

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines.

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: 5 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala stated that he just wanted to let everybody know that if they go to Jacinto City Elementary to pick up a child around 4 or 4:30 they we re having a little bit of traffic congestion over there on the Burman side and he would have his officers down there day to day around 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. to work traffic control.

Mayor Diaz stated that she was in that line but she didn't see anything going on.

Chief Ayala stated that today it was really bad, that he had some pictures of it and they had an officer down there and would have them there day to day just to make sure there was not an accident and nobody gets hurt

Mayor Diaz stated this was for tutorials and she thought it was just on Wednesdays.

Dina Gonzales advised that it was Monday through Wednesday.

Chief Mier stated that she had nothing new to report , received a call out and had to leave the meeting.

Bernardo Perez, Public Works Department , reported that they had been working on a water line break and it was hard to tell people that there water was going to be off for two or three hours but they did get it repaired and everything was back on now. He advised Mayor Diaz that they had repaired the pot hole that she had reported.

Mayor Diaz thanked him, stating that she had already gotten a call telling her that it was repaired and thanking them for the quick response.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation, reported that they had been busy getting ready for baseball and softball season and that the Parade was scheduled for Saturday, March 12th.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that all was well at Heritage Hall and they were busy getting ready for their Valentine Banquet on February 12th. There was general discussion about not having a speaker system and the seniors not being able to hear bingo and Mayor Diaz advise that Lon would check into it and get one for them.

Linda from Jacinto City Library advised that all was going well at the library and commented on the new fence that had been put up at the library and all the programs they had going on there. She advised that Ms. Sue Ellen was busy with the Zombie Valentine Party at the Library and could not be here tonight.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diaz reminded everyone about the Heritage Hall Valentine Party tomorrow night and advised that State Representative Ana Hernandez was having her Valentine Party tomorrow at the Leon Grayson Center at 10:30 a.m. and they provide lunch and door prizes.

Mayor Diaz stated that another announcement that she wanted to make was that she had gotten a number of calls about the lines on our streets being so faded that you could hardly see them and she had called Commissioner Morman's office and today she had gotten a call from Justin Haymaker, from Commissioner Morman's office and he advised her that he had driven the streets last night and that the lines could not be seen and he was going to talk to his supervisors and put it on the top of the list to get our streets restriped so hopefully it comes through.

She reminded everyone that Early Voting started next Tuesday, February 16th through February 26th, gave the locations for early voting and encourage every to go out and vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres stated that he thought we were double teaming Morman's Office because on Monday he had talked with someone from there as well and he feels sure this will be a resolved situation.

Mr. Squyres stated that he also had Ivan going to a YAC conference, a Youth Advisory Conference, a State wide conference being held in Pearland this year and if it looks like something that would be beneficial to the city we would bring it to them to get their guidance on it.

He advised that in the near future we would be in a position where we could demolish the old school building before it falls down and we can use the room for parking for the ball fields.

He advised that the concession stand at Smith Park should be installed in about 2 ½ weeks and it would be ready for opening day. He ask that everyone pencil in on their calendars that sometime in the mid to late April we should be at the point to break ground on the new police station and this would come back before council as they would have the final say on this.

He advised that GPISD had a bond election coming up and if it passed Jacinto City Elementary was in line to get a new school as well as Pyburn Elementary and this would be a good time to talk to GPISD about the bridge that would allow access to Pyburn from Jacinto Oaks.

Mayor Diaz stated there was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Captain Mark Longrigg presented the 2015 Racial Profiling Report for Jacinto City, stating that it could be viewed at City Hall or the Police Station.
2. City Attorney DeFoyd read Ordinance 2016-1 regulating hazardous air pollutants emitted from engines of certain idling motor vehicles.

There was discussion on what type of vehicles this would cover.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve Ordinance 2016-1 on the first reading. Vote 5 For 0 Against

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Salinas, representing the Girls Softball League, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the possibility of girls softball being allowed to pick the date of the parade and opening day one year and then the boys picking the date the next year in hopes that it would cut down some of the problems they were having picking dates each year, that they just wanted to do what was best for both leagues. The stated that they had both wanted different dates this year and had compromised on the date of March 12th and that the girls would be having a Barbeque fund raiser on that date. She stated that they try to do what is best for both leagues but some of the negative comments on face book was upsetting.

There was general discussion on the comments, who's face book it was.

Mayor Diaz stated that we only have one parade for the girls and boys together.

Mr. Raul Rodriguez, 1410 Jennifer, commented on the recent incident involving our police department and the protest that followed, that he had watched the tapes and our office conducted himself appropriately. He commended the police department on the fine job they do keeping the city safe and went over a number of incidents when the department had reached out to help our citizens in need, and he supports them 100%.

Donna Dailey, 1701 Chazen stated that she was in total agreement with Mr. Rodriguez, that she had looked at both tapes and our officers were doing their job and we should appreciate them and the job that they do. Ms. Daily stated that she did not understand the Idling Ordinance they had just read, was that going to affect them starting their car in the morning and was advised that it was heavy equipment only.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas stated that problems come and problems go , he thought it would play out a different way than it did but it looked like the wind blew it away and he was glad. He stated that he would be putting his name in the hat so hopefully they would be seeing him again . He wished everyone a happy Valentines.

Council Member Robinson stated that he agreed with what everyone was saying, the police department was doing a good job, that all of our departments do a good job and wished everyone a happy Valentine and announced that we would be having the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 19th at 11:00 a.m..

Mayor Diaz reminded everyone that Spring Break was coming up on March 14th and it would be here before you know it.

Council Member Lee stated that it took a lot longer to hide those eggs than it did to find them. He thanked everyone for coming out and that he appreciated them and he appreciated our police department, that he thinks that all of our departments do a great job.

Council Member Garcia stated she wasn't going to say much tonight, that she had a cold and she agreed with the statement, she thought all our departments did a good job and she appreciated everybody and wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Council Member Gonzales wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m..

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

Joyce Raines, City Secretary