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Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on
Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the
Council Chamber at 10301 Market Street.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

MARIO GONZALES
CARMELA GARCIA
ALLEN LEE
JIMMY "JJ" RIVAS
GREGG ROBINSON

CITY MANAGER

LON D. SQUYRES

CITY SECRETARY

CHRISTAL RODRIGUEZ

CITY ATTORNEY

JIM DEFOYD

1. Call to Order: at 6:03 p.m.

- a. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:
The meeting was opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. Roll Call:
The following members were present:
Mayor Diaz; Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Garcia & Gonzales;
City Manager Squyres & City Secretary Rodriguez.
Council Member Lee and City Attorney Defoyd were absent.

2. Mayor & Council Comments:

- *All Councilmembers greeted the public, cheered for the Astros, noted the spring weather & wished everyone a great weekend.*
- *Mayor Diaz reminded everyone of the Easter Egg Hunt the city has planned for Saturday and encouraged city officials to attend and help.*

3. Public Comments:

- *None*

4. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting(s):

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson & Seconded by Council Member Rivas to approve the minutes of the previous meetings as presented. Vote: **For: 4, Against: 0**

5. Reports/Announcements of City Departments:

City: City Manager Lon Squyres

- *City Manager Squyres showed the mayor, council and the public how we are able to see which addresses in our city have leaks. We have about 7 to 8 hundred meters installed now. Once all the meters are installed the accountholder will be able to receive alerts via their phone app. Currently, we are notifying the customer manually but once the system is fully deployed the accountholder will receive an alert by text or email directly. It will be a great money saver for everybody. This is the single biggest water project we've done in the history of the city since the pipes went in. Mayor Diaz asked a few questions which Lon replied to.*

City Hall: Assistant City Manager & Finance Director Kathy Greiner

- *Reported that she is currently working on an audit*

Heritage Hall: Director Elizabeth Flores

- *The department is keeping the seniors active and busy and serving them a nutritional meal.*

Parks & Recreation: Director Ivan Rojas

- *Reiterated what the mayor said about the Easter Egg Hunt coming up and invited everyone.*

Public Works: Thomas Rogers

- *The department is working on normal water & sewer maintenance, streets and drainage.*
- *Phase 1 of the WWTP is being wrapped up and we're fixing to open bids on the second phase.*
- *We are sitting right at 800 meters on the project that Lon was talking about, which frees up time for us at public works, so we're real excited that that meter project has kicked off.*
- *Alex from public works is in attendance, Thomas took the opportunity to brag on his employee stating that Alex has been with the city for about 2 ½ years, He came to us with a Water License already, has taken all his classes and is getting ready to obtain his Waste-Water License. He is a born leader; he took over as chief for the water department and has taken a bunch of guys*

under his wing. He takes the time to teach the guys how to use the new equipment and fix water leaks; He is a very valued asset here in the city. He recently also showed the clerks at city hall a sample meter and used the meter manual to explain its components and functions. He also showed them the new meter in action out in the field.

- Mayor Diaz mentioned how Alex once addressed her about an issue and expressed appreciation.
- City Manager Squyres mentioned that we also hired Alex's daughter, Diana, who works at City Hall.

Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis

- Interim Chief Davis is not in attendance today because he is at an FDC Conference.

Jacinto City Branch Library: Nyla Vela

- The library will be having their Easter Egg Hunt next Thursday and will be sending people to the City's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday.

Police: Chief Joe Ayala

- Will submit at the next council meeting a full report on Code Enforcement Violations.
- Mayor Diaz mentioned how we need to start working on warnings because summer is coming and it's getting to be where you have to mow the yard every week.
- City Manager Squyres responded that we have been working on that.

6. Unfinished Business:

No Unfinished Business.

7. New Business:

- a.** Mayor & Council to Open, Discuss and take possible Action on Sealed Bids Received for WWTP-2024 CDBG-MIT Project No. 22-085-053-D306

-Synopsis given by City Manager Squyres.

This is a fully grant funded, GLO funded, Mitigation grant that we applied for some time ago.

This is the 3rd time receiving bids for this specific project, we were required by the funding agency, the General Land Office of Texas, to re-go out for bids because the last time the bids came in too large due to the engineers had the scope of work pretty large. They would not allow an amendment; we had to have the engineers reduce the scope of work and we had to go out for bids again. These bids are for the next phase of construction at the wastewater treatment plant. We're just finishing up one phase, this is the next phase. What we took out of this bid, because it was too expensive, we pulled out 1.9 million dollars out of it, we are pretty certain that we will still be able to do because we were offered another GLO funded grant from other cities that were not able to spend their money. Four sealed bids were submitted and opened by City Manager Squyres at council meeting tonight. He also read the bid amounts to the Mayor, Council & the Public.

This morning GLO, the Engineers and the City discussed that our recommendation to council will be to award it to the low bid and that's a qualified award pending approval by the City Attorney, LJA and Public Works.

So if the Bid Bond is good, if everything is legal if there is no hiccups, nothing that needs additional clarification that would throw the bid out of line, we won't have to come back to council. We have about 21 months left to get this in the ground, finished up, inspected, paperwork turned in and reimbursed. That's a very tight construction schedule. If it's alright with council, we'd like a conditional award tonight to the lowest bidder, which is Allco. If there's problems, we'd come to you, but it'd be a conditional award.

***Motion to conditionally award to the lowest bidder Allco Made by Council Member: Rivas**

***Second was made by Council Member: Garcia**

***Favor: 4/0**

- b.** Mayor & Council to Consider and take action on "Order of Cancellation" for the May 3, 2025 General City Election.

-Order read by City Manager Squyres.

***Motion to accept Order of Cancellation, Made by Council Member: Robinson**

***Second was made by Council Member: Garcia**

***Favor: 4/0**

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Rodriguez

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City Secretary

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