

## COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2013

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Garcia and Gonzales; Assistant City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Lee out of the city and City Manager Maner ill.

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: 4 For 0 Against

### MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diaz advised that all was going well, there were a couple of items that she had placed on the agenda but she would wait until we got down to those. She reminded everyone about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bike Parade at 12:00 noon at the swimming pool parking lot and after that we would have the pool party and pizza from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and of course fireworks at 9:00 p.m., on the high road between Jacinto City and Galena Park and invited everyone to come out and enjoy the activities.

Mayor Diaz advised everyone to bring mosquito spray and we would also have Public Works spray that day.

Chief Ayala stated that just recently there was an appreciation day for the Mayor, he was not there and he did want to let the Mayor know how much that he appreciated her and didn't forget about her, that he really appreciated her and all that she had done for the city and to please call on him anytime that he could help her. Chief Ayala also reminded everybody that National Night Out was coming up the first Tuesday of October and if they were interested in having a block party to please let the police department know so they could put their name on the list. He stated that he wanted to let everybody know the condition of the officers, that Lt. Walker was progressing well and hopefully would come to light duty work within three months and Sgt. Castaneda will probably take a little longer but he just wanted to let them know their condition. He advised that we were having a benefit for both officers on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July at the Town Center and they welcomed everyone to come by, they were going to have a live auction, food and music and if anyone would like to volunteer to play for about an hour or so, they were welcome to come by and they would be selling tickets for the BBQ plates. The Chief ask that everyone report any suspicious activity and reminded them that he had an open door policy if he could help them in any way.

Mayor Diaz ask Constable Diaz if he had any report for the city.

Constable Diaz advised that Harris County Constable's Office, Pct. 2 was doing well, they had been in office six months and they had a little tweaking to do and of course Constable Freeman did an excellent job when he was in office, all they did was just some innovations, everything was going well, they had increased the patrol throughout the community, all Pct. 2 which falls within Jacinto City all the way down to League City and they had been participating in a lot of community events and just making sure they were seen and showing awareness. He stated that he would also like to say that our Mayor was doing a fantastic job taking the bull by the horns and she was going full and also the city council, the city manager and the city secretary and he thanked them for their service, to continue the good work and they would be behind them 100%.

Bernardo Perez, Public Works Department, reported that everything was going pretty good and reminded everyone that the grass was very dry and everyone needed to be careful with open fires going on. He reported that the paving on LaCrosse was complete and ask that they please give public works a call if they see water anywhere.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, reported that everything was going well and reminded them the pool was open and went over the schedule for senior swim and aerobics and advised that they had swimming lesson in the morning and evening and that they fill up fast.

Council Member Robinson stated that since Cindy was out he would report on some of the activities they had going on at Heritage Hall, that they were starting their free classes for people with diabetes every Monday in July from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and on July 12<sup>th</sup> Heritage Hall was doing Christmas in July and they were doing Nutrition Bingo on July 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. and advised that there were flyers over on the table.

Stephanie Orr, Jacinto City Library, reported that last week was the library's Ronald McDonald Program and the building was packed and this week they have Putt Putt Golf. She stated that their patron count for last week alone was 1002 and the Summer Reading Program was going well.

Assistant City Manager Squyres reported that Mr. Maner had picked up a little bug but would be back at work in the morning. Mr. Squyres gave updates on the grant activities going on and advised that we were wrapping up all the Round 1 Ike money; five years ago that storm came through and we were still doing grant paper work and in fact we were going to begin Round 2.2, which was pipe bursting projects, all of the 100 block and Tilia from end to end and Smith Park were all going to be pipe bursted and that was vertically all of our sewer distribution system so we were going to be able to say that all of the sewer grid system was complete after that and that was a feather in the city's hat to say the least.

He stated that later this week we had a meeting with the CDBG folks for the county, that Commissioners Court had just approved the construction phase for our next water line project, fire hydrants and water lines which was a part of the five year plan and at the end of that approved five year plan by the County we would have everything from the dead end all the way over to Holland from Lane to Market done, we would have new fire hydrants on every corner and we would have new 8" water mains throughout that grid which was the largest and oldest sections of water lines in the city. He stated that it had been a slow progressive thing with grant money but we were knocking it out little by little.

Mr. Squyres advised that for events at Heritage Hall or anything else in the city, if they needed to know what was going on in the city, go to the website to upcoming events and every department that anything happening makes a flyer and we post it there and the Heritage Hall calendar was posted there as well.

He stated that he would like to mention that while some department heads might not have made the Mayor's appreciation party, some of them did.

The City Secretary advised that City Hall was short handed and could not leave the office.

