

COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2012, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nunez, Council Members Rivas, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Maner and Assistant City Manager Lon Squyres filling in for City Secretary Raines. Council Member Diaz and City Attorney DeFoyd arrived after roll call and City Secretary Raines on vacation.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Chief Ayala passed on his report

Bernardo Perez, Public Works Department, reported that we were kinda in a drought for this time of year and they had been having quite a few water leaks lately and that if any one sees water on the side of the road or anywhere to please call it in so they could take care of it.

Cindy Miller, Heritage Hall Director, thanked everyone for helping with their Thanksgiving lunch at Heritage Hall and advised that the December calendar would be out the 28th of November and it was a very busy month. She stated they wanted to thank Public Works and Parks and Recreation for making the city look pretty, they had put up new lights at Town Center and related an incident with the Police Department and that they were doing their job and were very professional.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Nunez advised that at the end of the council meeting each Council Member would have an opportunity to speak about whatever they have planned or what they have done already.

Mayor Nunez advised that Mr. A. B. Green, our presiding Judge for Pct. 163 for years, had passed away yesterday and Officer's Ramos' father passed away two days ago and ask that we remember them in our Prayers.

Mayor Nunez stated that she was going to start with positive things and first she wanted to start with the Police Department National Night Out, fun, games, food and drinks and meeting your neighbors, the whole family could come out and enjoy National Night Out.

She addressed Chief Ayala stating that there was one person that we never comment on her dedication to the city for the police department, Ms. Andrews was not only the secretary but she dispatches and makes sure that for National Night Out everything is passed out and ask that he please tell her that we thank her for everything she does.

Ms. Nunez asked that her comments be relayed to Mr. Reed at Public Works, that the decorations all over the city were beautiful and they still had more to do.

Mayor Nunez ask about Kim at Parks and recreation and was advised that she ill tonight. Mayor Nunez stated that the Pumpkin Festival, along with her volunteers and committee gets better and better every year, that you have the whole family coming out and enjoying what the city has to give to you. She ask Council Member Diaz to tell Kim and that when we were doing the budget, she had ask Jack if we would have the money to buy a new Christmas Tree and he found the money.

Council Member Diaz stated that he found the money and found a little bit extra so that was why we were getting a lot of new decorations put out.

Mayor Nunez commented on Heritage Hall's Halloween parties, Thanksgiving Dinners and all of the Council Members were there to serve the seniors along with Chief Ayala and Kathy Andrews, that she was not able to make it, she had a doctors appointment and she Called Cindy and she understood that and Joyce, Kathy Greiner also helped serve Thanksgiving dinner.

Mayor Nunez commented on the Jacinto City Library and all of the programs they provide, not only for the children but the parents as well. She stated that computer classes were available and the classes they taught were a plus both for the children and parents, that it was a newly remodeled library where people enjoy their visit there.

Mayor Nunez advised the Christmas Parade was December 1st and Joyce was in charge, the trophies were donated again by Capital Bank and they had done this for many years and the trophies were presented to the best floats and then we have a program at the Town Center, we have hot chocolate and cookies and our new Christmas Tree (thanks to Council Member Diaz for being alert to something that we really needed) that we would be lighting.

Ms. Nunez advised that she didn't forget Santa on The Fire Truck, Lon Sqquyres and the fire department and this would be on December 8th, 5000 stocking and on Saturday, Vickie Lee, Joyce, Kathy and she had done 1500 so that left us with 1000 to go and last year the seniors complained because she only let them do 500 so we are going to let them

stuff 1000 and they can stuff as many candies as they want in the pockets and we would have hot doughnuts for them and one fire truck would be on the North part of town and the other one would be on the South and we would be passing out those stockings, not only to the children on the sidewalk and the seniors as long as they were out on the sidewalk.

Council Member Diaz advised that they were going to try to get the Grinch again this year, that he helped out last year.

Mayor Nunez stated that he was so good and everybody liked him but the only thing that we didn't want was the people putting their babies up on the truck for pictures with Santa because that was a liability and that was why we only had the JROTC from Furr, under the direction of Captain Treague, to be the only ones passing out the stockings because last year, we don't know where these kids came from but at the end of everything, they wanted community service papers signed and she couldn't do that because everything came under Captain Treague from Furr so for that reason, we would continue only using the JROTC. She advised that after Santa on the Fire Truck we did give a hot meal to the volunteers and the parents if they are there.

