

**COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2023, 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session with the following Members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Rivas, Lee and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. Council Members Robinson, Council Member Garcia and City Attorney DeFoyd absent.**

**The meeting was opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Vote 3 For 0 Against**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Thomas Rogers, Public Works Director stated that major work was being done on the waste water treatment plant and they were working On putting up the Christmas lights and Mr. Ramiro Chaviro had completed an upgrade on one of his license which made 4 license for him and he was very proud of him.**

**Chief Davis advised that the Texas Commission on Fire Protection had Inspected their department and they had done well.**

**He stated that they have a Stop The Bleed Program set up for January 20<sup>th</sup> and can have 30 people attending and will schedule another if needed that they will have enough instructors and all are certified in CPR and Stop The Bleed.**

**Mayor Diaz ask that if when they got through with Jacinto City could they offer the class to others that it would be good for the high school students.**

**Chief Davis stated that they could and they wanted to get the business**

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**Involved with the Stop The Bleed Program, they have four instructors who are State certified.**

**Ivan Rojas, Park and Recreation Director, advised that they were also putting up light at Town Center for the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting.**

**Mayor Diaz stated the Galena Park Jacketeers would be performing at Town Center and the choir would have singers.**

**Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that all was well at Heritage Hall.**

**Delaney Daly, Jacinto City Library, stated they were looking forward to the Stop The Bleed Program.**

**Mayor Diaz welcome Ms. Alvarez, sponsor for Galena Park FFA, who introduced the officers of the club.**

**Mayor Diaz advised them that they could participate in the Stop The Bleed and CPR Program and ask Chief Davis to get a flyer out.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that some time ago the council had amended the budget to allow us to petition the TCEQ to lower the requirement on PH on our permit to discharge of wastes. He stated our requirement was 6.5 which was costing us a lot of money for chemicals, that it took an act of Congress but we finally got it lowered to 6.0 and received our permit. He advised that we should complete this phase of repair to the WWTP in late May and then the next program would start and the grant on it was 5.3 million and we had got the notice to go ahead with it.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

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**Joseph McCalley stated that he resided in the city for 13 years at Big Bass and he loved the city and the reason he was here is to talk about the problem the people at Big Bass that are disabled and have problems getting around, they risk their lives get to the business from Big Bass, some are walking and some are in wheel chairs and there is no safe way for them to get around. He said they had received a \$15,000 grant from AARP and wanted to know if there is some way that City of Houston and Jacinto City could help.**

**Mayor Diaz ask if he was talking about the side walks.**

**Council Member Rivas stated that this had always been an issue and we were glad he was here and he would turn it over to our City Manager.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that when Big Bass came to the council asking for permission to build Big Bass, there was discussion about no scheduled bus route and no sidewalks and they said that was no problem that they had a van to provide transport.**

**He also explained that Market, Mercury and Holland was a County streets, we pay county taxes and there is no reason we don't get things back. He stated the county is looking at this and may come back With something in December, .**

**Mr. McCalley ask if he needed to have a permit to play his guitar in the park and was advised that he would not as long as the volume was not to loud and there were no complaints, if so they would ask him to turn the volume it down, that it was a public park and he ask if there was an electrical outlet in the gazebo and was advised that it was.**

**There was no Unfinished Business**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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- 1. Resolution 2023-R casting the City's ballot for the election of a person to the Board of Directors of the Harris Central Appraisal District.**

**City Manager Squyres explained how this worked and that Mike Sullivan was the only person nominated and he had been around for years.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and was seconded by Council Member Lee to cast the City's ballot for Mike Sullivan. Vote: 4 For 0 Against**

- 2. Council to approve over expenditures for 2022/2023.**

**Mayor Diaz ask how much had we gone over and was advised by City Manager Squyres that we did not, this was just for each individual department.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve over expenditures for 2022/2023 budget. Vote: 4 For 0 Against**

- 3. Council to confirm Rudy F. Mendoza as a full time Jacinto Police Officer**

**Chief Ayala gave a short bio on Mr. Mendoza stating he was 33 year old had graduated from Galena Park and Houston Police Academy, had passed all the requirements and he recommended that we hire him for a full time police officer.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Lee and seconded by Council Member Gonzales to confirm Mr. Mendoza as a full time police officer. Vote: 3 For 0 Against**

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**Mayor Diaz administered the Oath of Office, presented him with his badge and welcomed him to Jacinto City.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Rivas stated the weather was bad but we needed the rain to stay warm and dry and God Bless.**

**Council Member Lee seconded that, be careful that it gets so much darker now.**

**Council Member Gonzales welcomed Officer Mendoza and thanked everyone for coming out.**

**Council Member Rivas stated that we have the Christmas Parade and Santa on the Fire Truck and Joseph House came to the city and he said how wonderful it was for us to do Santa on the Fire Truck and he gave us candy and stuff and brought us a lot of stuff. He was busy at work and could not make it but Mayor Diaz was able to be there.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that Pastor Stearns gave us a lot and that on November 18<sup>th</sup> we would be stuffing stockings.**

**Donna Dailey stated that money was tight and anyone that was a senior, disable or a veteran can come to Joseph House and ask for help, that they do not question anyone about the amount of money they make and she went over the schedule of when they were open.**

**Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joyce Raines".

**Joyce Raines, City Secretary**