Mayor Diaz stated it was very nice, they must have found out her favorite color was yellow so the theme was everything yellow and somehow she happened to wear her yellow shirt that day. She thanked Heritage Hall, stating that she really appreciated it.

There was no unfinished business.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. City Attorney DeFoyd read Resolution 2013-5R dismissing and deleting all Failure To Appear Warrants and Capias Warrants from the files of Jacinto City Municipal Court from the periods of January 1, 2001 thru December 31, 2005.

Council Member Robinson ask how much money were we talking about dismissing here, was it something that Jack and Joe could work on, maybe we needed to add it in the budget next year for a warrant officer.

Assistant City Manager Squyres stated that the City Secretary tells him it was in the neighborhood of 1.6 million and that sound like and is a lot of money but there are a couple of things going into this, one is the sheer volume of paper that this is taking at city hall that we can't manage it anymore and the other was that we got to the point of diminishing on the software package and our dated old software package that manages some of this for us where they were charging us so much to maintain that software package

and refused to do any upgrades to it and for several years we had used the new Incode package which was not compatible so we were dropping that old package because it was costing us more to maintain it than what we were going to get out of those older warrants so there were several factors, was there a smarter, better way to handle warrant, he thought to some degree the answer was probably yes and Ms. Raines and he went to Huntsville last year for a project that we are looking at doing in conjunction with the police department and it was digitally handling our warrants as well so that at some point it would be a paperless warrant system to some degree, it would certainly minimize the amount of paper that was needed to accomplish it.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Rivas to approve Resolution 2013-5R dismissing and deleting all Failure to Appear Warrants and Capias Warrants from the files of Jacinto city Municipal Court from the periods of January 1, 2001 thru December 31, 2005. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

2. Mayor Diaz stated the next item on the agenda was Council approval to amend Police Department Budget Code 16-6801 in the amount of \$3,000.00 for emergency replacement of gas line to generator.

Chief stated that during the time they were doing construction work on the old water plant, there meter had been pulled out, they thought it was a public works meter but it also has a gas line that ran across the top of the police station to the police department generator but it was better for them instead of running across the building and they did get with Center point and it was better to have the meter connected on the west end of the building and connected directly to the generator and they needed the gas for the generator to be operational so right now their generator was not working because of this but everything was in the works and he was recommending that we take care of this issue as quick as possible because we were in hurricane season.

Council Member Rivas ask how often did they check to see if the generator was running.

Chief Ayala stated that it actually operated on it own, it does a reset and it was outside of the building, they didn't do it but as it turned out, they didn't hear it turning on anymore and they had the maintenance crew come out and check it and it turned out that gas was not filtering through because the meter had been taken out.

Council Member Garcia stated that what was going on was, as Chief was explaining earlier, there was a gas line connection right there and somehow or the other the gas line would go over the police building to get gas to the other end and make that generator run, which was quite dangerous so the way it is set up now it is going from the fence along Market

Street just straight into the generator so now they have an electric heater which is a lot better than having the gas run through that gas line before.

Chief Ayala stated it was fortunate that nothing had happened and we didn't need the generator but now we have caught it and we didn't realize that they had pulled that meter out but now instead of running across the top of the building they will put it on the west side of the building directly into the generator.

Council Member Garcia stated that just for the record, Lon mentioned they didn't know how the gas meter was pulled but they are looking into that to see whether it was the contractor or engineer that pulled it out to begin with and it was funded through grant money so either way, whether we make the expense or not, if we need to be refunded, it would come back.

Mayor Diaz stated that it needed to be put back, it had to be done, hurricane season was already here and ask for a motion.

Council Member Rivas advised the Chief that kind of over sight shouldn't happen on anybody's part, whether it was our fault, contractors fault or whatever, they just needed to look and listen and learn from this experience because it was a very costly mistake.

Council Member Garcia made a motion seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve amending police department budget code 16-6801 in the amount of \$3,000.00 for emergency replacement of gas line to generator. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

3. Mayor Diaz stated that this item, Council consideration to allow a community garage sale, was something that she put on the agenda that she would like to do and maybe we could get a lot of participation from the citizens. She stated that she thought about it and talked to our City Manager Jack Maner about waiving the fee, there would be no fee for community garage sales and she had talked to a couple of other council members about it and what they would like to do was kinda bring the community back together a little, she wanted to have a community garage sale where everybody could have garage sales on that day, on a Saturday, and there will be no fee for once a year and what she would like to do was post it on the marquee and anyone who wanted to have a garage sale go to city hall, get a permit, give your address where you are having the sale so we can have a listing of all the people who are having garage sales and anyone can come up to city hall and we can give them the form where everyone is having a sale and they can go house to house. Mayor Diaz ask if any of the other council members would like to say anything.

