

## **COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY JANUARY 27, 2022, 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales, Council Members Robinson and Garcia; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. Mayor Diaz absent to prior commitment, Council Member Rivas absent due to work, Council Member Less absent due to illness and City Attorney DeFoyd 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 Garcia to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Vote: 3 for 0 Against**

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that they would be opening the senior center on February 14, 2022 and if any seniors need assistance with the electric bill they will be happy to assist them with the application and if they do not use all the money on their electric bill they will transfer anything left over to the gas bill.**

**Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director stated they were busy getting the fields ready for the ball leagues and keeping the parks up.**

**Bernardo Perez, Public Works, advised that they were busy with traffic on Mercury where they were working on the water line and when they finished there they would move to the feeder street and also trying to keep up with all have to do.**

**Chief Ayala stated they were very busy with all that is happening in the city, that there were a lot of people walking the streets and that the gun that had been used in the shooting of several people has been stolen**

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**From here in our city but the residents had not been involved. He stated that Joe Gebhardt, a former resident of the city and fire department had passed away and Ms. Lilly Godoy, a resident of the city and who spent a lot of time with the children in the city had also passed away.**

**Chief Ayala advised that they had recent seized 3 vehicles and they would be a benefit to the city to use or auction, that 2 of them had been charged with evading and possession of a weapon and the third theft and if they run you knew they were up to something, he stated that we have our share of thefts in the city and to please report anything that you are concerned about.**

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

**City Manager Squyres went over some safety tips for protecting your property.**

**He stated it was nice to have the vehicles to benefit the city, that one of the drivers was a 17 year old with an assault rifle and we need to get the word out to be observant and call the police department if any thing looks suspicious. He stated that we sold the Chief's old car for \$1,500. And sold three of the public works vehicles and made more money than we ever did when we advertised and sold them ourselves, that we go through Gov Deal.Com.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Donna Dailey, 1701 Chazen, thanked the Public Works Department for all the food they picked up and brought back to the city, that they served over 60 families and she is looking for a warehouse that the people who donate this has a lot of other things like furniture, appliances, etc. and they had a warehouse but it had been sold and they need space. The items don't cost the people that qualify, it is free and she would appreciate if anyone knew of any place letting her know.**

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**Ms. Daily ask about getting a letter of appreciation from the city for The organization that donated all the food.**

**There was no Unfinished Business.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Second and Final reading of Ordinance 2022-1 Authorizing and Allowing, under the act governing The Texas Municipal Retirement “Updated Service Credits” in said system on an annual basis for Service performed by qualifying members of such employment of The City of Jacinto City; providing for increased prior and current Service annuities for retirees and beneficiaries of deceased Retirees of the city; to increase the rate of deposits to the Texas Municipal System by the employees of the City; and establish an Effective date for the Ordinance.**

**City Manager Squyres read the Ordinance by caption since it was the second reading, stating that two years ago the city matched the employee’s contribution by 1.5% and now match it by 2% and the employees had previously contributed 5% and now would contribute 6% and the Ordinance would go into effect on January 24, 2022.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve Ordinance 2022-1 on the second and Final reading. Vote: 3 for 0 Against**

- 2. Second and Final reading of Ordinance 2022-2 Amending Code of Ordinances of the City of Jacinto City at Chapter 10 entitled “Utilities” at Section 1C (2) “Water Service Rates” and at Section 3E (1) (2) “Sewer Service Rates.**

**City Manager Squyres stated there had not been a raise in water and**

**sewer rate since 2007 and that City of Houston raises there rate each year and there are increases in expenses for chemicals, materials and permits fees which makes it necessary for the increase after 15 years to fund the water and sewer department.**

**He advised that there would be no change in the rate for minimum users of 2000 gallons or less a month and for users of 2000 and over there would be a 50 Cent increase per 1000 gallons for water and 50 Cents Increase per 1000 gallons for sewer.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Ordinance 2022-2 on the second and final Reading, Vote: 3 For 0 Against**

- 3. Council to consider changing February 10, 2022 Council Meeting to Thursday, February 3, 2022 to receive bids on wastewater Treatment plant.**

**City Manager stated there was a question about the date to receive the bids on the wastewater treatment plant and ask if they would table Item 3 to be sure of the date.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to table changing the date for clarification.  
Vote: 3 For 0 Against**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Robinson cautioned everyone to be safe and pray for the officers that had been shot.**

**Council Member Garcia stated that she would prefer to have a special**

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**meeting to receive bids on the wastewater treatment plant because people were used to having council meetings on certain dates.**

**Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 6:39 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**