

COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY OCTOBER 26, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Lee and City Attorney DeFoyd absent.

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: 4 For 0 Against

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chief Ayala stated they were staying busy and were having problems with the homeless.

Thomas Rogers, Public Works Director gave an update on the WWTP advising that the electrical panels were almost complete and on the North Side water line they were finishing up some concrete work. He advised that they were spraying for mosquitoes and starting with Putting up the Christmas Decorations.

Ivan Rojas, Parks and Recreation Director, Advised they had a good turn out for the Halloween Festival and thanked Public Works for doing the hay ride that everyone enjoyed it.

Fire Chief Davis advised that they had complete the Fire Protection Program in the schools and had started the Stop the Bleed program and commended the Police Department on doing a great job on the program and they would be starting with the rest of the city departments and they would be starting CPR and other programs after The first of the year, they would start with the churches and the programs were open to everyone 17 years and older.

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Mayor Diaz ask about Jacinto City going to Galena Park and making calls and Chief Davis advise that we have a Mutual Aid Agreement but we were not making as many calls anymore.

Mayor Diaz stated that our city comes first.

City Manager Squyres ask Chief Davis to talk about a grant they were applying for.

Chief Davis stated that it was a Statewide grant from Settrac and explained how it worked to train para medics and it would not cost the city anything.

Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that the seniors participated in the Halloween Festival and thanked Joseph House for donating a microwave to the center.

Delaney Daly, Jacinto City Library, advised that their Halloween party had been successful, they had some new programs coming up and the Fire Department was welcome to use their meeting room if they needed to. She stated that the library would have the Library bus in the Christmas Parade and at the Tree Lighting ceremony.

Mayor Diaz stated there were a lot new people at the Halloween Festival and they really enjoyed it.

City Manager Squyres stated that the Settrac grant Mo mentioned would pay up to \$8,000.00 and we were all behind it.

City Manager Squyres mentioned the Precinct 2 representative that was at a previous council Meeting, stating that he did not receive a very good reception but he did see them taking pictures today.

Mayor Diaz stated that Precinct 2 said that Market St, Holland Ave. and

Mercury belong to the city and they have a contract to maintain them.

City Manager Squyres stated that we can't find anything or anyone who knew this and we are going to get with Jim DeFoyd and see if he is aware of this.

Precinct 2 is supposed to get back with us in December.

City Manager Squyres stated that Council Member Lee had ask about animal control when the gentleman was here and we are meeting with them tomorrow.

There were no comments from the public

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Council to change November 23, 2023 Council Meeting to Tuesday, November 21, 2023 due to Thanksgiving Holidays**

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Garcia to change November 23, 2023 Council Meeting to Tuesday November 21, 2023 due to Thanksgiving Holidays.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Rivas wished everyone a happy Halloween and to have a nice weekend.

Council Member Robinson wished everyone a happy Halloween and to get ready for some cool weather next week.

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Council Member Garcia discussed an event they were having at her school on Friday and suggest that Ivan might think about a pie contest at next years Halloween Festival.

Council Member Gonzales ask about the award TML gives to cities for events and would some of the things the Fire Department have planned qualify.

City Manager Squyres stated that he had submitted our 75th anniversary, we didn't win but they published a picture and article In the TML Magazine.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**Joyce Raines
City Secretary**