Council Member Gonzales stated that he wondered if just the once a year deal would be sufficient, that some people needed more than one.

Mayor Diaz said that what she wanted to do was try it for once a year now and we were going to waive the fee, that she knew that we couldn't waive the fee all the time but just thought we would try to do it for this year and see how it works out and ask if anybody was against waiving the fee and she was thinking about having it sometime in July, we could put in on the marquee for a week.

Someone ask what if someone wanted to have their own garage sale during the year and was advised that they would have to go and pay for that permit but they could have their own garage sale through the year.

Mayor Diaz advised that this was just a one time community, no fee garage sale and of course if you wanted to have two or three more during the year there was a fee for that.

Council Member Rivas ask LaGloria if Big Bass would allow them to do things of that nature and was advised they did.

Council Member Rivas stated that he agreed to doing it one time just to see how it works out and if it works out, we move it up.

Mayor Diaz ask if the citizens had any comments on it.

Donna Dailey, 1701 Chazen, stated that she thought it was fantastic because there were a lot of people in town that would like to have a garage sale but they couldn't afford the \$20.00 and it would be a good way to clean up our city because somebody's junk could be somebody else treasure and the only thing she had against it was that it was only once, She thought it should be twice a year. Ms. Dailey ask if there was a rain out could they have it in there that it would be on this date and if it was rained out have it on another date.

Mayor Diaz stated that anyone who would like to participate in the garage sale please go up to city hall and get their permit so we can have the address of where the garage sales will be and she would like to see us make this big and have people come from other cities to our garage sale.

There was discussion on a date for the garage sale.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to have a onetime community garage sale on July 20<sup>th</sup>, and fees to be waived.  
Vote: 4 For 0 Against

Council Member Rivas ask If we were naming it anything specific.

Mayor Diaz stated Jacinto City's First Annual Garage Sale.

Assistant City Manager Squyres advised that if the one holding a garage sale could get those applications to city hall as soon as possible, or at least a few days before, we would make a list of those under upcoming events and anyone could go to the website and get a list of those and they would get some free advertising.

Mayor Diaz advised everyone to go up to city hall and register and let them know that you are here for the first annual Jacinto City garage sale.

The deadline for registering was set for July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Diaz stated that maybe we could put it on the marquee next week so that people would know about it and could start getting ready.

Donna Dailey ask if you didn't get a permit could you still have a garage sale that day.

Mayor Diaz advised that we would like for them to get a permit first, that way we know that you are doing it for that July 20<sup>th</sup> and we were waiving the fee for just that day only.

4. Mayor Diaz stated the next item on the agenda was Council to consider advertising for bids to completely refurbish restrooms at Wilkie and Smith Parks with bids due by July 25, 2013.

Council Member Garcia stated that she would like to ask Lon to give an explanation, that she was with him earlier and she was debating because in last years budget workshops it was decided that it would be a new bathroom and so the e-mail she received from Jack kinda threw her off a bid so she would like for Lon to explain what he explained to her about new vs. refurbished.

Assistant city Manager Squyers advised that they actually met with an architect, the same architect that built the Town Center and Heritage Hall with the plans for using a pre done design that he did for schools and other cities which we could use for a small fee if we were using new bathrooms and when we started looking at the construction cost, it far exceeded what the council had allocated for that expense so when we met with him, none of us had thought about remodeling or rehabilitating what we have and he posed the question to Jack, Kyle and him, saying that we were building another structure, we were

not going to gain any square feet, it would be the same size as we have now, we were putting 5000 sq. ft. of concrete down so we were now saying there was that much more water that wouldn't soak into the ground, that we could complete gut what we have now, rehabilitate it and make it nice looking with completely new fixtures, new wiring and new plumbing and make it new bath rooms so he actually took us to both facilities that are existing now and walked us through what it would take and they would be slightly different in appearance, they would be ADA compliant and the sidewalks on both existing bathrooms have to be completely demolished and replaced and one wall inside would have to be removed and reconstructed to make a plumbing chase way for plumbing, electrical etc., so they wouldn't be new bathrooms but they would have all new fixtures, new finishes and things like that and Council Member Rivas had e-mailed Mr. Maner and made the suggestion and they were following through with this, that we put the bid package together where one component of that package would be trying to completely resurface, being stucco, paneling or whatever to try to give it a more modern or different look than what it has now. He stated that what they anticipated was a bid package that would go out that would handle the demolition, the remodeling complete with new fixtures and they were all stainless steel fixtures that hide all the plumbing so kids can't go and be destructive and rip all the plumbing out of the wall and those kind of things. He stated that Smith Park was a little bit more detailed work because of the condition, that they were actually going to take out the drinking fountain on the north side of it, do away with the sidewalk entirely on that side and mount a drinking fountain to the south wall of it and again no plumbing will be exposed so we should have a nice product. He stated that the council would actually get to see the bids just like they do any other bid, so if they didn't meet their expectations they had the option of turning down all bids.