Mayor Nunez stated that for her, they were not perfect because we are human, there are times that we can do things and there are times when we can't. We are human, we make mistakes, we recognize that and we do our best to give them the best services each department has to offer the people of Jacinto City and on her part, she wanted to thank each and every one of them that had kept her on their Prayer list, sent her get well cards and have called her and were concerned about her sickness and so from her house to their house, may you each have a blessed Thanksgiving dinner with your family.

Mayor Nunez recognized and welcomed Constable Elect Chris Diaz.

Mr. Diaz stated that he would just like to say that she was doing an excellent job and keep up the good work that she had taken care of everything really well and also to our City Council who was doing a fantastic job as were all of our department heads. He stated that he would also like to thank all the citizens for their support that he had been a representative of the city and surrounding area for many years and would continue to look out for them.

Mayor Nunez ask Council Member Diaz if she hadn't been able to register some citizens from Big Bass that were not able to come to register and Council Member Diaz advised that they registered about 50 People from Big Bass for food baskets. Mayor Nunez advised that Council Member Diaz was in charge of Christmas Baskets and Toys for Tots and she would be more than happy to try and help her get whatever she needed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS:

City Manager Maner advised that things were going well and as they could hear there was a lot going on, even more this time of year and it makes you proud to be a part of Jacinto City and he would ask those of them that on Thursday when they sit down to their Thanksgiving dinner, to give thanks for Jacinto City, for these folks and all of our neighbors that help out because that is what we do, we may be surrounded by Houston but we are Jacinto City.

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. City Manager Maner explained and read Ordinance 2012-5 concerning the Pipeline application.

A motion was made by council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve Ordinance 2012-5 approving Targa Downstream LLC's application for a pipeline permit on the first reading. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

2. City Manager Maner advised that he was in the hospital when the Zoning meetings occurred and Chief Squyres attended on his and the city's behalf and if she didn't mind, he would like for him to summarize them for the Mayor, Council and public.

Chief Squyres stated the first step was the issue of the Akron address and that was going to be 1215 Akron and the business was R. C. Schmidt & Sons, Inc., that it was the large marine machine shop that we had seen there for years and years and they want to build another building and had bought the lot at the corner of Oswego and Akron and would like to put a commercial structure there and it would actually be a manufacturing structure, they applied for it to be commercial but it was manufacturing. He stated that the city took the view that rather than rezone the property and changing the map to Manufacturing, leave it as residential but issue a special use permit to allow them to take their business and do it on that location and the three of the five committee members that were there voted unanimously to issue a special use permit and make that recommendation to council and he did have to note that they would be back one more time because they were asking for something else as well, they were asking to change the setbacks, they were going to be changing the business address from an Oswego address to an Akron address so the setbacks would be different but the Zoning Committee doesn't deal with setbacks, that had to go to the Variance Committee for that so they would see this address again in the future but the recommendation was to issue a Special Use Permit for a machine shop.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Diaz to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Board to allow a Special Use Permit for a machine shop at 1215 Akron. Vote: 4 For 1 Against (Rivas)

Chief Squyres stated that the request at 1403 Kilroy was originally a transmission shop that he believed was built in the late 60's or early 70's, that there were two metal buildings there on Kilroy and this was the one that was on the East side, right next to each other Wiggins at Kilroy and it was the southern most of those two structures and they were asking to have this property rezoned, actually changing the map again from residential to commercial and it was the two gentlemen that own it and they wanted to rezone it. Mr. Squyres advised that the committee had a couple of issues with it and the city actually opposed an actual rezoning, we had much rather see a special use permit because if you rezone it to commercial, anything in the ordinance book listed under commercial could go in there and obviously some of the neighbors would have an issue with that and the city probably would too. He stated things like dance halls were listed under commercial for example so what they wanted to do was sell it to a gentleman who was going to actually be doing manufacturing of doors and windows and that wouldn't fit commercial anyway and it was actually turned down and it was suggested that instead of them applying for it, to get a potential contract and then bring that individual and let him, whoever the new owner would be, apply for a special use permit and tell the committee exactly what that special use would be and to convenience the committee and neighbors because that one did have neighbors show up and they were unanimously opposed to it as the committee was opposed to it and there was a three to 0 vote to disapprove rezoning for commercial property.

