

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY AUGUST 25, 2022. 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 25, 2022 with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Attorney DeFoyd. City Secretary absent due to seminar.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Ayala Acknowledged Dee Maner, stating it was nice to see her and her family. He advised that from August 1st through August 25th the Department had 202 Calls for service and 40 arrests, 1 DWI, 7 drug possessions, 1 unlawful carrying weapon, 2 disorderly conduct, 3 theft, 1 stolen vehicle, 4 traffic arrest, 1 assault and 7 public intoxications and the officer had been busy. He advised that the department was looking for two dispatchers and that Nation Night was October 4th and they would be hosting a party at the police station and ask that anyone that would like to host a party to call him.

Chief Mier stated that she had no report at this time.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director's report was not picked up by the sound system.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director's report was not picked up by the sound system.

Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, ask Ms. Maner how she and her family

Was doing and advised that asphalt project was going well and looked good and that T-Construction was working on the wastewater treatment Plant rehabilitation and it was going well. He advised that the mosquito truck would be on the streets, that they were not getting any complaints but that his guys were telling him how bad they were when they were mowing and they had painting the school zones.

Mayor Diaz advised that she had been getting a lot of good comments on the asphaltting they were doing.

City Manager Squyres stated that as Ivan reported they would be using the gym for early voting and on election day for the November election, that we did not normally do early voting but the County had no other place in our area and our residents would have to drive 5 or 6 miles to go vote and the reason we were doing this is because when we take people to jail they are getting out and discussed a incident where a 15 year old had been involved in an accident while running from our officers and ran into another vehicle causing severe injury to an individual and the County had accepted charges and before the Chief could get to the back to the station the County had released him to his parents, that something had to be done about this.

There were no Public comments.

May Diaz stated that she was going to move the agenda item 1 Under New Business and address it at this time.

- I. Mayor and Council to recognize Dr. Kimberly Martin as the recipient of the 2020 H.E.B. Excellence in Education Award**

Mayor Diaz stated it was always a pleasure to celebrate the accomplishments of one of our own Dr. Kimberly Martin on receiving the H.E.B. Excellence in Education Award, that Dr. Martin was a long time resident of Jacinto City, a graduate of Galena Park High School and the Current Principal of Galena Park High School.

Mayor Diaz ask Dr. Martin to introduce her Staff and Dr. Martin stated that they were the reason they received this award, that they do a great job and they have great students and stated that GPISD was A Rated and that Galena Park High School received 7 of the H.E.B. distinctions For this award.

She thanked the Mayor and Council for honoring her and appreciated it very much and recognized her family.

Mayor Diaz on behalf of the council and citizens of Jacinto City presented her a Proclamation in recognition of receiving this award.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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- 1. Council to receive and consider bids on rehabilitation by pipe Bursting method of approximately 650 ft. of sewer line in the 10500 block of Palestine.**

City Manager Squyres advised that we received two bids on the rehabilitation of pipe bursting on 650 Ft. of sewer line in the 10500 block of Palestine.

T. Construction LLC	\$60,470.00
Lazer Utility LLC	\$84,150.00

City Manager Squyres stated that T-Construction was the low bidder and ask that they award the bid to the low bidder after review by Kyle Reed, Thomas Rogers and himself to be sure they met specifications.

Council Member Robinson ask if the project would be complete in this budget.

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City Manager Squyres stated that we hoped that they would but if now we would incur the funds which was allowed.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to award the project to the low bidder provide they met specifications. Vote 5 For 0 Against

CONTINUE WITH NEW BUSINES:

- 2. Council to consider the sale of 129 metal folding chairs by public auction using GOVDEALS.COM.**

A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Robinsons to approve the sale of chairs by public auction. Vote 5 For 0 Against

City Manager Squyres advised that the next three items were virtually the same but have to be dealt with as separate items to meet the federal requirements, they represent a total of \$6,000,000 in grants, EPA Grant – Shelia Jackson Lee just under \$2,000,000, for the Northside, EPA Sylvia Garcia Grant just under \$1,000 000 for the Southside and the ARPA Grant, and they are all very complex. GLO, EPA and HUD are no longer doing environmental on grants, they have passed it down to the recipient which is us. Advertising for (RFP) and (RFQ) are telling the people at large that we are looking for someone to come in to do the environmental submittals and administrative handling of the grants, that small cities can't do this, we will provide them with all the information they need to do the submission to meet Federal requirements which will keep us in compliance.

- 3. Consider/Discuss/Approve City of Jacinto City Authorization to Issue request for proposals for Administrative Services (RFP) And requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for the FY 2022 Community Project Funding (CPF) administered by the**

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of the Consolidated appropriations act.

City Manager Squyres advised this was the EPA Sylvia Garcia grant for the Southside.

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to hire a company to administer the grant. Vote 5 For 0 Against

- 4. Consider/Discuss/Approve the City of Jacinto City authorization to issue requests for proposals for Administrative Services (RFP) and request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the FY 2022 Community Project Funding (CPF) administered by the United States Environmental Protective Agency (EPA) as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022.**

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Garcia to hire a company to administer the grant. Vote 5 For 0 Against

- 5. Consider/discuss/approve of the City of Jacinto City authorization to issue Request for proposals for Administrative Services (RFP) and Request for Qualifications for Professional Services (RFQ) for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021**

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Robinson to hire a company to administer the grant. Vote 5 For 0 Against

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas stated it was good to see everyone here today.

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Council Member Robinson stated it was good to have everyone here and to be careful, we were going to have some rain.

Council Member Lee thanked everyone for coming out.

Council Member Garcia thanked everyone for coming out and to enjoy the rest of the week.

Council Member Gonzales thanked everyone for coming out.

Mayor Diaz thanked Council Member Garcia for putting together the Recognition for Dr. Martin.

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

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joyce Raines".

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**