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CITY ATTORNEY

March 18, 2024

Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:00p.m. in the Council Chamber at 10301 Market Street.

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 and Gonzales. Assistant City Manager Kathy, Greiner, City Attorney Defoyd, City Secretary Rodriguez. Councilwoman Garcia arrived at 6:10pm.

City Manager Squyres: Absent.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Rivas to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Vote: **For:4 Against:**0

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND COMMITTEES

Mayor: Ana Diaz

* No Report Given.

City Manager: Lon Squyres (Out for School, Represented by Assistant City Manager Kathy Greiner)

* Expressed appreciation for the remodel work done to the Council Chamber, Work is not completely done yet but is progressing nicely.

Public Works: Thomas Rogers (out on Vacation, Report given by Eric Jones)

* Everything is going as planned with the sewer plant.

Police: Chief Joe Ayala (out on Vacation, Report given by Captain Mark Longrigg)

- * Chief Ayala has a couple of good candidates for Police Officers and Dispatchers, Hope to fill positions quickly.
- *Jacinto City's Canine Team Placed in 10th Place Nationwide at the Train & Competition in Geargia for Narcotic Discovering.
- * Regarding the importance of STEP (Strategic Traffic Enforcement Program)

Program in JC. It's a grant that JC obtained over the last several years to promote awareness of unsafe driving in our city. The program allows officers to work overtime outside of their original duties and time to enforce traffic laws in documented problematic areas in our city. The grant is funded by the Texas Department of Transportation who funds 80% of the cost, The remaining 20% is covered by city via insurance for the officers, Longevity etc. It is important we work together on reducing the dangers on our roadways.

Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis (Out on Vacation, No Representative)

* No Report Given

Heritage Hall: Elizabeth Flores

- * There are new Congregate Meal Participants.
- * Seniors are having fun wrapping Candy for the City's Easter Egg Hunt.

Parks & Recreation: Ivan Rojas (Out on Vacation, No Representative)

* No Report Given.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

* Donna Daley, 1701 Chazen: Expressed appreciation for the work done to the streets.

7. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

Norma Barahona, owner of Barahona Tutoring Center, 1501 Mercury.

*Addressed the Mayor and Council to introduce her business, Barahona Tutoring Center, which offers In-Person & Virtual Tutoring in all subjects including Spanish and English and all grades.

2. Police Department to Present Racial Profiling Report for 2023.

* Jacinto City Police Department in accordance with the Texas Racial Profiling Law (State Senate Bill 1074)
Presented the Racial Profiling report for year 2023. Captain Mark Longrigg went over the report with the
Mayor and Council and reported that the Jacinto City Police Department did not receive any complaint in the
year 2023 on any members of its police force for any accused violations of the Texas Racial Profiling.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

All Council members expressed appreciation for the remodel work done so far to the Council Chabers and the work done to the streets. Appreciation for the Department-head Reports was also expressed. Councilwoman mentioned that there would be no Little League Parade, but they are having a Fundraiser.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Rodriguez
Christal Rodriguez
City Secretary