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve the Zoning Commission recommendation to disapproved the application to rezone 1403 Kilroy as commercial property. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

3. Mayor Nunez stated that she would like to see the alternate members move up to Regular Planning and Zoning Board and the Dangerous Building Board and then appoint new alternate members to the boards but that was up to the council and she ask for a name for the Zoning Board.

City Manager Maner advised that the reason there were vacancies on each of those board was the member on the Planning and Zoning Commission submitted her resignation and on the Dangerous Building Board the member moved outside the city and that leaves two vacancies and as the Mayor just said, the Council had already appointed alternates on those boards, Mr. Victor Castillo for the Planning and Zoning Board and Mr. James Berry, Jr. on the Dangerous Building Board and the Mayor had already recommended and he

thinks it is also a good idea to make those two alternates the regular members and appoint a new alternate for each committee.

Mayor Nunez advised that the current members serving on the Planning and Zoning Committee was Roger Matheny, Edgar Brantley, Nancy Gosney and Ray Morlock and the current members on the Dangerous Building Board were Rob Essex, Wayne Nichols, Jacob Padilla and Sonia Flores and she would start with the Planning and Zoning and ask the council if they had a name they would like to add.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Lee to replace Carla, who was the permanent member on the Planning & Zoning board with Victor Castillo who was the alternate and in the future look for an alternate to replace Victor. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Diaz to appoint Mr. James Berry, the current alternate, as a regular member on the Dangerous Building Board and in the future appoint an alternate to replace him. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

4. Mr. Herman McCoy, 10225 Fairfax, stated that he had some concerns that he wanted to address, that we had some good folks on the force but he just had a couple of concerns that he would like to address today, that they had always taken care of him in the past and was always right there but some situations had come up in the last couple of months, He stated that he moved here in 2005, that his grandfather was an early pioneer here and about his second or third month here he started having trouble with loud disturbances in that area and the first time it was the neighbor across the street and he complained and finally came to the council meeting on that and it was taken care of and he didn't have any more trouble with him for a while but it started with his neighbor next door on the west side of him and chief Ayala advised him to come to the station and fill out a statement and he did, that they had been friends and for some reasons, he had to cut ties with him. He stated the neighbor started playing his music loud and he would ask him to turn it down, that he didn't bother anybody and stayed to himself but when you were in your house with the windows closed and you hear this music, that was too loud and the city had an ordinance about loud music and as soon as he came home, the neighbor would sit out in his driveway and crank the music up, he would call the police and they would come out and they gave him citations. He stated that a couple of weeks ago he was barbecuing on the back porch and watching the game and the neighbor started his music and kept turning it up louder and louder and he called the police and they came by and of course he shut it down but it had just escalated and it was going to get worse, the neighbor had already received several citations and he called and left the chief a message telling him that

something had to be done with the situation before it escalated and something happened and the chief said he would take care of it and to call him the next time that it happened and they would put him in jail, which they did, they took care of it and a week or so later he did the same thing again, he was out working on his vehicle and the neighbor just stared his way and turned the music up and he called Joe again and they came and took him the second time and now it was battle over there with his family and all he was doing was trying to have peace in his home and not be bothered and he was not trying to be a trouble maker but if someone was constantly being an annoyance and disturbing your peace, didn't they think he had the right to call and have it taken care of. He stated that so far the neighbor hadn't done anything and Joe told him that he needed to get along with his neighbors and he tries but jail hasn't taught him a lesson. He stated that a week or so ago the neighbor on the other side of him had his truck doors open and the music was vibrating his house and he called the police and when he told the dispatcher who he was his deal was like so it's you again and he told him what the problem was and he said he would send an officer and about five minutes later the guy cut the music off and he call the police back and told them he cut it off and if he turned it back on he would call back and five minutes later he did and he kept it on so he called the police department and told them situation and the officers never showed up and he had to sit and endure that boom box for a whole hour and he finally got up and left to get away from it. He stated that his house was for sale and he had two interested buyers and he was going to go ahead and take it and move elsewhere, that he had wanted to make this his home but he couldn't live around that and he was a Christian and he loved everyone, he didn't see color or race and he was told by a friend of his that worked for the city that was working on the lines that they came across to him complaining about him saying they were Hispanics and he lives around Hispanics and he is going to have to put up with that. Mr. McCoy stated that we all have to obey the law. He stated that he had received a threat and Joe had a copy of the letter and he just wanted to address these concerns, that it was a city wide problem, not just his block.

