

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Diaz state that before she opened the meeting that she wanted to say that we had a tragedy that happen in our city yesterday that we have not had in a long time, that she and Lon went to visit with the family today and it was very hard, the more they talked the mother was telling them how her son looked and telling them all the details, It was a very difficult thing to hear and ask everyone to say a prayer for the family and Chief Ayala and our officers and paramedics who made the scene, it was very traumatic for them. She stated when they were with the family they thanked the officers and paramedics, they were here right away, were very respectful and did what they could. She stated that the family was asking for privacy, that we were a small community but were a family , we try to help each other as much as we can and ask for a moment of Prayer.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, October 13, 2022 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 Rivas to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Vote: 5 for 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Thomas Rogers, Assistant Public Works Director, updated the work on the Wastewater Treatment Plant advising that most of the demolition was complete, that contractors were in the city trimming trees and they had started working on Christmas lights.

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Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, advised that on October 29th the Halloween Festival would be at the ball field and that any vendors that were interested in setting up could contact him at the gym and the event would start at 5:00 p.m..

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that they were keeping the seniors busy.

Chief Ayala stated that yesterday had been a trying day for everyone, that a nine year old boy had been hit by a private school bus and killed and he thanked the paramedics and officers for all they did. He advised that charges were pending during the investigation of the case, that they were still working on it and would present it to the District Attorney and would advise them of the outcome.

City Manager Squyres passed on his report.

Mayor Diaz welcomed Mr. Dwight Rumph, District 8 Commander of the American Legion.

Mr. Rumph stated that he was here to discuss a partnership with the City Council and Jacinto City Northshore Sergeant York American Legion Post 397. He stated that Post 397 was organized back in 1963 by a number of veterans that believed in the mission of the American Legion and why a post would be an asset to Jacinto City. He stated that unfortunately the Jacinto City Northshore Post 397 had been abandon and inactive for the last five years and they were asking the Mayor and Council to work with them to revitalize the post. They would like to have a Jacinto City Veterans Appreciation breakfast on December 3rd at one of the city's buildings, and they think this will allow City staff and the public to become aware of the value of having an American Legion post in the community and will bring resources to the city and their veterans.

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Mayor Diaz welcomed them and the building had been vacant for a number of years, and ask him to contact City Manager Squyres.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ruby Guzman and Luisa Banda presented the Mayor and Council with a Picture and information on the child that had been killed in the private school bus incident and stated that they were in contact with the family members and they were accepting food and donations and they were asking about using the park for a vigil, and were looking at October 18th.

City Manager Squyres advised that Mayor Diaz and he had visited with the family and offered the use of a city building to the family if needed. He ask that if they planned a vigil to please let the city know the time and date, that there could be media there and a large crowd and we Would want to have officers there for safety.

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Council to consider amending Budget Code 25-6946
Expenditures in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 and amending
Budget Code 00-5594 Revenue in the amount of \$3,000,000.00
For Wastewater Treatment Plant Grant Program WWTP C2017-
043**

City Manager Squyres stated the reason for this was that it was a totally funded grant project and we have single audits on all grant funds and we want to have a clean audit so we need to have this on our books, that the way it works is that the contractor bills us and we pay the bill and are reimbursed.

A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve amending Budget Code 25-6946 Expenditures in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 and Budget Code 00-5594 Revenue in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 for Wastewater Treatment Plant Grant Project WWTP C2017-043. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

2. Council to confirm Andrew G. Trevino as a full time Jacinto City Police Officer

Chief Ayala presented a short bio of Mr. Trevino, stated that he was well qualified and he recommended that we hire him.

A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Robinson to confirm Mr. Trevino as a full time Jacinto Police Officer. Vote: 5 For 0 Against

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Rivas thanked the American Legion for coming out, that the building needed a lot of work and he was glad to see it was getting attention. He welcomed Officer Trevino and thanked all of the community for reaching out, they remind him what it means to be part of a community.

Council Member Robinson welcomed Officer Trevino and thanked everyone for what they are doing during this tragedy.

Council Member Lee welcomed Office Trevino and thanked the officers, paramedics and community for their support to the family during this time.

Council Member Garcia thanked the American Legion and was glad they were doing this and they might want to get in touch with Ivan and get a table on the 29th at the Halloween Festival. She welcomed

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Officer Trevino and thanked Chief Ayala for being at Jacinto City Elementary today, that she was there as a counselor.

Council Member Gonzales welcomed Officer Trevino and stated that we should be proud of all who live here and work here, they all come together when something happens. He stated that his daughter was a teacher at Jacinto City Elementary and the boy was one of her students and she wanted him to say how proud she was of the city for what they were doing.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**