

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nunez, Council Members Ochoa, Diaz, Lee and Garcia; City Manager Maner, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Gonzales working.

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

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

Mayor Nunez called upon the Department Heads for their reports:

Chief Ayala advised that his department had been busy and that we had two officers injured on duty. He reported that they were working on a vehicle seizure here in our city and the vehicle had been involved in a murder case in Hardin County. He also advised that the department was accepting applications for a Citizens Police Academy and they could call the police department for information.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, stated that we had a major storm on Monday and we had a lot of damage but thankfully there were no injuries. He advised that they had picked up a lot of debris and would be picking up more on Friday and Monday and that Harris County was doing asphalt work on various streets here in the city. He stated that they had been thinking about where to rebury the time capsule and as soon as the weather permitted, they would be doing this and he would talk with the City Manager to see if they plan to have some kind of ceremony. He reported that the mosquitoes were getting bad and ask that they call either city hall or public works with complaints and they would have the truck out spraying.

Kim Bellotte, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that Saturday was going to be a big day, it was opening day for the baseball and softball leagues, that the parade would start at 9:00 a.m. with the Opening Ceremonies at the fields afterward and they would be having fund raising events all day and the cookie dough fund raiser was still going on. There was general discussion on the conditions of the fields.

Cindy Miller, Heritage Hall Director, reported that the seniors would be going to the library for computer classes and went over some of the upcoming events the center has, advising that the calendar was on the city's website. Ms. Miller thanked Public Works Director Kyle Reed for going over and reassuring one of our seniors who had damage to her house during the storm on Monday and thanked Chief Ayala for helping locate one of our seniors that the family could not get in touch with.

Rosalinda from Jacinto City Library, advised they had their soft opening of the renovated Library on Wednesday, March 21st and that Commissioner Morman and some of the City Officials were there along with citizens and friends around the area and welcomed everyone to come by and visit.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Nunez stated that there were three people here for us when the storm hit and that was Lon Squyres who was our fire chief and EMS coordinator and he and the fire department were ready and that Chief Ayala and his men were ready and Kyle Reed had his men out and it didn't take them any time to clean the big tree of the street. She stated that we were very blessed to have no injuries or flooding but we did have quite a bit of damage but like Channel 2 reported on the news, Jacinto City works together and she hopes that Jacinto City stays that way. She discussed the street that received damages and thanked everyone for working together.

Mayor Nunez advised that on Wednesday she had the honor to introduce Commissioner Morman at the opening of the new library; he was a very gracious and good person and believes in helping us and if you see people working on Mercury, that is his project, 1.6 million dollars to repair the streets and she went over some of the street that would be included in the repairs and that the repairs would not be in just one area but all over the city. Mr. Reed advised that 8 ¼ miles of roads was what they were doing. Mayor Nunez stated that we were very happy with this and the sidewalks on Holland should be started as soon as the fence goes up by the trailer parks

Mayor Nunez welcomed La Gloria from the Big Bass community and Ms. Hazel Buck and advised that Ms. Buck would be speaking during comments from the public.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Maner stated that all was going well and if anyone had a problem to please let us know and we would try our best to take care of it.

Mr. Maner stated that he would like to introduce three young ladies, Ashley and Daisy Gonzalez who lived down the street from him and his granddaughter Alora Goodfellow and that Alora and Daisy were best friends and in the local Brownie Troop here and they were studying government and that was why they were here, that they were in the second grade at Jacinto City Elementary and they were here to see how city government worked.

THERE WAS NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Reed explained that now Harris County requires when we submit an application for funding that we have to have the design plans done as they will no longer fund engineering. He stated that they had the proposal in front of them from our engineer. He advised that this round was over one million dollars and the cost of the design was \$46,000.00 and he recommended that the proposal be approved.