Mayor Diaz stated that she was sure that a lot of the parents here would love to have these bathrooms refurbished, that she knew she would.

Council Member Garcia stated that just a brand new building itself would cost over \$120,000.00 and that was just one brand new bathroom but to be able to have two complete refurbished for just under \$70,000.00 and when she went earlier to speak to Lon, she was concerned about the drainage issue that we have right there around the bathroom, softball area because that had been a problem for years and the question that she posed to Jack and Lon was that if we get these bathrooms refurbished could we work on this drainage and he said we could go ahead and go with the refurbishing but if we turn down all of this that was on us later so there was no commitment that we would be accepting one of them in the future so she was ok with that.

Council Member Rivas ask Lon if on the plumbing, as it was now, the plumbing was old and would the plumbing be changed out underneath the structure as well.

Lon stated that they were greatly relieved when they analyzed the plumbing, it actually was not below grade level and explained how it work, stating that Wilkie park had already had that sewer pipe bursted and Smith park was having their done in one of the grants we talked about, so what was now being pipe bursted as part of the grants would be replaced as part of this project so from the point where you flush it to the point where it gets to kyle everything should be new pipe.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Rivas to authorize advertising for bids to completely refurbish public restrooms at Wilkie and Smith Parks with bids due by July 25, 2013. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

#### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Sandra Ramirez, 7307 Longview St, stated that her concern was in regard to the President of the Jacinto city Girls Soft Ball League, Alicia Mena, to remove her as President of the League. The stated that she had two granddaughters that had participated in the league for the past three years, her daughter the past ten years and now retired and she had been involved with the league as a coach, assistant coach, score keeper and team mom. She stated that she, along with other parents from several teams as well as their own team have concerns that President Alicia Mena show disrespect toward coaches, their teams and parents, that she shows favoritism toward her own teams as well as her own family member teams, that she was a poor example of what good sportsman ship should be and has done a poor job of maintaining the finances of the league. Ms. Ramirez stated that her financial request to teams was ridiculous and beyond the means of some families and as an example, to make it mandatory for each girl, on each team, to sell ten plates of BBQ at \$7.00 each before they receive their uniforms. She stated that awards were always given to Mena's family before others, such as MVP players and scholarships recipients. Ms. Ramirez stated that at the last meeting Ms. Mena was elected to be president again but the vote was not based upon her ability to run the league but votes from her family members and her own best friends, that this was unfair and unjustified and because of this decision to bring her back as president the league would be losing good coaches who have good standing records on both the field and outside. Ms. Ramirez stated the President's first concern should be toward the league as a whole and not on three teams that she is coaching herself, she stated that she came to them to day to do what is best for the children and the game they love to play and the league they love to play for. She stated that the coaches were willing to step up and take control of the league, take control of the finances they are in now and to create morale, that the down fall of this league must be stopped and the first step to prevent that is to remove this President, Alicia Mena and they ask that this request be considered.

Mayor Diaz stated that she was going to let Mr. Rivas discuss this because she thought he had dealt with a lot of the parents regarding this issue.

Council Member Rivas ask if there was anyone else here tonight that wanted to speak and how many of them were in the room because of these issues with softball.

The majority of the people in the room stood up.

Council Member Gonzales ask if there were any board members present.

Mayor Diaz ask if there was anyone who would like to make a short statement.

Ms. Nicole Rodriguez, 11604 Lord, stated that she was a former board member and last year she was elected to be the finance individual for the league and like Ms. Ramirez said, it was basically family that was in there, she was the only board member that was not related so anything you vote does not count because if Alicia doesn't want to, it was not going to happen. She stated that was one of the board members at the beginning of the season and the President did not like her so she said she was putting her out and that individual was here tonight as well, that the President just decided that we didn't need a secretary to keep minutes or anything else. She stated that it was something to go through the whole season raising money and to know that it was being misused. MS. Rodriguez stated that based on the BBQ sales, they collected over \$6,000.00 and they also had two tournaments which profited them \$2,000.00 so they had a profit of \$8,000.00. She stated that they charged the kids a registration fee of \$65.00 for in city and \$75.00 for out of city and uniforms alone cost about \$37.00 and the President had the nerve to say that we were in the hole because of the uniforms, that they cost more than what we charged the kids and there was no way that half of the kids were not paying for uniforms but supposedly they started the season owing about \$4,000.00, that she had requested over and over for receipts and ask where was this money, who did we owe it too and she could never provide her anything, she just went ahead and said she had it where she could control the money and she ask her to give her a bank account, receipt or something showing where the money went but she never did and where the money from this year went bewildered her because she had spoken to the person who provided the trophies and he gave them a much larger discount than she was telling them. She stated that supposedly on uniforms alone they still owed a \$1,000.00 from last year and they owed close to \$600.00 from this year and they didn't know anything about the trophies this year, she was saying they were in the hole and she wanted to do another tournament so they could go ahead and raise this money and when they ask her where Ms. Mena told them they just owed the bills and these individuals were willing to come forward and tell exactly how much they charged and so forth. She stated that if you just look at it,

