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May 3, 2024

Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on
Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 6:00p.m. in the Council Chamber at 10301 Market Street.

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 Robinson, Lee, Garcia, and Gonzales.
City Manager Squyres, City Secretary Rodriguez.

Councilmember Rivas arrived at 6:08pm, City Attorney Defoyd was absent.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee 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

- * Reminded the citizens that the city tests our water and is safe to drink.
- * "We lost a friend from Jacinto City Elementary, Steven Gonzalez. I've known him for quite a while. I met him when I first started working there at Jacinto City Elementary, He participated in a lot of our city functions here. He passed away today, please keep him and his family in your prayers."
- * Personally Thanked Mr. Calvillo for keeping Jacinto City safe. She also thanked and encouraged the citizens to continue to work with the Police Department and report any suspicious activity.

City Manager: Lon Squyres

- * Working on our ARPA Contracts with LJA Engineering, putting the RFP together for our water meter project where the vast majority of our citizens will receive ultrasonic meters. We're probably 5 or 6 months from seeing fruition on that. It's a federal program we're doing for the ARPA money, it is really paperwork intensive.
- * Another one we're doing is a HUD Project, it's a Concretional Earmark Project on two blocks of market street water line and crossovers underneath the railroad track, two of those, it's going to increase the fire safety due to better pressure throughout the mains on that side.
- * We had our meeting with Precinct 2 Commissioner, Adrian Garcia, we expressed our concerns on our three major projects: Hunting Bayou (the diversion canal we asked for), Animal Control (which is really a big issue for us because we pay taxes like all other Harris County Residents, and they get animal services for their tax money, and we don't. The resolution of cats in particular, is what we are hoping Harris County will help with).
- * Commended Thomas's crew for their hard work getting ready for the TCEQ Inspection, It's the best inspection we've had. The last time we had an inspection they expressed concerns about the number of operators that are certified licensed operators, we have turned that around and we now have 6 Water

operators and 4 Wastewater. Ramiro has done all he can and is in the mandatory two-year waiting period before he can continue getting licenses. He does outstanding work for the city. It's nice to see that we're training and getting those folks licensed to do that kind of work.

- * We are just about done with the Council Chamber. Public works spent a large part of today re-hanging two monitors for us that needed to get switched out. There's a couple of mic.'s still need to be saughtered in some new lines on, we still have the lettering to add and were just about done.
- * Added on to the Mayor's message regarding our city water by stating that not only do we test our water, but we also must put out an annual report for our water quality. We just did that, it is on the city website, under Public Notice, it's called a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). It can be downloaded.

Public Works: Thomas Rogers

- * Wastewater treatment project: Have converted to the liquid bleach system for our disinfectant, before we were using chlorine gas. Liquid bleach is a lot safer, better for our employees and the environment.
- * Installed some new speed bumps and signs on Lane and Cheston in response to requests during the last council meeting, to have them reinstalled.
- * Contractors mobilizing on another project of the Wast Water Plant next week on a 24-inch Sewer line, which is one of our main trunk lines coming into the plant.
- * This week on Wednesday, we had TCEQ come in, they come in every 3 or 4 years to check our documents, this time it was the water plant. They check our records, our samples, they walk our facility and make sure we are doing everything correctly. We have some paperwork that we need to send them but all-in-all we did outstanding; they didn't find any violations. They said we're doing a great job and to keep doing what we're doing.

Police: Chief Joe Ayala

- * No Report at this time.

City Hall: Kathy Greiner

- * Keeping fingers crossed that we finish the audit today.

Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis

- * No Report at this time.

Heritage Hall: Elizabeth Flores

- * Nothing new to report at this time, the seniors are still signing up for the Senior Olympics.

Parks & Recreation: Ivan Rojas

- * The Little League is having a Board Election tomorrow at Town Center from 6pm-8pm, so if anyone is interested in being a board member on the little league, you can go tomorrow or vote for someone. It is posted on Marquees.
- * Lifeguard Training begins next week.
- * Next month we start signing up for Swim Lessons.

Jacinto City Branch Library: Delaney Daly

- * Not in Attendance today.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- * Donna Dailey 1701 Chazen Dr.

Was disappointed to learn how little the city is able to do because the Little League won't allow it and wants the public to know about it. Wants to encourage the public to think about who they will vote for and to go vote to make Little League better.

- * Chief Ayala, Jacinto City Police Department.

Awarded Carlos Calvillo Sr. the Citizen's Award Accommodation in Recognition of his Outstanding Service to the safety of our community. "On April 3, 2024, Mr. Carlos Calvillo observed a theft in progress, as a male was observed walking out of Walgreens carrying several large jugs of detergent to a vehicle parked at the Dollar General Parking lot. With the description given, officers immediately arrived and detained two suspects. During the investigation, officers found both suspects to have been involved in two separate thefts, the other next door at Dollar General, further investigation upon inventory of the suspects vehicle, the suspects were in possession of two weapons, located in the vehicle and in addition a search of the person in custody was found to be in possession on his person a substance identified as Meth. The suspects were also found to be in possession of other stolen merchandise, valued at over four

hundred dollars, taken from the CVS off the Beltway and Woodforest. The property taken from both Dollar General and Walgreens in Jacinto City was recovered and returned. The suspects were charged with Unlawful Possession of Firearm by a Felon and Felony Possession of Substance Group 1 and transferred to the Harris County Jail. Due to Mr. Calvillo's quick actions, two hardcore criminals were apprehended by Sargent Nieto and Detective Barker, making Jacinto City a safer place to live. We Thank you and commend you for your actions."

7. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

1. Council to consider approving Investment Reports 10-1-2022 to 9-30-2023.

(Due to Ms. Greiner's Efforts, we were able to earn two hundred eighty-five thousand dollars in interest last year, that's the highest we've ever earned in interest, that were aware of in the city)

Motion made by Councilmember Rivas to approve Investment Reports 10-1-2022 to 9-30-2023.

Second was made by Councilmember Garcia.

Favor: 5/0

2. Council to confirm Sonny Flores as Full Time Jacinto City Police Officer.

(Sargent Sonny Flores has been with this department many years, he's well trained, well educated in law enforcement. He's gathered his master certification, and he left us and has come back. He comes well recommended.)

Motion made by Councilmember Garcia to approve Sonny Flores as Full Time Jacinto City Police Officer.

Second was made by Councilmember Robinson.

Favor: 5/0

3. Council to confirm Eliserio Ramos as Full Time Jacinto City Police Officer.

(Sargent Ramos, has his Master Peace Officer Certification, is well experienced and has also worked with our Police Department many years, he also left and has returned)

Motion made by Councilmember Rivas to approve Eliserio Ramos as Full Time Jacinto City Police Officer.

Second was made by Councilmember Garcia.

Favor: 5/0

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

All Council Members welcomed both officers and thanked all departments for their updates.

Mayor Diaz also reminded citizens to vote in the City Election and the Bond Election.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Christal Rodriguez
City Secretary