City Manager Maner stated that Chief Squyres, who was our grant writer and Kyle Reed had met and discussed this with the County and all recommended we enter into this agreement and he agrees with this recommendation

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Ochoa to enter into an agreement with LJA Engineering Inc. for design services for upcoming CDBG projects. Vote: 4 For 0 Against

2. Council Member Garcia stated she put this on the agenda to see if maybe the Council could agree to have a workshop later to just discuss service awards for past and present elected officials and employees, that we have many employees that have been working in the city for such a long time and it would be nice to sit and discuss what kind of service awards we could do.

Mayor Nunez stated this was a good idea and we had a work shop coming up to discuss appointing alternates to committees and we could discuss this at the same time and if any other Council Member had something to let her know and it could be discussed as well.

Council Member Garcia stated there was one thing, that last year they had the summer programs; classes offered to the citizens and parents about the different ways the government works and they had sewer classes, water classes, etc. and she would like to repeat this but this time bring in different topics on things we want people to know.

Mayor Nunez advised that we could discuss this in the workshop as well.

3. Captain Demont presented the Racial Profiling Report for 2011, advising that the original was on file at city hall and if they had any question they could come by the police department.

Mayor Nunez introduced Marquz McMillan.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Vickie Lee, 11510 Tilia, stated that last week she had a scare, she thought she had lost a child and she panicked and ran to tell her husband and he panicked and made some calls, and she wanted to thank the police department and public works department for their quick response. She advised that the child had crawled upon the couch, pulled a pillow over himself and gone to sleep.

City Manager Maner stated the child was the grandson of a former resident and former police officer, Randy Chastain.

Jim Moore stated that he was going to be nice but he wanted to thank the citizens out here first because he gave 10 ½ or 11 years of everything he had out here and he wanted to tell them he appreciated it that there was an awful lot of knowledge that he had and he gave out through all of the employees and he appreciated working with the citizens out there, they were the one that deserved everything that was happening in this city right now. He stated that he did want to leave this with the council and this would be his last time coming up here for a while and he was sure that would make them feel good but he did want to leave this with the council, that he would be back for the last stand and he would like to say this to them, he gave them several things in the charter that were being violated and in the manual and now that he hasn't heard anything being addressed about it, he was going outside the city with this. He stated he loved keeping it inside the city but he saw, at this point and time, he couldn't do it so he was going to have to go outside. He thanked them very much and that he appreciated working here.

Ms. Hazel Buck with Scout Troop 1301 advised that the troop did not have a sponsor and that they had one fund raising event each year which was selling coupon books, she discussed some of the coupons that were in the book and advised that the books sold for \$10.00 and the troop keeps \$4.00 from each book and that was their budget for the year. Ms. Buck stated that her son Clarence has been with the same troop for 43 years and she would be finishing 40 years in September. She introduced the two scouts with her and stated they would appreciate any help they could give them by buying the books.

Council Member Diaz stated that she had bought these coupon books and she used the coupons all the time and invited the troop to come out to the Easter Egg Hunt on March 31st and sell books.

Ms. Buck went over all the projects the scout troop participated in and stated she would have to check their schedule to see if they were free at that time.

City Manager advised that Ms. Buck's son Clarence was an employee of the city years ago.

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Mr. Larry Schion stated that he would give \$10.00 if everyone else in the room would.

There was general discussion.

Mr. Schion stated that he would donate \$100.00 to the Scout Troop if someone would match it and Chief Ayala advised that he would match Mr. Schion's donation.

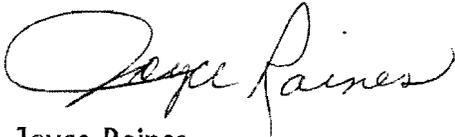
Mayor Nunez ask that anyone who would like to buy one of the coupon books to please see the scouts after the meeting.

Mayor Nunez adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m..

Nancy Gosney advised the Mayor that she had something to say and led the Council and audience in singing Happy Birthday to Mayor Nunez.

Mayor Nunez was presented with a card and flowers and everyone enjoyed cake, ice cream and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Joyce Raines
City Secretary