

## **COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022, 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Rivas absent due to illness and City Attorney out of State.**

**The meeting was opened with Prayer and the Pledge of allegiance.**

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

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Chief Ayala had no report.**

**Chief Mier advised COVID was still out there and to take precautions, that the weather was getting very hot and to be sure and stay hydrated and come out and enjoy the Market this weekend.**

**Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that Target Hunger would be at Heritage Hall tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. to register seniors from the center, from Jacinto City and the surrounding area for boxes of food, that they would need an ID, award letter and a copy of a utility bill to be sure they qualified.**

**Mayor Diaz questioned what type of organization this was and Ms. Flores advised that it was like the food bank but that we did not have to do anything, that they did all the work.**

**City Manager Squyres ask what the award letter was and she explained that this was what they received from social security, and that if they didn't have the letter, they could use a stud from the check or if they had direct deposit they could show where it was deposited into their bank, Mr. Squyres stated they would talk about this later.**

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**Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, advised that Javier Duran, one of our Public Works employee's dad had passed away and ask that remember the Family in Prayer.**

**Mr. Reed thanked Mr. Seydler for removing honey bees and honey form three of our water meters without killing them, they really appreciated it. He advised that the emergency repair work at the sewer plant was approximately 90% complete and was looking great and the mosquito truck would be on the street this weekend.**

**He stated that Mr. Rogers mentioned at the last Council Meeting about the Lead and Copper sample that Federal Law required us to collect and we had dropped off the first 15 sample bottles and had received 9 of them back and if anyone who had received one had any questions to please contact them at Public Works, that with all the infrastructure work we had done, we had eliminated tons of lead jointed pipe and hopes that within the next two years they will be rated superior water supply by TCEQ.**

**Mayor Diaz thanked them for all the work they do.**

**City Manager Squyres explained about the sign in front of City Hall, that we are not getting anything, that when he was finally able to get ahold of someone at the County they said it would be on Clinton, Market and Holland and then he got a set of the plans and the only work we are going to benefit from is the Low Road and the High Road.**

**Mayor Diaz stated this was a political thing.**

**Some from the audience ask if we could take the sign down and City Manager Squyres advised that we could not, it was a County road.**

**Mr. Squyres advised that we were waiting on the County to get us the contract on Phase 2 for the grant on water line and fire hydrant replacement on the North Side and then they would want us to hurry and get it done.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that Council Member Rivas, Ms. Dailey and he met with Mr. Sterns from Joseph House and they liked the Old Library for the food distribution but the building would have to have a new 4 Ft. door, a new Air Conditioning unit and burgle bars and Ms. Dailey advised him that she had the bugler bars donated and Kyle had gotten a quote on the doors of \$4,700 and when we get bids on the repairs we would try to enter into a MOU agreement. There was discussion concerning the American Legion building and Lon said they looked at the building and they liked the building but had not been able to get in touch with anyone about the building and the exterior on the building was in bad shape.**

**Mr. Squyres advised that we had a senior staff meeting today and covered cyber security mandatory training, for all city personnel and elected officials that had access to city computers were required to take the training or we could lose grant funding and he would be sending them the video and the test.**

**He explained the process for passing the budget this year, there was tighter schedules and exact language to use in making a motion to pass the budget.**

**He advised that on June 25<sup>th</sup> we would have vaccination clinic at Public Works.**

**Mr. Squyres stated that Kyle had forgot to mention that Thomas Rogers has gotten his B Water License and that was a good thing for the city.**

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

**Ms. Dailey ask Mr. Squyres if he could get her a list of the item need for the building and she would see what else she could get donated.**

**Jose Ortez, 1721 Kerby, advised that there was a telephone pole that was either broken or rotten and looked like it was falling.**

**City Manager Squyres advised him that we would get the pole number and report it.**

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**Anthony Guzman, 11020 Burman, advised that he was an NRA Certified Instructor in firearms safety training for adults, teens and kids and he would like to work with the city.**

**Mayor Diaz ask him what age groups and he stated that it depended on the parents, they took it case by case.**

**Mayor Diaz advised that we had a summer program at the gym and we had about 15 kids enrolled.**

**City Manager Squyres ask him to get with him and they would look into it.**

**Council Member Garcia suggested that National Night Out might be a good place or what about the schools.**

**Mr. Guzman said that schools were a gray area.**

**Mayor Diaz suggested Heritage Hall that we had about 25 to 30 seniors there and he could get in touch with Elizabeth, the Director.**