Mayor Nunez ask Chief Ayala to address this concern.

Chief Ayala stated that he was unaware of the complaint we had about dispatch talking to him like oh its you again and he would check into it. He stated the other issue was that they did respond on the last three calls and he thought the music was behind him on Flaxman and the only thing right now that he could tell them was if the officer don't see it or hear it, they would not issue citations, that he was welcome to be the complainant in the case, he could go down to the municipal court at city hall and swear out the complaint and there would be a summons issued for that individual to appear in court and he would have a court hearing before the judge and if they have any witnesses. The Chief stated that if they arrive and hear or see it then their officers would go ahead and take the

necessary action they needed too, he stated that he had talked to the Judge and the Municipal Court to make sure they were all on the same page and that was what he was going to recommend to Mr. McCoy but he would be checking into the response from communications that Mr. McCoy discussed and would report back to them.

Chief Ayala stated that he also wanted to say that he had talked to the City Attorney about this issue concerning the sound meter and demonstrated for the audience and they had discussed adding to the ordinance about noise and residential property and would continue to discuss this with the City Manager and City Attorney and would make a recommendation to the City Council and he wanted to assure Mr. McCoy that they would continue to give him the service that he deserved.

Council Member Lee ask Mr. McCoy if he said that he waited an hour and never got a response on his last call.

Mr. McCoy stated that they never showed up.

Mayor Nunez ask Chief Ayala to please check into this and be sure that if Mr. McCoy want to file a complaint there is someone available to take his complaint.

Council Member Garcia ask Chief Ayala if when there is a complaint make of sound did the officers tend to just go straight to the residence and stop and speak to the owners of the home or whatever or are the officers stationed away from the home and making their entrance by foot to the home.

Chief Ayala stated they could be doing both, it depended but those two residences there they roll the windows down to see if they can hear the music.

Council Member Garcia stated that she would just like to make a suggestion to stop at the corner or a distance away from the home and walk closer on foot because as soon as they see the car the music is going to go down and that is just her belief.

Chief Ayala stated that they had done that, as a matter of fact there they had taken the car to the corner of Flaxman and Switzer and had an officer there for two hours when it was the neighbor across the street but that was a good idea.

Council Member Garcia ask if the ordinance stated that the first time was an warning and the second time a ticket or how was it set up.

Chief Ayala advised that it was at the discretion of the officer but he would suggest a warning first.

Council Member Rivas ask if the officer gets called out and go by there and there is an infraction, everything goes back into compliance and the situation is taken care of at that time was it a practice to maybe wait a while to see if things have cooled down and go back and check or say at that time everything is taken care of and just go away until the get another phone call.

Chief Ayala stated that when they clear a call sometimes they will double back and sometimes they will stay in the area.

City Manager Maner advised that he had a radio in his office at City Hall and he would say that when PD gets one of these loud music calls and they go to the scene that usually when they arrive at the scene or on their way, they ask the dispatcher to check and see if there have been previous complaints from that address and they take that into consideration with whatever action they take when they get there but he just wanted them to know that they do check to see if it is an ongoing problem or a onetime situation and he couldn't give them any numbers here tonight but the police department issues loud noise citations quite often and of course we can all recognize the problem of them being there at the right time and hearing it because so many of these are vehicles and moving and by the time the police department gets there they are gone but he honestly wanted to say, on his behalf, that they make a real effort but as they often hear him say, nobody is perfect, we can always improve and the Chief appreciates your suggestions and will take them all into consideration.

Council Member Lee advised that they had a situation like that last night in their neighborhood and they came out and told them to quit making noise and they did and of course when they left they started back up and the second call they came back and they were very visible and very loud and the officers were able to observe it and they shut them down and it was very quite after that.

Council Member Garcia stated just another suggestion, maybe the constituents receiving courtesy calls, just to make sure like in Mr. McCoy's case, that the officers did go out there and did check up on it just so they would have piece of mind and she didn't know if that was practical.

