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JOYCE RAINES

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CITY ATTORNEY

JANUARY 18, 2024

Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular session on JIM DEFOYD Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:00p.m. in the Council Chamber at 10301 Market st.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Lee, Garcia and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Secretary Rodriguez and City Attorney Defoyd.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

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

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND COMMITTEES

Mayor: Ana Diaz

Requested reminders be sent out regarding CPR class for employees. Mayor also expressed appreciation for the Commissioner's representative's attendance.

City Manager: Lon Squyres

Reminded everyone that the city does a huge ramp up of city services during Freeze. City offers 24/7 "Turn On & Off" of water services. If you need to drain your pipes or think they're frozen & need the city to shut your water off, please call us and we'll take care of that for you. We will also go back & turn the service back on when you call us to do so. The City Hall phones get transferred to staff so we're able to take care of you during this period.

Public Works: Thomas Rogers

Wastewater treatment plans are going quite well, and progress is being made. Weatherizing is also underway for the upcoming freeze expected Monday.

Police: Chief Joe Ayala

Provided statistics for January 1st-11th

122 calls for service

5 accidents

13 arrests (traffic, criminal trespass, terroristic treat, public intoxication, assault, narcotics, felony narcotics, theft, failure to identify & evading.)

4 unauthorized use of motor vehicle

10-12 disturbance call

5 fraud complaint

1 criminal mischief

5 thefts

Officers have been informed about the visibility in residential sections. The major accident that occurred at Lane & Holland is still under investigation; There are some pending charges. PD is working on getting a full estimate of the damage. This will be a Felony Criminal Mischief.

Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis

Secured a full staff in anticipation of increased calls during freeze, also weatherized response vehicles. This month we've had 3 small fires, and a few smoke scares due to heaters being turned on. Hospitals confirmed, they expect to be busy. The community should be aware that hospital wait time may increase. Reminder of CPR class for employees is scheduled for Saturday the 20th at 9am.

Heritage Hall: Elizabeth Flores

Will contact Homebound participants regarding the weather for Monday. Congregate Meal participants have already been contacted. Office will be closed on Monday for Martin Luther King Holiday.

Parks & Recreation: Ivan Rojas

Weatherized in December for any potential cold bursts and now doing finishing touches on weatherizing for the pipes at the park buildings & school.

Commissioner Garcia's Office: Mr. Medrano

Offered county services during the freeze. Stated that the County is here to help with subsiding with whatever the city is doing and is here to answer any questions & offer any help. They have been working with Lon to get some projects going in the future. The Haz Mat Event has not been announced officially yet, but Jacinto City is lined up to participate. The event is an opportunity to get rid of any old chemicals, paint & those kinds of things. Details for the time frame to come. Cindy has retired and a replacement is being sought.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donna Dailey, 1701 Chazen Dr.

Inquired if the city wants the Pantry to leave the heat on. Lon answered that someone will get with her tomorrow. She also requested the city to take care of the sidewalks from Big Bass to the stores on Market. She then gave a little background of her work with the city via the Variance Board Committee to express her concern for receiving a check for participation. Lon responded that the checks have been voted & budgeted for by council. The committee will be receiving them unless changed by council. The checks may be cashed, donated back to any preferred city department or organization. A waiver may also be signed to opt out of receiving the check. Donna replied that she would donate.

Dale Pollock, 555 Normandy Street, Apartment 1021

Stated that he has decided to step up for the little league. Lon provided background on Dale's comment: The Little League is having difficulty because the gentleman over the little league is having major medical problems. The city does not run the Little League, we supply the ballpark; we are in a bit of a crunch & are recruiting people to be on the board and such. We have requested a meeting with the boards & will have Dale attend the meeting. Ivan will contact Dale.

7. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

1. CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER FILLING THE OPEN POSITION OF CITY SECRETARY.

The Mayor & Council had an Executive Meeting and discussed who will fill the big steps of Ms. Joyce Rains who has retired, and accepted Christal Rodriguez as new City Secretary. Christal Rodriguez was sworn in as City Secretary.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council members congratulated & welcomed Christal. They also reminded the public of city services available to citizens during freeze and of the services available from Joseph House.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Rodriguez
Christal Rodriguez
City Secretary

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