

**COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY OCTOBER 12, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney DeFoyd and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Garcia 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 Rivas to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Thomas Rogers, Public Works Directors, advised that they were working on the electrical wiring at the waste water treatment plant and had received materials that were on backorder for the plant and the North Side water line was nearing completion. He stated that they were spraying for mosquitoes and keeping up with water leaks.**

**Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, stated they were keeping the Seniors busy and would be participating in the Halloween Festival and In the Christmas Parade.**

**Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director announced that the Halloween Festival would be on October 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 5:00 p.m. and would be on the outside if it did not rain and would move inside if it rained, they would be having a costume contest with the Mayor and Council judging and would have several vendors.**

**Mayor Diaz ask if he would need volunteers and he advised that he would.**

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**Delaney Daly, Jacinto City Library, advised that that they had hired a new part time staff member and would be having a Halloween Party on October 24<sup>th</sup> and was working on being in the Christmas Parade.**

**Mayor Diaz ask Ivan about the pumpkins and he advised that he had not gotten them yet.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that a long time resident, Mr. Brad Atchison had passed away today. He stated that we were making progress on the Mitigation Grants and should be securing engineering soon, that the first one was on the waste water treatment plant and the second one was for drainage to change the way water leaves the city and the ARPA grant would be to replace water meters with electronic meters.**

**There was general discussion about how the meters would work,**

**Mayor Diaz stated that we had heard back from Mr. McDonald, the gentleman from Commissioner Adrian Garcia's office who had been at the last council meeting and we had a meeting scheduled for next Thursday at 3:30 p.m..**

**Mayor Diaz complimented Chief Ayala on National Night Out, that she had received a lot comments on it.**

**There were no comments from the public.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1. Secon and final reading on Ordinance 2023-5 Amending Chapter 10 "Utilities" at Section 5E Garbage Collection Fees by establishing new Garbage Collection Rates to be charged to customers for garbage collection.**

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**A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve Ordinance No 2023-5 amending garbage collections rates on the second and final reading. Vote: 5 For 0 Against**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Council to confirm Juan A. Reyes as a Jacinto City Police Officer**

**Chief Ayala gave a short bio on Mr. Reyes stating that he was a Jacinto City resident and graduated from Galena Park High School, that he had passed all the requirement and he recommended that we hire him.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that she remembered him from high school.**

**Chief Ayala welcomed all his family and friends.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Robinson to confirm Mr. Reyes as a Jacinto City Police Officer. Vote: 5 For 0 Against.**

**Mayor Diaz administered the Oath of Office and presented him with his badge.**

**Mayor Diaz introduced the Council and advised that hey were here to help him anyway they could.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Rivas welcomed Office Reyes. He stated that he would like to be at the meeting next week but he would be working and ask if there was anyway it could be online.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that it was not a posted meeting and only two officials could be there.**

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**City Manager Squyres advised that the meeting with the Harris County Health Director about the animals would be at a later date.**

**Council Member Rivas ask about the water Meters.**

**City Manager Squyres advised they had not decided on which meters to purchase yet, they had narrowed it down to 3 and the engineers would help them to decide, they had to be sure it would work with our billing system.**

**He stated that there was a new Federal ruling now to make us tell them what kind of pipe went to each house in the city and while the contractor was putting in the water meters they could give us this information.**

**There was general discussion with Public Works Director, Thomas Rogers concerning the water meters.**

**Council Member Rivas thanked everyone for coming out, God Bless and Go Astros.**

**Council Member Robinson welcomed Officer Reyes and advised him they were here to help him anyway they could. He thanked everyone for coming out.**

**Council Member Lee welcomed Officer Reyes, that he would be praying for him, God Bless and Go Astros.**

**Council Member Garcia ask about the status on the Ordinance on fences.**

**City Manager Squyres stated it would be hard to make an ordinance to fit every street in the city.**

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**Council Member Garcia welcomed Officer Reyes, that he was in a good Place under Chief Ayala and his staff. She recommended that anyone that hadn't seen Wing Over Houston to be sure and see it this weekend.**

**Council Member Gonzales welcomed Office Reyes aboard and stated it was nice to have an officer living here in the city and thanked everyone for coming out.**

**Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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

**Joyce Raines  
City Secretary**