Mayor Nunez stated that she was sure that the chief would look into some of their comments and try to find some ways that we can solve these problems here.

Council Member Gonzales stated that he would just like to say that Mr. McCoy had every right to call when he needs help from the police and the one thing he didn't want to see happen is that we know that he has made these call and these guys have actually been put

in jail twice so there is some animosity there now and the fact is we don't want this to escalate into violence of any sort.

Mr. McCoy made a comment from the audience that was not picked up by the sound system.

Chief Ayala stated that he appreciated the suggestions and he would definitely take them into consideration and would pass it on to his officers but he did want to say that he did have a meeting with the families there, that he went down, had a meeting with them and explained to them the ordinance and how it worked and they just felt that they were being picked on and he advised them that was not the case but they have had other activities around there and he just wanted to let them know that he had met with the people there.

Someone from the audience ask a question about the sound devise and how many did they have, was there one for each car.

Chief Ayala stated that it was just the one he demonstrated until a new ordinance was passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Gloria Partea stated that since we were talking about the police department she would like to mention something that Cindy brought back to her remembrance, that she had been here four year and she thought it was a year ago that she came by here but she was going down Market looking for Shipley's and she wasn't speeding or doing anything and she didn't know that she was being followed, she turned into Shipley's and was going to get out and the policeman was right there facing her and he had a bull horn and scared her half to death telling her to get back into the car, she look at him and said sir and he said get back into the car so why did he have to use a bull horn on a little old lady like her, was that really necessary and she didn't know nothing about you couldn't open the door but now she knew.

Chief Ayala advised that it was a microphone and sometimes the officers do that, he didn't know what the circumstances were or why the officer was trying to stop her.

Gloria stated that she was on the council at Heritage Hall and she was here to present two checks, one to Mayor Nunez for Santa on the Fire Truck and one to Council Woman for Toys for Tots.

Larry Schion, 506 Hare Cooke Rd., Crosby, Texas, stated that he was here the last six months on a similar problem like Mr. McCoy had there, it started out as a simple thing and escalated to really, really bad and his son ended up going to jail over it and they thought the wrong guy was put in jail but you know that is the way it goes, you win some and you lose some but his started out just like Mr. McCoys and they knew about it but he hoped that they handled his better than they did his and in trying to help the individuals, his resulted into a law suit and he hoped that Mr. McCoy didn't have to go through that and with saying that, he had some things that he wanted to give to the city manager to investigate but he never did because Ms. Mayor said they wanted to kinda quite it down just a little bit so he kinda backed off of it and didn't but he still got the law suit and he would tell them what he did do, he did go through the channels, he went through the highest channel he could and he would tell them more about it later, that the highest official leaked it so now the investigation is worthless and he was very disappointed with that and he would tell them the name later but he was very disappointed because he thought he could trust that individual and it leaked it so the documentation that he was talking to the city manager about, he was still going to give it but the individual already knows about it now so anything that could have been done has probably already been moved and took away so he thought that investigation was probably going to be soiled so he would mention that a little bit later because under the law suit he could only talk about a little bit and the law suit stemmed out of that leak and he was very disappointed.

Vickie Lee, 11510 Tilia, advised the Chief that she was glad they couldn't give citations if you don't hear the noise because if she ran a stop sign and somebody sees her and calls and tells them that she did it, then by law, they would have to give her a ticket for that stop sign even though the officer didn't see it, was that right. Ms. Lee stated they were having their 15th Annual Candlelight Service December 8th at 7:00 O'clock at Calvary Baptist and everyone was welcome.

Donna Dailey, 1701 Chazen, stated that first of all, she appreciated our police department and she was hearing double messages here that all the time she hears from the Chief and them that if you see anything or hear anything call us because they were their eyes and ears and it sounded like to her that they were not appreciating their eyes and ears of the public and also maybe some of the officers don't realize who they are actually working for, they are working for us, to keep us safe and we appreciate it. She stated that she thought that what she knew of the police department that maybe they need a little bit of a class on how to talk to people because she knew they were busy and she knew that they had a job to do but the last couple of times that she had heard things they were not being professional or nice professionals, it was all in the way you ask for something that we had that thing that happened the other day and it really hurt her because she was always

praising the police department but the people that were involved thought the officers were rude and wouldn't give them information. She stated that she had already talked to the chief and she was sure that it was going to be handled but she was hearing a pattern here. She stated that if they wanted their eyes and ears, they were going to have to accept their eyes and ears and appreciate it or tell the public to keep their mouth shut, we don't want to hear what you say, it can't be both ways and she just hears double standards here.

