

COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. City Attorney DeFoyd out due to vacation.

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 as presented. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Lt. Walker advised that Chief Ayala was out due to a death in his family and ask that everyone keep him and his family in their Prayers. He cautioned everyone to be aware of their surroundings and to have a safe and happy holiday season.

Bernardo Perez, Public Works Department report that everything was going fine and wished everybody a Merry Christmas.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, advised that all was well at the Recreation Department and wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Linda, Jacinto City Library, advised that the library would be closed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and ask that the Mayor and Council please fill out the form from the library and get them back to the library.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Diaz reported that she thought all was going well and ask if everyone was ready for Christmas. She advised that the Senior's event was nice that we all participated in our little do wop dances and different things and it all went good. She advised everyone to stay warm, that it was going to be a little cold but you couldn't have Christmas unless it was cold.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres reported that the water line from the well to the water plant was complete, that the only thing they have left to do after the holidays was the radio controls on it and we would be able to pump our own water once again with a degree of success instead of blowing our lines. He stated that other than that we had just been busy getting a few things done.

Mayor Diaz stated that she forgot to thank Joyce and the staff at city hall for the luncheon yesterday and if they missed it, they missed a very good lunch.

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robert Hernandez, 10245 Chadwick, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and that he had a question for the City Manager and ask what were the procedures for a resolution or proclamation and how was that done.

City Manager Squyres advised that it depended on what it was going to be for, that many Proclamations didn't need council action, it was something that we could do at city hall and forward it through, that he could just contact him and let him know what it was about and they would make the determination and check with Jim whether it would need to go to council or not.

Mr. Hernandez stated that since we were in a public forum, he felt that Joyce Raines needs some kind of proclamation or resolution for her in the near future, that she had done so much for the city throughout all the years, that it just goes on and on.

Mayor Diaz stated that he didn't know it but it was Joyce's day every day and Mr. Hernandez stated that he felt the same way, that sometimes he thought she was just everywhere and she was a super person and he was glad that she served the city.

City Manager Squyres stated that the Mayor said he could reply and one thing he would absolutely insist on was that the proclamation or resolution would not contain the work retirement.

Mr. Hernandez stated it was not to be a going away party for her.

Mayor Diaz stated that she forgot to mention that we had Santa on The Fire Truck a couple of week ago and thanked Joyce, Kathy and all the Council for helping out, that we had a good turn out and all the kids were happy and as far as she knew, we didn't miss any streets.

Mayor Diaz advised that something we had brought back this year was the Christmas decoration winners, that she and the council had discussed that they wanted to bring it back and we had a couple of Judges drive around through all the streets to see who had the Most Beautiful and Most Original decorated house in Jacinto City, we were going to keep it up and might add some new categories coming up during the year, such as the best yard, etc. and she announced the winners.

Most Original 1326 Horation The Marvin Robertson Family

Members of the Robertson family were present and presented a yard sign to be placed in their yard.

There was discussion as to when this program had originated.

Mayor Diaz announced that we had a runner up for Most Original.

10238 Burman The Jesus Valdez Family who was not present.

Most Beautiful North Side 10337 N. Oswego The Wanda Dowlearn Family

Ms. Dowlearn was present and thanked the city for bringing the program back and they would have even more light next year.

Most Beautiful South Side 1601 Cheston The Simon Trevino Family was not present.

City Manager Squyres advised that 682 homes were decorated and we received 428 views on the website about the contest.

Mayor Diaz thanked everyone for decorating and hoped that it would grown more each year.

Mr. Robertson from 1326 Horation stated that they had won once before in the 1970's, that their mother loved to decorate for Christmas and they did this for her this year.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas stated that it was not how big your tree was or what was underneath it, it was the people around it, the family and remembering what Christmas was all about and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and God Bless everyone.

Council Member Robinson stated that with everything else going on we did our food baskets and toys for tots, that we fed 350 people and provided toys for 120 children and that was multiple toys. He wished everybody a safe and happy holiday season.

Council Member Lee advised that on Saturday at Calvary Baptist they were able to feed 20 families and give presents out to children, it was a great experience and they were happy to be able to do it and he would like to say to everyone up here and out there, God Bless you, Merry Christmas and have a happy New Year.

Council Member Garcia wished everyone a safe Christmas and ask that they not forget the reason for the season and enjoy family and friends because that was the only time you have to lock in those memories. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

Council Member Gonzales stated that he would like to thank Nancy and Robert and the City Staff for their participation in all the events we had this month, that it was a busy month, we got through it good and everybody was happy and he thought that the city did a lot of good things for the residents and it was events like this that makes this city one of the best to live in and wished a Merry Christmas to all.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

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

Joyce Raines, City Secretary