**Luisa Perez, 1506 Cheston, stated that she had talked to the Chief, about the house next door to her, that back in April they had shoot at her house and there was bullet hole in her wall and she didn't thing they did anything that the officer said she was always complaining, but she would not name the officer, she stated that anyone could have a gun now, that was the law.**

**She stated that the people that live there before them had torn the fence down and these people had a pit bull and she was afraid for her grandson to be in the back yard and she had ask them to fix the fence but they had not and every time they have a party they shoot up and they had told her they were going to file harassment charges against her,**

**She stated that 3 or 4 years ago she had complained about the sidewalks on their street and now with the new houses there was no sidewalks, that there was no place for her father to walk and they need sidewalks.**

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**City Manager Squyres advise that we had a big drainage project in that area that they were surveying for now and we did not want to put in sidewalks that might have to be torn up.**

**Ms. Perez stated they did not flood now because of work the city had done earlier.**

**Mayor Diaz advise that we would get with the Chief about her neighbor.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1. Council to award bid on Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project**

**City Manager Squyres advised that we were ready to award the bid on the project but the Count was not ready yet and ask to postpone action until the next council meeting.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Robinson to postpone this item until the next council meeting. Vote 4 For 0 Against**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. First Reading of Ordinance 2022-5 Amending Jacinto City Ordinance 2008-5 dated September 26, 2008, entitled an Ordinance for control of Post Construction Storm Water Runoff**

**City Manager Squyres stated that we would usually read these ordinance by caption because they were so lengthy and they were both replacing older Ordinances and the primary changes were on Base Flood Elevations, that there is now a 500 year flood plain which is a little more restrictive an a large portion of the Ordinance hasn't changed, That we could use the Harris County Document or Houston Document and we chose Harris County's as it was easier to follow. He advised that the changes are engineering changes**

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**On both and if we don't adopt the changes they would take our grants away. He went through the ordinance and pointed out the changes,**

**A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Ordinance 2022-5 on the first reading. Vote 4 For 0 Against**

## **2. First Reading of Ordinance 2022-6 Flood Damage Prevention**

**City Manager stated this Ordinance was very similar, it has a statement saying what we are required to do to build or remodel so we would be out of the flood plain. He went through the Ordinance and outlined the changes, stating that as in Ordinance 2022-5 these changes were made to comply with Changes in the flood planes and Harris County Requirements.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve Ordinance 2022-6 on the first reading. Vote 4 For 0 Against**

**Ms. Dailey ask if this would affect our flood Insurance.**

**City Managers Squyres advised that it should not affect flood insurance unless the area flooded during Allison and that was Serpentine, an area on Munn Street and Seagram which were in the 100 year flood plane. He stated there was nothing in the Ordinance that affected existing houses but any new buildings would have to go by the new ordinance.**

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Robinson stated that his prayers were with Javier Duran's family and he would like to see what it was going to cost the city to get the old library ready. He cautioned everyone to be safe.**

**Council Member Lee advised everyone to stay cool and God Bless.**

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**Council Member Garcia advised that the Market would be having BBQ on Saturday and encourage everyone to go out and enjoy the market. She recognized the Scout Troop who was there to observe.**

**Council Member Gonzales ask what about the American Legion building for the food pantry.**

**City Manager Squyres stated they liked the building, the wide doors were already there and it had a concrete floor, that the exterior of the building was not in good shape and they and they had not been able to get in touch with anyone about the building, they had abandoned the building.**

**A lady from the audience stated that she was involved with the American Legion and she could get in touch with them and would get back to them, that this organization wanted to help the veterans.**

**Ms. Dailey talked about all the things Joseph House was willing to do.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that Chief Ayala had a contractor that was keeping the area mowed and one of our police officers had cleaned up the monuments there so you could read them.**

**Mayor Diaz thanked her for anything she could do, that we definitely wanted to keep the program in the city, and reminded all that the splash pad was open every day from 8:00 a.m. until dark and it was free.**

**Council Member Garcia ask about the status on putting Roland Garza name on the baseball memorial.**

**Lon advised that the family had gotten donations to do this and the city would not be involved, they were private donations.**

**Council Member Garcia ask what about having the Praters and the Franklins Name placed on it and ask about the cost and was advised that it was between \$200 and \$240 per name.**

**Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.**

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**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joyce Raines". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

**Joyce Raines, City Secretary**