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CITY SECRETARY

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CITY ATTORNEY

JIM DEFOYD

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular session on
Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 6:00p.m. in the Town Center at 1025 Oates Rd.

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 Rivas, Robinson, 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 Rivas and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Vote: **For:5 Against:0**

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND COMMITTEES

Mayor: Ana Diaz

*Reported that 1.95 miles of Market Street, which is more than within Jacinto City, is getting redone.

City Manager: Lon Squyres

*Three Federal Grants are all going to commence in the next several weeks; The Earmark HUD Grant (A water line down 2 blocks of Market & the cross connects underneath the railroad track), The ARPA Grant (which is Meters) and the MIT Wastewater Treatment Plant (Worth \$5.3Million). These three Grants total about eight or nine million dollars' worth of public works that will be starting up over the next few months.

*Kathy is in the middle of a routine audit for the next month or two.

Public Works: Thomas Rogers

*The Wastewater Treatment Rehab Project is moving along quite well. All parts & components are on site now for them to complete the project.

*The Street Department is busy doing some rehab and changing out some "No Parking" signs. They went to class a couple weeks ago and the whole department learned the new codes and are implementing.

*Thomas expressed appreciation for the Fire Department for going Friday to the Public Works Safety Meeting and providing the CPR Class for the department.

*A Certified Instructor is scheduled to come out this Friday to do a Traffic Zone Flagging Class. A certificate will be received at the completion of the class, which will be good for four years.

Police: Chief Joe Ayala

*The Department is busy due to shoplifters, particularly down the feeder and Market; they have been issued citations, some have been arrests and some taken to county.

*The Property Room work has been completed, the divider for the narcotic & weapons is still pending and coming up.

Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis

***Fire Report done by City Manager Squyres due to Interim Fire Chief having to leave on a call. ***

*There was a significant fire last week at Nopalitos, also known as “The Blue House.” It was able to be stopped as a kitchen fire instead of a restaurant fire. The Owner, Brenda has a bit of a setback regarding the cause of the fire, the building will need to run some dehumidifiers to control mold while the cause continues to be investigated.

*CPR classes will be offered to residents on Saturday, the 17th. The classes will be offered at 9:00am, 10:00am & 11:00am. To register, call either the Fire Station or City Hall.

*The Fire department will also provide a class for the Boy Scouts, which Councilman Lee helped to facilitate.

*A Fire Extinguisher Class will also be provided to the Public Works Department.

Heritage Hall: Elizabeth Flores

*Reported that new participation is being seen for the Congregate and homebound programs.

Parks & Recreation: Ivan Rojas

*The tennis courts are getting some repairs done. The mayor received appreciation from the public for the Parks and Recreation department, which the mayor relayed to Ivan.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Resident expressed appreciation to Chief Ayala and Public Works for two new speed limit signs placed, after raising concerns regarding no speed limit sign near a speed bump.

7. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

1. Proclamation designating the week of February 17-24, 2024 as National FFA Week in Jacinto City.

**FFA gave a brief appreciation speech.*

**Proclamation read and issued by Mayor Diaz.*

-Motion to approve, made by Councilman Robinson

-Seconded by Councilwoman Garcia

-Favor: 5:0

2. Resolution 2024-1R Ordering the General City Election for Saturday May 4, 2024.

Resolution read by City Attorney DeFoyd setting the General City Election.

-Motion to approve, made by Councilman Lee

-Seconded by Councilwoman Robinson

-Favor: 5:0

3. Resolution 2024-2R Creating Early Voting Ballot Board for May4, 2024 City Election.

Resolution read by City Attorney DeFoyd creating the early Voting Ballot Board.

-Motion to approve, made by Councilman Lee

-Seconded by Councilman Robinson

-Favor: 5:0

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

*Councilman Rivas: Requested updates regarding the Little League. Updates provided by City Manager Squyres. Two Little League Representatives (Safety Officer & Vice President) addressed the council with updates and concerns. Little League was assured that the city supports the Little League.

*Councilman Robinson: Wished the residents a good weekend and asked for everyone to be careful.

*Councilman Lee: Expressed appreciation to the FFA.

*Councilwoman Garcia: Requested an update regarding the Town Center Partitions, City Manager Squyres provided an update and assured councilwoman that we are working on getting on obtaining more information and quotes. She also requested an update regarding obtaining lifeguards to be able to use the pool for school fieldtrips before the official opening. The Recreation Director provided an update.

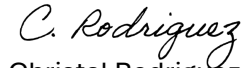
Councilwoman suggested to the Little League that they distribute Flyers at the local schools.

Councilwoman requested more information regarding the new Senate Bill with regards to the city. Chief Ayala provided the requested information.

*Councilman Gonzales: Wished everyone to have a good day.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Rodriguez".

Christal Rodriguez

City Secretary