\$8,000.00 would have been able to cover the \$4,000.00 they supposedly owed from last year and anything from this year but they also had the registration which she had not wanted to provide any of it and roughly estimating she was saying an additional \$2,000.00 was raised from registration alone and on the day for voting and she had her friends and relative there.

Mayor Diaz ask if it was just coaches who voted or who.

Ms. Rodriguez advised her that only coaches get to vote which were her friends.

Council Member Garcia ask if it was just head coaches and how many teams were there.

She was advised that it was just head coaches and they had 14 teams but all teams were not there and if you want to be a coach, you had to go to her and ask to be a coach, you can't just say you want to volunteer to coach because if she didn't want you there you weren't going to be there but at the end of season on voting day there was a person in there that she knew was not a coach.

There was discussion concerning the voting and she advised that there were only 9 coaches there to vote. Someone from the audience stated that the President coached four of the teams during the year even though they have assistant and other coaches on the team she officially coaches however on paperwork and when it come to voting she withdraws and says she is only helping and will bring another coach in to call themselves the coach and obviously that person is going to hand her the vote.

Someone from the audience stated that on money coming from companies, they didn't want to sponsor anymore.

Ms. Rodriguez stated that was true, they had companies out there that are willing to help but it was to the point that they were not putting up their posters and they were just asking for the city to step up.

Mayor Diaz advised that she was going to have Mr. Ivan to set up a meeting with the President and she would like Council Member Rivas to be in there and let us talk to her and let her know what the issues are, that the parents are coming to us and as they knew, Jacinto City only provides the fields for the leagues, the were not associated with the softball or baseball league, they do their own but she would get with Ivan and see if he could set it up sometime this week and get it done so that we can help out you parents.

Ms. Rodriguez stated that was basically what they wanted so that she was aware that she was not going to be able to continue doing this. She stated that she had volunteered her

time to the league for four years but when she stated to see that she was devoting her time and the money was not being used correctly and she wouldn't give receipts and finally at the end of the season she gave her a bag of grocery receipts but where was the other big receipts and she told her to figure it out.

Mayor Diaz stated they would ask Ivan to please have her set up with all receipts, that they had some parents that would like to look at some receipts and before they left, if a couple of the parents could give us their name and number and they would discuss it.

There was discussion from the audience about Lone Star donating things for the concession stand, she stated the hygiene in there was very poor and ask if we had any complaints, they all worked around it as teams. She stated that her daughters could have gone somewhere else but she stayed here and paid a little extra because she knew they always came together as a team even though they didn't live in the area but as it is, no one is going to want to come back to this area because of the type of drama they have in the softball league.

Mayor Diaz again stated that they would set up a meeting this week just to see what they could do.

Another lady came up to the podium stating that she grew up here in Jacinto city, her parents lived here and she had moved away to Crosby and still paid the additional fee to come back for a number of years and has moved back again and she would like her children to keep playing the same place that she played, she sees coaches come back that were her coaches when she played and as a community, it was very difficult when there is no one that manages that division and that you get closed doors continuously when you look for answers or anyone to help with the issues that continue to go on. She stated that she thought that even though the Mayor and Council didn't manage the park and they provided those facilities for them to play on and for their children to play on, when there is no one to answer to, it allows for a lot of chaos and deception to go on, the feel like they are above the law because they don't have to answer to anyone and they can humiliate parents and children as they so choose, they can call the shots on the fields because they are looking out for the best interest of the teams they are associated with and not the others. She stated that she returned back to Jacinto City because of the coach they had, he was a wonderful coach and they lost him because of this and because of the ongoing promise of changes that don't happen and one of the things that was a bigger concern was the bad feedback that it was giving other communities about Jacinto City and how the game was handled here and how it was based on one person's way or no way. She stated that she thought that a lot of these parents would like to see it more than reviewed, they would like to have an answer to come back to or to get a response to what our efforts did because our efforts have been going on the entire year, not just now, they

were promised an open vote meeting and when the meeting came around, no one was told when the meeting was, they were supposed to be allowed to participate as parents and they were ignored and closed out and somehow by the end of the year when they had Mr. Rivas come out and look at what was going on, some of those board members no longer existed, they were sitting on the sidelines as just parents, there was a lot of underhanded stuff going on and their children would pay the price because if it continues she knew several parents that would not enroll their children here again.