Mayor Nunez ask Chief Ayala to address Ms. Dailey's concerns.

Chief Ayala stated that he did address the concern that she had and he talked with the officer, however, there were some issues there that we have agreed to that they were going to talk to a couple of people, which is the parents and we want them to be there so the officers can explain what happened, that it was not their intention to be rude or anything but he thought there was always two sides to everything and the officer has agreed and said it was not his intention to be rude and he wasn't rude and he would like to give his explanation and he really feels that they deserve an explanation so he has addressed that concern and they were working on that. He stated that he had been busy on one issue after another and he hadn't had time to get to it yet and the same thing with Mr. McCoy, they had addressed the issue up to the point where he advised of the problem with the dispatcher and he didn't know about that, Mr. McCoy never told him even though he has his cell number and if he had called him, he would have checked into it right away but he wanted everybody to understand that he expects his officers to be professional and polite and anything else is not acceptable, he just wanted to assure them of that and he addressed her concerns right away.

Ms. Dailey stated that she appreciated it.

Mayor Nunez advised Ms. Dailey that she was right, that they keep saying they are our eyes and ears, report whatever you see that is wrong to the police department, evidently there is several issues Chief Ayala is going to have to address with his department and she suggested to the Chief that they look into a lot of these issues that the council and the public had brought to his attention and she was sure that he would, Mayor Nunez thanked Ms. Daily and assured her that we appreciated her eyes and ears to make sure that Jacinto City was a safe community, that the officers are respectful when they stop you, when they take your calls and she was sure that after these complaints Chief Ayala would definitely make sure that they would have meetings to make sure that the officers do what they are supposed to do for us.

Ms. Dailey stated that she would like to add one thing, that she had never had a problem with Chief Ayala but when they go to make a phone call, although she has his cell phone,

she doesn't think he wants her calling him at 1:00 a.m. in the morning, so we can't go directly to the chief all the time, we do have to go through the steps and she thought that was where the problems are, some of the officers, that when the cat was away, the mice would play and she thought that was what we had.

Council Member Rivas addressed Mr. McCoy stating that he was sorry that he had put his house up for sale and would be leaving us if the sale goes through, that he heard him say this was his roots and he loved this place and hopefully he would take a little bit of that love with him and return to see us and hopefully we can progress from this and be a better place, that we were not perfect by no means but we were striving to get that way or closer to it and hopefully he would come back to visit. Mr. Rivas wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving. He advised Chief Ayala that he did appreciate the police department for everything they try to do.

Council Member Diaz wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Ms. Diaz stated that she didn't know if we could do this or not but she knew that we had a lot of citizens complain about the PD or had issues and was there any way we could do maybe something like a meet and greet and have the citizens come and meet the officers because she was sure there was a lot of new officers out there who were not know, maybe we could have cookies and punch and let them come to the police station and meet them and she thought we should do that.

Mayor Nunez stated that she thought so too!

Council Member Lee stated that was a very good idea and he would just like to say that Chief Ayala was one of the most patient people he had ever met. He stated that we do love this town and going into this holiday season, first of all remember to be thankful for our blessings and to whom to thank and going into the Christmas Season the reason we are here, the truth of Christmas is why we live in this town, the church called them out here to pastor and they fell in love with the town and are still here and if the Lord ever moved him somewhere else, he was going to be sad. He stated that the challenge of a new year, new opportunities, new blessings, new challenges was kind of exciting and he was looking forward to that, God bless everyone and Happy Holidays.

