

COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2013, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee and Garcia; City Manager Maner and City Attorney DeFoyd. Council Member Gonzales absent due to work and City Secretary Raines on vacation.

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 of the previous meeting. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diaz stated that she just came from HEB and it was packed, she hoped that everyone had done their shopping and was ready for Thanksgiving. She advised that we did a food drive this morning with Mr. Don Nichols for former Mayor Rachel Nunez and it was cold and rainy but we did real good, we did a hundred people or more, it was supposed to start at 12:00 noon, the people were lined up so we started early and it went really well and the people were very thankful. She thanked Constable Diaz and his officers and Galena Park High School LULAC for coming out and helping.

Mayor Diaz thanked Ivan for the decorations on the entrances, that she had already received some calls on them.

Lt. Longrigg reported for Chief Ayala, who was on vacation, and provided safety tips for people to follow during the holidays.

Mayor Diaz commented on an incident that happened in front of her at HEB.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, reported that they had a few Christmas lights out but with the weather we were having we could not work on electrical and they would be ready for her stuff next week. He reported that Horseshoe Construction has started the pipe bursting job over on the 10100 block of Palestine, they would do cleanup but it was a little bit nasty right now, they would not work Thanksgiving but they might work Friday and if they had any question to call him or PD.

Mayor Diaz thanked him and his crews for getting the Christmas Decoration up and they looked very nice.

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Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, advised that all was going well, that they would be closed Thursday and Friday and would open back up on Saturday.

Cindy Miller, Heritage Hall Director, reported that they were very busy and they were getting turkeys tomorrow from Congress Woman Shelia Jackson Lee, their December calendar was out and it was busy as well.

Mayor Diaz ask if they were gearing up for their Christmas Party.

Cindy advised that their Christmas Party was Tuesday, December 10th at 5:30 p.m. at Tepapiplan Restaurant and they would be shuttling people from the center because of the parking, they were looking forward to it and thanked Mayor Diaz for doing this.

Mayor Diaz ask if they had picked a day for the shopping, that she had a couple ask her about it.

Cindy stated that their calendar was booked almost every day that maybe Friday, December 20th.

Stephanie Orr, Jacinto City Library, announced that story time with Mayor Diaz was scheduled for Thursday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m..

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2013- 10 Amending Chapter 3, Section 3 Entitled "Dogs" and Section 5 Entitled "Cats" of the code of Ordinance of Jacinto City; providing for annual renewals of Registration and licensing of all dogs and cats in the city.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve Ordinance 2013-10 on the second and final reading.
Vote: 4 For 0 Against

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Rivas to change December 26, 2013 Council Meeting to Monday December 23, 2013 due to Christmas holidays. Vote: 4 For 0 Against
2. Council approval of agreement with Waste Management of Texas, Inc, for municipal solid waste collections and transportation.

City Manager Maner advised that our Waste Management Representative and Councilman for Deer Park, Mr. Thane Harrison was here tonight to answer any questions and to speak on this agreement which the council had copies of and had reviewed.

Mr. Harrison provided a recap of the new agreement stating that he had discussed this with Mr. Maner, and that the biggest reason for this was fuel and went over what our current agreement, which had been in effect since 2009 and he had never charge the fuel surcharge. He advised that what he was asking for tonight was at least a 1.5% increase in their rate and a new agreement and he wanted to raise the fuel surcharge to \$4.15 and that means that nothing will happen until it hits that and he had checked it today and it was \$3.75 and the last time it was at \$4.15 was in August of 2008 and the last time that it was at \$2.50 was the month that this agreement went into effect, that was the biggest change and that was in the favor of Jacinto City. He stated that he was asking for a three year agreement with three year renewals instead of annual agreements and the language was the same and he believe the City Attorney had gone over the agreement and approved it and that was basically it. He went over the present and proposed rates for solid waste collections and he ask for their consideration on the new agreement.

Mayor Diaz stated that we had used their services many years and we appreciated them and the other thing that she wanted to mention was that when we have our city events and we need porta potties, all we have to do is call them and he always delivers, no questions asked, they just deliver and pick them up and she wanted to thank him for this services.

City Manager Maner advised that from a management standpoint we have said for years and it was still true, we just simply don't have garbage and trash problems. Waste Management and to him that meant Thane Harrison, had been so good about serving our citizens and businesses that it just wasn't one of those things that he had to worry about day to day and he certainly appreciates that, any minor problems are taken care of promptly and efficiently. City Manager Maner stated that he certainly recommended it and he had talked it over with the City Attorney.

City Attorney DeFoyd stated that for the benefit of the Council, he had read the agreement, approved it and he would recommend that it be executed.

Council Member Garcia stated that she appreciated all these years that Mr. Harrison had taken care of the city and we appreciated him, that as Ana said he was always there when we needed him.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the agreement with Waste Management of Texas, Inc. for Municipal Solid Waste Collection and Transportation. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Garcia announced that Mr. Roy Moreno was our new Santa for the parade and Santa on the Fire Truck, that Mr. Matheny, who had been Santa for an number of year is not available and Mr. Moreno volunteered to take over for him.

Council Member Robinson wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving, that it looked like the weather would be bad so be careful.

Council Member Rivas wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

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Council Member Lee wished everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

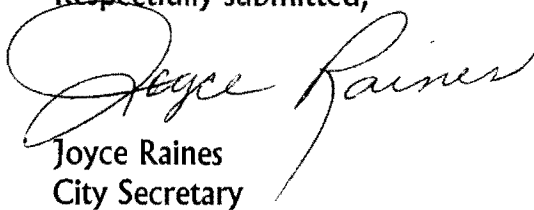
Council Member Garcia stated that Council Member Gonzales ask her to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

She stated that we take one day a year to say thanks but in reality it was everyday so to take the time to thank your family and friends for being a part of your life every single day, that everyone is here for a reason.

Mayor Diaz wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving and ask that they remember our troops out there, that a lot of them were not home with their families.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce Raines
City Secretary