Mayor Diaz stated that she did not want that to happen, she wanted them to come back, that she played softball there, to let her talk with her this week and see what they could do.

She was asked to state her name and address and replied Mediala Castillo, 10101 Muscatine.

Council Member Rivas stated that getting a hold of the President and trying to set up a meeting was rather difficult so she would take this and be aware that we wanted to speak to her on a very serious basis so she would make that meeting.

Mayor Diaz asked Ivan to try his best to get in touch with her and if we had to send her a certified letter that we needed to speak with her.

Council Member Garcia stated that just out of curiosity, that she knew the league was separate from the council but had we ever, in the past, considered looking at, so that we won't have any mismanagement of money, making a board so that we could oversee or was that even legal.

She was advised by the City Attorney that we didn't want to get into that.

Mayor Diaz stated that we didn't get involved with the softball or baseball league, that all we could do was try to help them as much as we could and ask if anyone had tried to talk to her and was advised that yes they had.

Ms. Mendoza, 10223 Chadwick, stated that she had lived here since she was five and her concern was the fund raised money, where did that go and as far as keeping the whole family as board members, she thought we should allow residents of Jacinto City.

Mayor Diaz asked if any of the residents here wanted to participate in being board members Or coaches or assistant coaches.

There were comments from the audience that were not picked up by the sound system.

Ms. Mendoza stated there were but it was not allowed and that was part of the problem they were talking about.

There was general discussion about being a former member and knowing that they would not be reelected this year even though the parents were happy with them, the President didn't want them on the board because they were asking questions.

Assistant City Manager Squyres stated that it looked like there was two issues here, one, he heard several comments that something wrong was happening with finances and he thought the financial person was in the room, maybe two people could set up a meeting with the Police Chief and give him their concerns and he could perhaps offer some guidance or if it was up to a threshold that he felt necessary, he could open an investigation or refer them to one of his detectives to handle that facet of it and then again it needed to be stated that our relationship with the softball association was that we, as a city administration, have a contract with the league to provide certain things to the league and the league basically handles it from there but we would go back and look at that contract and as he understands it, that contract has not been signed for the next year yet so we have that option of saying well we really don't like the way things are going, we choose to contract with somebody else other than the existing or these measures have to be in place before we contract with you again so there are potentially some tools that the city has at its disposal but what we don't have the ability to do is step in and say we are going to micromanage another organization that the city contract with or that we are going to expel this person or put that person in, we would be superseding our end of the contract so we have to be careful how we deal with it, we are certainly sympathetic to the needs of the young people, that is what this is about so give us a chance, we will meet and go from there, we have great legal council if we need that.

Mr. Ramirez, stated that he was the coach that walked out and there was two or three more here that had walked out that should be president of the league. He stated that his concern was that whatever she did, she did but when you started hurting his kids, that he had been coaching since he was 18 years old and he was 74 years old now and the younger ones keep asking why he don't retire and he tells them that when they beat him he will retire. He stated that coming back to the president of the league, there was a deal here, they were playing a game and his wife got involved with another grandma over there and they were arguing, no pushing or cussing and "they" called the cops, the policeman came out there and gave his wife and the other lady a ticket and they had to go to court to get it dismissed. Mr. Ramirez stated that her brother and her husband, who was on the board, were playing a game and losing real bad and her brother was cussing the umpires and everybody real bad, telling the girls they were stupid, didn't know what they were doing and making him look bad and the player agent, who was the husband of the

president, was right there in the dugout and he did nothing and this was what they were facing out there so the only thing he wanted here was for them to look at it this way, she was not hurting the coaches, she was not hurting him, he could go play and coach anywhere else but the little girls up here that work their behinds off to get in first place, what for, some other team over here is going to get the gravy and these little girls are going to get the bones. He stated that one thing he didn't like this year was MVP, most valuable player, that he had two girls, one of them hit 12 homeruns and the other one hit 10 and the little girl that was picked as the MVP, he had nothing against the little girl, he wished her the best, might have hit one or two homeruns, how did you think that made his girls feel but they told him not to worry about it, they knew how she was. He stated they had to look into this because in one or two years from now this league was going to go.

Mayor Diaz ask Mr. Ramirez if he lived here in Jacinto City and he stated that he had relatives here but he lived in DH. Mayor Diaz stated there were a lot of parents here that loved him and he coached very well and thanked him for his service and asked him not to quit.

