

**COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY DECEMBER 14, 2023 6:00 P.M.**

**The Mayor and City Council met in regular session with the following Members present: Mayor Diaz, Council Member Lee, Council Member Garcia and Council Member Gonzales; City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Raines. Council Member Rivas, Council Member Robinson 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 Garcia to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Vote: 3 For 0 Against**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Chief Ayala stated that they were staying busy, they had one health issue and some thefts.**

**Elizabeth Flores, Heritage Hall Director, advised that the Christmas dinner for the seniors was tomorrow and that Molina Health Care has donated a blood pressure monitor and chair to the center and also a small refrigerator and they had quite a few new seniors.**

**Ivan Rojas, Parks & Recreation Director, stated they were staying busy Keeping everything covered in case of cold weather.**

**Mayor Diaz stated that the parade went well and there was a great crowd on the street, just not enough candy and Santa on the Fire Truck was a success.**

**Chief Ayala stated that Santa on The Fire Truck was very good and ask If they notice that EJ had closed down.**

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**City Manager Squyres advised that on Christmas week and New Years week we would only have one pickup per week due to the holidays.**

**There was no Unfinished Business.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Council to confirm Kelly S. Martinez as a full time Jacinto City Police Officer.**

**Chief Ayala gave a short bio on Ms. Martinez and recommended that we hire her as a full time officer.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Garcia and seconded by Council Member Lee to confirm Ms. Martines as a full time Police Officer. Vote: 3 For 0 Against**

**Mayor Diaz administered the Oath of Office, presented her with her with her badge and welcomed Officer Martinez to the city.**

- 2. Mayor and Council to consider for possible approval a proposal from Insituform Technologies LLC to repair 361 feet of sanitary sewer pipe.**

**City Manager Squyres stated that Thomas was supposed to present this but there was a problem at the WWTP and he felt felt that he should be there.**

**City Manager Squyres advised that the sewer pipe going over the bayou to the sewer plant was leaking and Explained how this happened and what it would take to fix the problem.**

**Council Member Gonzales ask if it ran by the railroad track and City Manager Squyres advise that it ran under the track**

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**and explained how it would work, they would put a sock the pipe and then put resin in to harden the sock an this was through the Buy Board and we would not have to go out for bids, they had looked at a lot of vendors and felt this was the right way to go and so did the engineers.**

**Council Member Lee ask if it would be better to put in a new pipe.**

**Mayor Diaz ask how this would affect our budget and City Manager Squyres stated it was already in the budget.**

**Council Member Garcia ask if this was at the plant and City Manager Squyres advised that it was, that we had a lot of Construction going on at the plant.**

**A motion was made by Council Member Gonzales and seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve the proposal to repair 361 feet of sanitary sewer pipe. Vote: 3 For 0 Against**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Council Member Lee wished everyone a Merry Christmas.**

**Council Member Garcia ask Officer Martinez what was the last big event in the city and welcomed her to the city.**

**Council Member Gonzales welcomed Officer Martinez and thanked everyone who helped with the Christmas Parade and Santa on the Fire Truck.**

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

**Respectfully submitted.**

**Joyce Raines, City Secretary**

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