

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY JANUARY 13, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines.

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 5 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director stated that they had been advised that the center would be fully opened on February 14th, which would be on Valentines Day and they would be having another meeting on Tuesday concerning the opening. She stated that seniors can call United Way and they could get help with their electric bills and if any was left over they could use it on their gas bill and she will help them with the application.

Mayor Diaz stated that we would have a big celebration, a Valentine Party.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director stated they were staying busy getting ready for ball season.

Chief Ayala advised they had been extremely busy and ask the community to stay safe, that we have had an issue with people walking down streets and if they see anything suspicious to please call the police department to check it out.

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Chief Ayala advised that we had lost a couple of our residents in the city during the last week.

Mayor Diaz encouraged the community to call the police department if they see anything suspicious so they can check it out.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Squyres advised that the construction on the North Side Water project was moving at a good pace, there might be a little traffic problem but they were doing a good job.

City Manager Squyres advised the Mayor and Council that on March 3rd we would have to receive bids for construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, that we could have a special meeting or move the Council Meeting to that date.

He advised that TML Magazine choose Jacinto City to place an article on the 75th Anniversary in the January issue and he had placed it on our website.

He advised that we had lost three citizens in the last week and six in the last month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Brad Atchison stated that he was the new President of Little League and they wanted to ask if they could have a parade and opening day with a food truck and pictures of the teams on March 26th and a car show at Town Center on March 12th.

The Mayor and Council was agreeable with the request.

Council Member Rivas stated that they had spoken about this before,

that he knew Gonzales Paint and Body Shop and R. C Schmidt and Son sponsored a baseball team along with other businesses and if they had banners for them it would be nice to hang them out.

There was No Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. First Reading of Ordinance 2022-1 Authorizing and allowing, Under the act governing the Texas Municipal Retirement System “Updated Service Credits” in said system on an annual basis for service performed by qualifying members of such System who at the effective date of the allowance are in the 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.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve Ordinance 2022-1 on the first reading.
Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

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

City Manager Squyres advise that this Ordinance had been discussed at the Public Hearing prior to the Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by

Council Member Robinson to approve Ordinance 2022-2 on the first reading, Vote: 5 For 0 Against.

3. Council to confirm Carlos Joel Calvillo as full time Jacinto City Police Officer

Mayor Diaz stated that she and Council Member Gonzales have known Mr. Calvillo for a long time and that he has a lot of people here supporting him as well as officers.

Chief Ayala stated that a lot of people here know him that he lives here in the city, went to JC Elementary, Galena Park Middle School and graduate from Galena Park High School in 2018, and he expects all of his officers to do the best they can. He recommended that Council confirm Mr. Calvillo, that he qualifies and gave a short bio of him and stated that he came well recommended.

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Garcia to confirm Mr. Calvillo as a full time Jacinto City police officer. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

Mayor Diaz administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Calvillo and presented him with his badge.

Officer Calvillo stated it had been a long journey and he was glad to be here.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas congratulated Officer Calvillo and stated that he had been on Council 10 years as liaison over Parks and Recreation and

commended Brad and Amber Atchison on the good job they were doing with the Little League, that they were reaching out and coming up with idea and thanked them for the program and the job they were doing for the kids.

He stated it was hard to loose so many of our residents and that Damus Garey, whose picture was hanging on the wall over there and he hoped that it always stayed there, that he enjoyed every minute that he spent With him. He cautioned everyone to be safe and God Bless.

Council Member Robinson wished all a Happy New Year and to be safe. He stated that Mr. Garey would be missed and advised that Mr. Jimmy Berry had Bypass Surgery and was doing well.

Council Member Lee wished every one a Happy and Safe New Year and was a big supporter of Little League and glad to hear that it was starting back. He congratulated Officer Calvillo, and stated that he would be working a great department.

Council Member Garcia congratulated Officer Calvillo and ask him if he knew what this building used to be, he advised that he did not but he knew what the shortest street in the city was.

Ms. Garcia stated she had met Amber and her husband during Hurricane Harvey when they were volunteering at Town Center and was glad to see them involved with the Little League, she wished everyone a Happy Martin Luther King Day.

Council Member Gonzales welcomed Officer Calvillo and stated that Mr. Garey was the one that pushed for a new police station and he was glad that he was here to see it completed.

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Donna Dailey stated that they serve 61 families food and they have food left over, did anyone know about a room with a refrigerator that they could use and discussed the type of food they receive. She stated that Galena Park had one and surly Jacinto City could come up with one.

Mayor Diaz stated they would see what could be done.

Amber Atchison advised that were able to pay for 41 kids to play ball with a donation from T-Mobile.

Mayor Diaz thanked them for all they were doing.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**