

**COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2020, 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Garcia absent.**

**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: 4 For 0 Against.**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Chief Ayala passed on his report.**

**Chief Mier was not present.**

**Parks and Recreation Director was not present.**

**Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director was not present but was represented by one of her staff, Debbie Martinez who reported that all was well at the senior center and she was also here with the Scouts.**

**Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, advised that someone was stealing our street signs and as they replace them they steal them over and over. He advised that the signs were not cheap, that they cost approximately \$30.00 each and ask that anyone see this happening to please call the police department. Mr. Reed reported that they were having a lot of water line breaks, that last Friday they had 9 breaks and they had them all repaired by Saturday and to please call public works if they see any water line breaks so they can get them repaired quickly.**

**Chief Ayala stated they were stealing street signs all around .**

**Mayor Diaz advised that she had been receiving calls about missing signs and she had also seen this.**

**7. There was no Unfinished Business**

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. City Manager Squyres presented the City Investment Report for the second and third quarters of 2019.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve the Investment Report as presented. 4 For 0 Against.**

- 2. Judy Clark to address Mayor and Council with update on Jacinto City Dog Pound Rescue Program.**

**Ms. Clark advised that they had been able to save over 300 dogs in the past year and also some cats, that they had shipped 12 cats to Canada. She also stated that they had spent over \$80,000 last year on medical service for the animals and discussed different medical issues they were faced with. She advised that because of their No Kill Status, they had Best Friend Animal Rescue contact and recognize them and that 31 Paws out of Houston had given them a \$6,000 grant.**

**She advised that they were going to provide free spaying with a 3 day boarding for people who can't afford it starting on March 14th and if people respond will try to do this monthly. She stated that that there was a rumor going around that dogs weren't being picked up in Jacinto City and that was not true, they had 38 picked up in January and three were claimed by their owner and they were able to place the others. She thanked Public Works and the city for their support and thanked Joyce for the baskets she made for their raffles which brought in over a \$1,000.**

- 3. Resolution 2020-3R Approval of an application for The State of Texas Governor's office – Justice Assistance 2020 Patrol Vehicle Acquisition Project Grant for the Police Department of Jacinto City Texas.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Rivas to approve Resolution 2020-3R. Vote: 4 For 0 Against.**

**Council Member Robinson thanked Chief Ayala and Lt. Longrigg for going after these grants**

- 4. Council to approve purchase of a S740 T4 Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader from Bobcat Company through HGAC Co-Operative Purchasing at a cost of \$55,502.70.**

**Kyle went over all the things that this could be used for and all the different attachments that they could use with it, such as a sweeper, etc. and that this would be a major piece of equipment for them.**

**Council Member Gonzales ask if we could use the company that we recently approve, bid.com, for the purchase of this and was advised by Mr. Squyres that they only do old equipment.**

**Council Member Rivas stated that Bobcat was at the TML Conference and they had all kind of attachments with this machine and he understood that the attachments could be rented.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve the purchase of the Skid-Steer Loader. Vote: 4 For 0 Against**

- 5. Resolution 2020-4R Approval of application for the State of Texas Governor's Office – Homeland Security (HSGP) 2020 Jacinto City Police Department and Water Tower Fencing Project for the City.**

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**Council Member Rivas ask where the fence would be put.**

**Lt. Longrigg explained where in the back it would go and that there would also be security cameras as well.**

**Council Member Gonzales ask if it included any of the area in the front and Mark advised only the back.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve Resolution 2020-4R for the fencing project. Vote: 4 For 0 Against**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Rivas stated that he would like to ask if we could have another workshop, that he thought we did a lot of good on the last one.**

**There was general discussion on a date that would fit everyone's schedule and the City Secretary was ask to post the meeting for Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

**Council Member Rivas wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.**

**Council Member Robinson announced that the Heritage Hall's Valentine Party was tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. and wished everyone Happy Valentine. He stated that he had a pizza party at the school today, the kids were excited and he received about 20 thank you cards.**

**Council Member Lee stated that he was very proud of Scout Troop 1301, that he was their sponsor and wished all a Happy Valentine's Day.**

**Council Member Gonzales wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and thanked them for coming out.**

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**Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:42 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 printed name and title.

**Joyce Raines  
City Secretary**