

**COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021, 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Robinson, Lee and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Rivas absent, Council Member Garcia and City Attorney DeFoyd arrived after roll call.**

**The meeting was opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve the minutes as presented. Vote 3 For 0 Against**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Chief Ayala passed on his report.**

**Kyle Reed, Public Works Director, advised that we had a public works employee who had retired 2 years ago pass away with the COVID virus, Mr. Trevino, and ask that everyone keep the family in their prayers.**

**He stated that we had freezing weather coming in and were advising citizens to wrap their pipes and the city would be on call to help if they needed water cut off, and a lot of people didn't know how to drive in this kind of weather but the bridges would be sanded.**

**Elizabeth Flore, Heritage Hall Director, advise that on Tuesday they had gotten a call from HC/AAA about the COVID vaccine at Gulf Gate Health Center on Saturday and they had registered 153.**

**Elizabeth advised that they continue to deliver meals to the seniors and since Valentine was Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> they would be delivering Valentine bags and advising them to wrap their pipes.**

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**Mayor Diaz thanked her for all she does and she knows the seniors appreciate it.**

**Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation had no report.**

**Chief Mier stated that she had the same warning that Kyle had, be careful with space heaters, generators and wrap your pipes.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that Market by Night would have crawfish from Boyds in Texas City at the May event to be sure to come out and enjoy.**

**He advised that Congress Woman Sylvia Garcia had contacted us to see if the Town Center would be available for administering COVID vaccines, that they could vaccinate 500 people, that you had to be over 65 years old and the clinic would be administered by Methodist Hospital.**

**He ask that anyone over 65 to call give him their date of birth, name and address and he would put them on the list and they would be contacted with an appointed time, that the clinic was scheduled for Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> for the first shot and March 13<sup>th</sup> for the second shot and would be at Jacinto City Town Center and after that they will come back to get the next tier of people.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that Sylvia Garcia helps our city and they had ask that this not be put on social media.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Wayne Nichols, 11502 Lane, thank Chief Ayala and Kyle for the good job they were doing and stated that the people at the table had two meetings a month to make and they needed to be on time for these meetings.**

**There was no Unfinished Business.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Proclamation Honoring Amparo Margaret Gaddy's 99 Birthday.**

**Ms. Gaddy was unable to attend and Mayor Diaz ask her family to give her our wishes for a Happy Birthday.**

**2. Resolution 2021-2R setting general city election for Mayor and two Council Positions, Position 4 and Position 5 for May 1, 2021**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve Resolution 2021-2R setting the city election for May 1, 2021 and naming Wayne Nichols as Presiding Judge and Matthew Shuptrine as alternate Judge. Vote: 4 For 0 against**

**3. Resolution 2021-3R Creating Early Voting Ballot Board for City election May 1,2021**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve Resolution 2021-3R Creating a Early Voting Ballot Board for the City's May 1, election, naming Wayne Nichols as Presiding Judge and Matthew Shuptrine as Member. Vote: 4 For 0 Against**

**4. Council to consider recommendation of Darrell Morrison as Representative to Gulf Coast Authority Board**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to recommend Darrell Morrison as Representative to Gulf Coast Authority Board. Vote: 4 For 0 Against**

**5. Council to confirm Marcus Quinn Kerlegan as full time Jacinto City Police Officer**

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**Chief Ayala gave a short bio on Mr. Kerlegan and recommended that the Council confirm him.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Robinson to confirm Marcus Quinn Kerlegan as a Jacinto City Police Officer.**

**Mayor Diaz administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Kerlegan and welcomed Officer Kerlegan aboard.**

**Officer Kerlegan stated that he was thankful for the opportunity.**

**Chief Ayala addressed Margaret Gaddy's family stating that she was a fine Lady, that he visited with them numerous times and on one visit he had admired a music box she had and later she had called him to come by and insisted that he take the music box, that she was very blessed.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Robinson cautioned everyone to be very careful during the bad weather, he wished Mrs. Gaddy a Happy Birthday and was thankful for the vaccine clinic and welcomed Officer Kerlegan.**

**Council Member Lee welcomed Officer Kerlegan and advised him that he would be working with some fine people and he was very glad to honor Mrs. Gaddy on her 99<sup>th</sup> birth day.**

**Council Member Garcia stated that she was thankful for the vaccine clinic and she would also like to see the Blood Mobile in our city and was advised that it had been at the Rio Grande Restaurant and down on Lane Street recently. Ms. Garcia welcomed Officer Kerlegan and ask if he knew what big event was happening in the city this year and called attention to the banners celebrating Jacinto City's 75 year Anniversary and thanked everyone for coming out.**

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**Mr. Wayne Nichols advised her that he could get her in touch with the blood mobile.**

**Council Member Gonzales welcomed Officer Kerlegan, wished a very Happy Birthday to Mrs. Gaddy and cautioned everyone to take care during the bad weather.**

**Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Raines".

**Joyce Raines  
City Secretary**