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April 16, 2024

Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on
Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 6:00p.m. in the Council Chamber at 10301 Market Street.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales. City Manager Squyres, City Attorney Defoyd, City Secretary Rodriguez.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

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

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND COMMITTEES

Mayor: Ana Diaz

- * Expressed appreciation to Public Works for their work in clearing streets from tree debris due to windy weather.
- * Expressed appreciation for the Commissioner's office giving us attention with the work they did to Market street and now asking for our concerns.

City Manager: Lon Squyres

- * Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day this past Saturday, at the Fire Station was well attended and was a nice opportunity for the city.
- * Wrapped up a Grant today that we'll be submitting tomorrow, 2.4 million on a congressional earmark grant which should be water lines on the north side from Akron to Holland.
- * Expressed appreciation to Public Works for promptly picking up a fallen tree.
- * We have a meeting scheduled for Monday afternoon with Commissioner Garcia's Office to present some of our challenges and opportunities, and our concerns to the commissioner. We have three things ready to discuss which are the Hunting Bayou-flooding issue, the sidewalk on Market from Big Bass to Mercury and the animal control issues-that we don't receive any feline or canine assistance. If there is anything else the public would like the city to bring to their attention, feel free to let us know.
- * Expressed appreciation to the Mayor and Council for being persistent with seeking assistance from the commissioner's office.

Public Works: Thomas Rogers

- * Wastewater treatment project: Started putting in some of the major components and started sandblasting, so they are moving right along with that project, so hopefully within the next six weeks or so we'll be able to start off some of the bigger moving parts of that project.
- * Began work on In-house Asphalt Project over on Lane and a couple other spots we have recognized. We are documenting areas for this year's projects for the asphalt.

* We got some parts in for the fire hydrant budget amendment that was done to get the barrels so the are all the same size and those did come in and we do have a crew out installing those this week.

*Public Works has been busy cleaning up fallen trees/limbs due to windy weather these past few days.

Police: Chief Joe Ayala

* No Report given at this time.

City Hall: Kathy Greiner

* Audit is still in progress.

Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis

* Conducted a survey of city's ADE's to make sure they were all functioning properly.

*Will be volunteering with Jacinto City Branch Public Library to have Firefighters read to children at the library for the Summer Book Reading Program.

Heritage Hall: Elizabeth Flores

*Target Hunger had sixty-nine seniors participate, it was a good turnout.

* We are signing up seniors for the Senior Olympics. The Senior Olympics will be at the Pavilion on Wallisville from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 24th Applications will be online.

Parks & Recreation: Ivan Rojas

* Busy keeping the parks and ball fields clean.

* Getting the pool ready for summer and getting lifeguards for the summer.

Jacinto City Branch Library: Delaney Daly

* Library is excited to be partnering with the Fire Department for reading program.

* Expressed appreciation to Ivan for helping with the Solar Eclipse Program. The next Solar Eclipse is scheduled for year 2044.

* Will be partnering with the Galena Park Library branch and having an adult book club.

* Event calendars can be found at the library.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- * Galena Park Independent school District (GPISD) Board Members: Presented a slide show with factual information for their Bond Election coming up on May 4th. Polling place will be at the Town Center.
- * Luisa Perez, 1506 Cheston: Expressed Concern regarding the condition of the sidewalks by her residence. Lon replied, City is planning on having plumbing work done in that area, which would need to be completed before the city can address the sidewalks in order to not have to tear up and redo the sidewalks. We may be able to do a short-term fix by leveling with asphalt. A meeting was scheduled with Luisa, Lon, Thomas, and JJ Rivas to walk the same sidewalks and determine what would be the best approach.
- * Kelsey Manzan, (little League Parent): Expressed concerns regarding the little league fundraiser/finances and overall disappointment with the little league. Lon replied that the city is currently trying to receive finance reports from the little league as it was agreed in the MOU that was signed by both parties. The city will try to schedule a meeting with the league's presidents where we can address all issues.
- * Esmeralda Zarazua, 7100 Almeda Rd. (Little League Parent): Expressed Concerns regarding a poorly handled incident involving little league coaches, parents and police. Asked the city to help in anyway with the way the little league is running.
- * Resident: Inquired about the meeting with Harris County Flood. Lon replied that the meeting has not happened yet and he has not been given an definite date yet.

7. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

1. Council to consider amending Capital Outlay Budget Code 25-6967 by an increase of \$ 8,980.00 for the purchase of emergency equipment & graphics for traffic enforcement vehicle 2018 Ford F150.
(Vehicle was seized by and forfeited to Police Department, It has been inspected.)
Motion made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the amendment.
Second was made by Councilmember Gonzales.
Favor: 5/0

2. Council to consider approving the auction of:

- (a) 10 Used Patrol Unit Partitions / 2 Fiberglass prisoner seating compartments.
- (b) 2013 Dodge Charger.

Motion made by Councilmember Robinson to approve placing items for auction.

Second was made by Councilmember Rivas.

Favor: 5/0

3. Council to consider amending Budget Code 25-6967 by an increase of \$ 50,248.00 for Council Chamber Remodel expenses which exceeded allotted budget.

(Budget spread across two budget years, asking for the funds that were not used last year to roll over to this year's budget.)

Motion made by Councilmember Robinson to approve the amendment.

Second was made by Councilmember Lee.

Favor: 5/0

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

All Council Members acknowledged the public's concerns over the issues addressed regarding the little league and offered as much support as possible.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Christal Rodriguez
City Secretary