Imelda Montolongo stated that she was a team mom for Mr. Ramirez's team and she loved him as a man because it was not often that you found a person who had a passion and dedication, who every day regardless of the weather, was out there dedicating his time, she stated that this year her children were 11 and they left to go to fast pitch in Galena Park just because of the stuff that was going on. She stated that every time you go to Jacinto City they say if it is not in the by-laws don't bring it up and that was about eight pages and last year she did a petition with 154 signatures and her biggest concern was to allow them as parents to vote or have a say so as to the board members that are coming in and making a difference. She stated she was a big volunteer, that she quit her job to dedicate herself to not only her children but whatever she did, that she did girl scouts here in Jacinto city to try to make sure her kids and others have something that she wished she would have had. She stated that last year when she did the petition, she gave it to the President and told her these were the concerns from parents from different teams stating that they have a problem with the way the board was run because it was her husband, her brother, our sister-in-law and yourself and the mother to be board members, the mother that gets paid \$50.00 a day to announce there and the girls do it. She stated that her girls have played and at one time they played select and they have gone to different places to play and every time you say you are from Jacinto City they say oh really, it is like they know Jacinto City and say they play pee wee or patty cake softball. She stated that after she gave her the petition signed by a lot of parents she said the only think she was going to do was allow for me to choose or for us to have someone out of our parents to become board members and earlier she had discussed that a board member had come in and she didn't like her and it was her friend Maria who was also a parent. She stated that at that time she had gone to Kim and voiced her opinion, that it wasn't anything personal, it was

just the unprofessional and unfair, etc. way it was handled and her brother cussing left and right like a sailor there on the field and there was times when people would come and tell him their children were right there. She went over some of the by-laws about the membership and elections. She stated that this year, because of the money, their trophy day was pushed back two weeks but the election was always kept hush hush, if you were there you would never know it had taken place because you were not a head coach, not to mention she was a team mom and she never knew because they were trying to keep it hush hush because she knew a lot of parents were after her position. She discussed what the by-laws stated in regard to when the board took office and about who could vote. She stated that she learned a little bit about how it should be run from Galena Park this year and she was just floored on how the city is involved and the city takes pride in people, that when her girls were chosen to be on All Stars and went to North Shore a lot of the board member were there to support them because they were representing Galena Park.

There was general discussion between Mayor Diaz, and Council Members concerning setting up and meeting for everyone and being sure that they would be there.

Council Member Rivas stated that he had run into this once already with two individual telling him they were going to vote her out and he stood there and watched those two individuals vote her back in and he couldn't believe what he was seeing.

There was more discussion concerning the by-law and Mayor Diaz ask Ivan if he had a copy of the by-laws. She ask that they let her get with our City Manager and attorney and they were going to discuss this, that she had not renewed her contract for next year and that gave them a little elbow room where they could give her some kind of rules now and maybe at the next council meeting they could have some kind of feedback for them.

Council Member Robinson ask who they bought their trophies from and there was discussion about the company saying that last year they wrote off \$2300.00.

Mayor Nunez advised them again to do what Mr. Squyres had suggest and go speak with Chief Ayala.

Mr. Kay Bass stated that she didn't live in this community, her granddaughter was eight and she had been coming to a lot of their functions and all the things we have and she thinks everything about Jacinto City is wonderful but the ball park had definitely made a bad impression on somebody that was not from this area, it was poorly run but she would also like to address the council, she didn't know who, but she went and sat in the car with her friend that was parked in the handicapped place one night after it was put there and some lady came up and tapped on her window and said she could not park there, it was the handicapped place and she advised her they had a handicapped sticker hanging here

and she said that a councilman or council woman put that handicapped place there for her and nobody was allowed to park there and she advised her that she didn't see her name on it and she said it was for her and she was going to be talking to them and then she found out her name was Kathleen and she was the scorekeeper and she was Alicia mother and another thing that she would like to say was that she cheated the poor kids out of a couple of their ballgame, what kind of example was this for the kids, they had to play an extra inning because the scorekeeper wasn't keeping the score right and the kids had won but had to play an extra inning and win the game a second time and one night they had to forfeit one of their games because she said one of the parents didn't show up to work the snack bar and somebody did work it and what kind of example was that for the kids, they don't drive but the kids still had to forfeit their game that night.

Mayor Diaz stated the handicapped parking wasn't just for one person, it was first come first served.

Council Member Rivas stated that he did hear about that situation that very night and he apologized for that but he didn't put that handicapped parking there for her but she did bring it to his attention that there was no handicapped spaces on the softball side and a lot of people didn't know that.