Council Member Garcia stated that first of all she wanted to tell Cindy that she had a wonderful time with the seniors at their Thanksgiving meal and thanked her for setting that up for the seniors in the city. Ms. Garcia thanked Chief Ayala for going the extra mile and she hated to bother him on a weekend because that was his off time like Donna had mentioned but when you have to, you have to and she apologizes when she does. She stated that he had been spotted going by Smith Park before you go to Tinsel Town and she was not going to tell him who reported that to him but she just wanted to tell him that she

appreciated how he goes the extra mile, that he didn't have to stop by there, that he was off but he was out there and the way she had always worked was you go the extra mile, you treat every place as if it was your home and she didn't expect everybody to see Jacinto City as their home but it would be nice if the departments saw it in that format and took care of it because this is their city and it is the residents that are paying their salaries, they are paying all of our salaries. She stated that she didn't know if every stop got recorded, a resident had ask her. Chief Ayala advised that they had it on a daily sheet and ask if she was talking about traffic or what. Ms. Garcia replied traffic or home visits and Chief Ayala replied there was a record. She stated that she appreciated everything that the guys did, she wouldn't do what they did and she knew that they were putting their lives at risk for all of us and she thanked them.

Council Member Garcia advised that she had just gotten back from a Texas Municipal League conference where we, as council people, have the opportunity to go out there and get educated, learn more and see what other cities are doing, net work with them and she sat through several of those meetings and the more that she sat through each one she thought Jacinto City is in good shape, Jacinto city is good. She stated that she went to one of the meetings where they were complaining that the water bill was too high, paying in the 90s and 100s because their cities were so small and she was thinking that we only pay a minimum of 40 something dollars and it is all based on the size of the city and there were some other things that they learned but one of the things that did stick to her and she would just like to share it with everybody was something that was a goal of hers, deep relationships, we need to build deep relationships and know people, know their passions, their dreams and so she got a little bit more out of that conference than public works topics, etc. and she was thinking about everybody and before they go there was some note pad, etc. there for them to enjoy and also at one of the booths at the conference there was a website called unclaimed property and it just so happened that Jacinto city had a little bit over \$3,000.00 out there so we were getting this back and that was a nice website to go into and see if maybe any of them have any money out there. Ms. Garcia advised that Council Member Rivas didn't mention this but last Monday they had received a special recognition, not for themselves, it was from Galena Park ISD for helping the youth with school uniforms and school supplies at the beginning of the year, they didn't mention anything about it but they accepted it, not because of them but they accepted it on behalf of our Jacinto City Residents because each and everyone one of us, when there is a need, are always there, everyone has always pitched in whether it is cloths, food or whatever, Jacinto city residents are always there to help each other because we are family. She stated that like Reverend Lee said, don't forget the reason for the season and the reason is the one above and we should always put him first and Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Council Member Gonzales advised Carmela that she still had two minutes and there was laughter from all. Mr. Gonzales stated that on the Chief's department he knew that his officers did the best job that they could but there was always room for improvement and that went with all of us and any little bit that we can learn from these meetings will help and he thought the idea about having the meet and greet was excellent and he bet that we have it a lot better than a lot of other cities with our police department and he was really willing to bet that and also he would like to say that when we sit down for our Thanksgiving dinners that we remember all of the guys that are overseas in the armed forces and if you have family members or friends there lets think about them also. Mr. Gonzales wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Someone ask Council Member Garcia if today wasn't her birthday and everyone sang happy birthday to her.

Council Member Rivas stated that he and Council Member Lee were running dinners back and forth while the other council members were serving and it was a lot of fun and he enjoyed it

Mayor Nunez advised everyone to not forget that the seniors get a hot breakfast once a month and commended Donna on doing a good job.

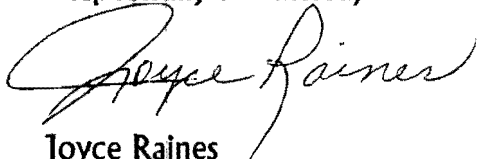
Donna Dailey ask if she would say something for the seniors , that she believed she said this the last time but she wanted to say it again, that they have the whole year of 2013 breakfast's sponsored and also they had several people donate just for general purposes because they had to buy their own cups, silverware, etc. and she thanked all the citizens in Jacinto city, the council and members, they appreciated all of them. She stated that if we lived in Houston, we couldn't have the chief's phone number on our cell phone and wouldn't be able to come up here and call the Mayor and Council by their first name and they really appreciated it.

Council Member Lee stated that he has had some questions and he hated to bring up a tragic thing and he just wanted to assure everyone that the City of Jacinto City is communicate with the railroad before we have a parade.

Mayor Nunez stated that one time Joyce was out there on the track telling the train to stop and she was telling her to get off the track but the train did stop.

Mayor Nunez adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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City Secretary