

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2011, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nunez, Council Members Ochoa, Diaz, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Maner, and City Secretary Raines., City Attorney Defoyd absent.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Diaz and seconded by Council Member Gonzales.
Vote: 4 For 0 Against

Mayor Nunez called upon the department heads for their reports:

Captain DeMont called attention to a card that had been sent out by the Department of Public Safety on one of their registered sex offenders and he was sure they had received it in the mail, that the name and address was on there, he stated that they were notified in January that he was getting out and had followed all the required procedures and if they had any questions, they could come by the station, that they had the original article that the Chief had put in the Chronicle, there were regulations they had to go by and that he had to go by and they check on him and that he is required to wear an ankle monitor. He stated that he just wanted them to know this was something that had been some time ago, it was not something new.

Mayor Nunez stated that she understood that anyone that was interested in getting an updated list of sex offenders, that you could go by the police department and get one and it was very important that you know what was surrounding you.

Council Member Diaz stated that she had a question on the one that we just got in the mail, was that the one on Lane Street that was a rent house. Mayor Nunez advised that it was and the house was rented to his mother and then he moved in and he was considered a high risk sex offender. Council Member Diaz stated that the man that lived next door called complaining about the man, supposedly he has grand kids at home and he doesn't like it because the kids are out there playing and the guy is sitting on the porch watching them and he wants to know if there is anything we can do to get him out of the city and she advised that she didn't think we could do that, can we or can we not.

Captain DeMont stated that he could tell them he has rights, that he was registered and we had done what we were required to do. He explained what the offender's regulations were and that he would let the Chief know and they would look into the matter.

Mayor Nunez stated that she would talk to the owner of the property and tell him of the concerns of the people around him that have children and maybe he will understand this.

There was general discussion concerning the matter and the fact that cards are only sent out on high risk offenders.

Council Member Lee stated that you could reassure this gentleman, that whenever he goes by the police department and talks to the Chief or the Captain, that one of the things the chief always brings up is the recent developments and the things that are going on and he always tells him when he has a new sex offender on the list so they are aware and on top of it.

Council Member Gonzales stated that he had a question, that he knew that information gets sent out to the chief but how did this information get relayed to the public, that he knew word of mouth had gotten it out to neighbors but as far as to the general public. Captain DeMont stated that besides the card going out, we post it immediately in the Chronicle and when he arrive in town, he has so many hours to report to us and be registered and that applies to any sex offender and if not, they violate the conditions of their release. He advised that there was a State website you could go to and pull up the sex offenders in any area.

Mayor Nunez ask Captain DeMont if he could please make all of his officers aware that this is going on and to pay particular attention when they go through that area there.

There was discussion on where the post cards were sent and was advised that they were sent to zip code 77029.

Chief Squyres stated that we could also put a notice on the website. He stated the fire and EMS was busy as usual. He advised that on the grant front, he, Kyle and the engineer were meeting on Tuesday about the 300 and 400 blocks and if all goes well, we should be going out for bids on the next agenda.

Captain DeMont called attention to the monthly statistics they had received and advised that they were averaging quite a bit of car and burglary and would appreciate any help the public could give them.

Public Works Director, Kyle Reed, reported on the sidewalk project on Burman and Wiggins and reported that the city of Houston was going to mandatory water ration, stage two. He advised that we haven't reached that point yet, that the citizens are doing a good

job conserving water. He commented about the water line project that Chief Squyres mentioned, stating that it would be 18 blocks of 6" water lines and fire hydrants, 550 homes, water meters will be moved to the front just like we did in the 100 and 200 blocks, it was very much needed and it was grant money that the city would fund a very small portion of it.