Kim Bellotte stated that she was here representing Constable Chris Diaz and she just wanted to let them know that they would love to help with the community garage sale and they could provide extra patrol if the Chief would allow us and she did want all the residents to know that they did change the look of the uniforms and even though they are driving the same cars, they have nice blue uniforms on but they are the same guys, we are just dressing them a little different. She stated that as the former recreational director she just wanted to let them know that if they didn't know all these people behind her they were all great people and they had been volunteering around here for a long time and they were good people.

Mr. Andy Garcia, 104 Oates Rd., stated that he was calling on a little more positive in the baseball and he knew that they had gone through all of that and he thinks that they need some people that can actually help them, not just as coaches but also through the boards and that was what they were wanting to do, they were wanting to do a free baseball clinic here, they were looking to do it the last week of July, July 29<sup>th</sup> through the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> of August and what they were trying to do was get some funding because they really want Jose Cruz to come out and help us, not just for our kids but also for our coaches. He gave some background information on Mr. Cruz and his two sons. He stated that his son just attended his baseball camp and it just brought up his idea, why didn't we get him out here, he was a Latino and the majority of our kids are Latinos and lets see what we can do

and see if we can make it happen and that was what he was asking to see if they could get some help from them.

Mayor Diaz advised that we had some kids here and ask Nicholas and Mr. Andrias to please come up to the front.

Mr. Garcia stated that they were also All Star players and made it to the second round and that we have a lot of talent out here in JC and there was more out there that maybe could not afford to play and that was what they were trying to do, to invite more kids out there by having a free clinic and if they can't afford that, maybe they could make it affordable where they could get players and coaches to help them but more importantly it was also for the coaches. He stated that hopefully we could change all the negativity where everyone wanted to argue because we really have to remember it is just for the kids and kids were not going to get better by winning first place, they were going to get better by learning the fundamentals and how to play the game and his goal was to bring a district championship to the city of Jacinto city.

Mayor Diaz stated she thought that was an excellent thing and like she said, we did have two All Star kids here who would be attending the camp and if anyone would like to make a donation, the boys had their hats off and would be come around to see if anyone would like to make a donation, it would really be appreciated, it was for the kids.

Mr. Garcia stated that he did have a few sponsors already that were going to be sponsoring some caps and he would be sponsoring the shirts for the children and hopefully with the community helping out they could make it happen.

Members from the Softball League thanked the Mayor and Council for helping them out.

Donna Dailey, 1701 Chazen, stated that she had lived in Jacinto City since 1973 and in 1974 they started getting very active in the sports in Jacinto City. She stated the kids dad used to look at the sportsmanship trophy as being above the first place trophy and she thought that might be what was being missed in some of these leagues, that we are all out here for the kids and the sportsmanship and that should be number one. She stated that she worked with Dee Bellotte when she was president of the pony league and they had to turn in financial reports and let them know exactly where our money was going so that we didn't have anybody lining their pocket or using our children to be their fund raising. She stated that we were out here for the kids and even today, she was helping with her grand kids. She stated that living here in Jacinto city she had heard a lot of negative things about Jacinto City but it was not from the people that live here, it was from the people that think they know what is going on, that we do have a good city, we have an excellent parks and

recreation department along with the other departments and she sure hopes the city will look into this, that it sounded like theft to her and in the past they have replaced people and they had to pay back and she thinks that it is an excellent idea to get with the Chief. She stated that she knew that the city's hands were tied because they do just give contracts but thank God they haven't signed a contract.

Mayor Diaz again advised that they would look into it and ask them to come back at the next council meeting and they would have some feedback for them.

Council Member Rivas thanked the people for coming out tonight and voicing their concerns on this issue, that they see him there and know that he is there and he will attempt to do things and look into them and listen to their concerns, that he really did try and they would schedule this meeting and work something out. There was a comment from the audience and Council Member Rivas stated that he couldn't be there all the time but if this was the face that was going to make her change then he would hang a poster of his face up there.

Council Member Garcia reminded everyone to call if they were having a mosquito problem or any other problems and that the dog pound had dogs available if they were interested in adoption.

Mayor Diaz reminded everyone about the July 4<sup>th</sup> activities.

Council Member Gonzales stated that he had come from that side of the field where he was coaching and the fact that the person didn't allow anyone who wanted to be a member of that board and was not allowed to attend, that to him merits a new election because of that and also the fact that she was president, they had by-laws where the president should not be allowed to coach because of these reasons.

There were comments from the audience.

Mr. Frank Martinez, 10145 Flaxman stated that they didn't know what the president was like on the field, that she cusses and smirked, that you think that she is a good person but not to let that fool you. He stated that he didn't want to disrespect her but did she have a right to cuss and at the last game she stalked him and cussed at him.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "J" and a long, sweeping "R".

Joyce Raines  
City Secretary