they will go ahead and do that and she just wanted to let them know that it was right behind them.

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Jim Moore stated that he just wanted to clean up what Allen brought up about Harris County and the line over there on Lane Street and the reason he brought up was because the statute of limitation run out on it, there was nothing they could do so what he was told was that he needed to bring it back to the city and let them handle it, seven years was all the statute was on it.

Council Member Rivas advised everyone to stay warm and if they didn't have to get out, don't.

Council Member Robinson advised everyone to be safe, that we had some bad weather coming in.

Council Member Lee stated be safe and stay warm.

Council Member Garcia thanked everyone for coming out in the cold and to be careful.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:37 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