Kim Bellotte, Parks and Recreation Director, stated she was excited about summer being over in a couple of weeks and the teachers get to go back and teach. She stated they had been busy at the gym, that they had the Furr High School cheer leaders working out there now, that she had found out that they were working outside at Furr High School because there was no room available so now they are working out at the gym and they wanted to say thank you. She advised that Mayor Nunez and Council Member Garcia had met them and they were very thankful and the good thing about that was we made a good partnership, they now want to help us with all of our projects or any kinds of volunteer projects. She report that they had seen a great increase in participation at the gym and the rest of the gym renovations should be finished next week. She reported that the Dive In movie was officially sold out and it didn't take very long. She stated that not one person paid a dime for it, everybody wants to bring the food and participate in the community event and she appreciated everyone's help.

Cindy Miller, Heritage Hall Director advised that the seniors would be selling drinks at the movie and that Council Member Garcia had brought her group, the zumba parents to tour Heritage Hall and were informed about what the senior program had to offer. She reported that next Tuesday, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. their WII instructor, Christopher Diaz, would be teaching the seniors how to play WII and they would probably have his favorite snack there.

Kim Bellotte, Parks and Recreation advised that she was bringing some of the Skylls kids from last year over on Monday to serve the seniors and on Thursday, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the seniors were going to teach them how to paint ceramics.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Nunez advised that last Friday, the Chamber had their monthly meeting at our Town Center and they had a big crowd and they really enjoyed coming to Jacinto City and Commissioner Morman was the speaker and did a very good job.

She stated the other thing that she would like to introduce to the council and citizens, was a program called The Jacinto City Youth Council and if they had noticed, we had a lot of teenagers and you could see them around the streets, probably not having much to do

but this would serve as a vehicle to make sure that the city council is aware of the needs and wants of Jacinto City youth throughout the city. She outline how the council would be set up, that they would meet once a month, would be composed of high school juniors and seniors and have to be residents of Jacinto City and each council person and the mayor will get a chance to select a student to participate in this program and she went on to explained what the youth council would be doing and that they could pick up applications at the gym.

Mayor Nunez advised that we had a budget workshop on Monday and thanked Mr. Maner for doing a very good job and we would be having public hearing on the proposed budget.

She discussed Jacinto City hosting the Harris County Mayors and Council's Association in January.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Maner stated that all was going well and announced that the Charter Review Commission would be holding a public hearing on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m..

There was no unfinished business.

There was no new business.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Marquez McMillan, representing the Port of Houston Authority, advised that the Army Corp of Engineers will be repairing the high road and will possibly be starting in September, they will be raising the levy but will not be closing the road.

Vickie Lee, 11510 Tilia, stated that she thinks getting the youth involved is great, these will be voters in the future years. She thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during her mothers illness, that she was doing much better and had been moved to a rehab center.

Council Member Garcia stated that she wanted to thank Cindy again for the tour that she gave their parents, that she had a little girl that wanted to help out our seniors and a mom that wants to bring her mother. She announced that if they knew of anyone who needed school supplies or uniforms, that this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. they would be helping out with that at the Galena Park Resource Training Center at 1721 16th Street In Galena Park.

Mayor Nunez ask who was sponsoring it and Council Member Lee advised it was LULAC and he was going to make the same announcement and he was told that it started at 8:00 A.M. and they would be handling out backpacks.

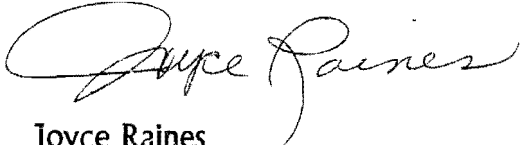
Council Member Garcia advised it was for anybody living in the Galena Park area code and the 77029 area code and a GPISD report card must be presented to receive uniforms and supplies.

Council Member Lee advised that before we have another council meeting, school will be in session, please remember the school zones and watch for the kids.

Council Member Diaz announced that her husband chris Diaz was having his campaign kick off fund raiser on August 5th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. She stated that Constable Gary Freeman, Mayor Bobby Barrett and Mayor Rachel Nunez were co-hosting it, it would be located at the Galena Park Community Center and if anyone was interested, she had tickets for sale.

Mayor Nunez adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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

Joyce Raines
City Secretary