

City of Jacinto City
City Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday April 28, 2011
6 p.m.

City officials in attendance:

- City Manager Jack Maner
- City Secretary Joyce Raines

City officials not in attendance:

- City Attorney Jim DeFoyd

Council members in attendance at the regular council session on April 28 at 6 p.m.:

- Mayor Diaz
- Claudio Ochoa
- Rachel Nunez
- Jose Ramon
- Christopher Ochoa
- Mario Gonzales

I. Call meeting to order, Jack Maynard led prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Motion was made by Councilwoman Nunez to approve March 24, 2011 council minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Christopher Ochoa. Motion carried with 5 for and 0 against. MAYOR DIAZ insisted that there would be cooperation between citizens and council at this meeting, referencing the April 14 meeting. He also instructed that all cell phones be turned off. He said that he would like to get through the meeting as easily as possible.

III. Reports of officers, employees and committees:

- **CHIEF AYALA:** Reported that there have been five or six burglary of motor vehicle's in the neighborhood and four sewer drains removed and to call if anyone sees anything strange. He also said the city is preparing for national night out in October , and thanked the mayor for his opening remarks. He advised that he had officers on hand and they would be ready to escort people out if it was necessary. MAYOR DIAZ advised that he received a phone call regarding a grate that had been removed after hours, so he went down and replaced it himself. He reminded the citizens to contact Public works or the PD to avoid having someone fall into the sewer line or manholes.
- **KYLE REED, Public Works:** Touched on pipe bursting project. He said that so far on Muscatine and South LaCrosse there is 1880 feet of new pipe in the ground with 65 new sewer connects. He said there is a hold up on repairing the yards because of the drought. He advised that water helps settle the dirt around the new equipment. Crews would be back out the following weekend to water tamp those and they would not be paid until the job was completed. Reed said that the rabies clinic was a success, and that they were able to run 180 clients through the vaccination process. He said the vet did between 235 and 250. He announced the city's tire round up May 21—they'll pick up three per resident and none of them can be on rims. He noted that a few people had put them out early, but the round up wasn't until May 21 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. MAYOR DIAZ asked for a couple reasons that residents would need to get the old

- tires out of the city, and Reed explained that they collect water and serve as breeding grounds for mosquitoes, shelter for snakes and can be a general nuisance.
- **KIM BELLOTTE, Parks and Recreation:** Kim explained that baseball and softball was in full swing, halfway through their season that there had been interleague play between JC and Sheldon, Channelview and Galena Park and that they had heard good things about their field. Kim extended a thank you to everyone who worked on the fields. She also said that the baseball team thanked those who come out and watched their games for the support. They asked for continued support of their league and their concession stand. She explained that the Easter Festival went very well and that everyone had a relaxing time. She advised that major work had been done on the swimming pool the previous week in preparation for the summer, but that it was full again and was only under repair for a couple of days.
- **CINDY MILLER, Heritage Hall** – Cindy recognized Donna Dailey, Frank Haley and Janet Self for the bake sale booth they had at the Easter festival. Cindy advised that she was out of town but appreciated their running the booth. She explained that Heritage Hall had an Easter Party and at that party they had a bonnet contest (won by Dorothy Harding), a basket contest (won by Vivian Cole) and that Janet Self found the golden egg which had included a gift certificate. Cindy thanked COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ for helping judge the contest and acknowledge that it was a difficult thing to judge. She advised that COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ put on a breakfast for the seniors last Wednesday, thanked her and said it would be hard to top her. COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ confirmed they had 40 seniors there for breakfast. Senior Olympics started May 2 at 8:45 in the gym and travelled to other senior centers through Friday for the awards
- **MAYOR DIAZ:** Thanked department heads and recognized Bernardo Perez and Jim Moore and Mr. Burley , the Police Department, Commissioner Danny Sims with Galena Park and Ex-Councilman Gregg Robinson, former councilman Damus Garey. He asked if there was anyone he was missing and moved on to the mayor's report.
- MAYOR DIAZ said the Easter Festival went well and thanked the citizens and businesses that came out and contributed. He said it was a successful event and an event he hoped to continue. He said he's been walking the city talking to citizens and found that some residents have issues with security lighting in parts of the city. He prompted residents to call city hall regarding lights that have gone out or are not working. He acknowledged that some citizens have voiced concern regarding a lack of lighting on Lane street by the bayou in the back. MAYOR DIAZ contacted CenterPoint to have lighting installed because reports indicate that witnesses have seen some suspicious activity in that area at night. He said that the city wanted to make sure that the lighting was a crime deterrent. He said mother's day was coming up and wished a happy Mother's Day to mothers.
- **JACK MANER, City Manager:** Recognized the long agenda and said everything was well. He also reminded everyone that the election was coming up May 14, but that early voting started that upcoming Monday at City Hall
- **COUNCILWOMAN NUNEZ:** Mayor, Can I add something to your report? The cakes auction, I think they delivered about 15 cakes to the seniors at Heritage Hall and they were passed out to different departments. But also, you know, the starting bids for those cakes were \$200. They said \$200, and I said "no, that's a little too high," but the mayor went ahead and outbid everybody .

IV. Mayor advises that there is no unfinished business. Advises that under new business was council approval of expenditure for insulation of 40-foot container with expenditure to be paid from the drug seizure fund. He then turns the floor over to Chief Ayala.

- Chief Ayala said that there is a container behind the police department and that it has to be insulated for what they need to put in there, which would be related to records. He clarified that it would be insulated with walls. Chief Ayala said that he went out for quote and got three bids. One of those quotes was \$2150 from A-Affordable insulators. That quote included insulation without the walls. The second quote was for \$3,750 from Hermex Painting and General Contractors and that the quote included the walls and insulation. The paint would be industrial grade. The third quote, from Double-B Construction was for \$13535. He recommended the quote from Hermex Painting and General Contractors. He advised that none of the money would come from the taxpayers, but would come out of the drug seizure fund. Chief said it was important to do the insulation first before they did the electrical work. He said that the boxes of records had to be protected from moisture and reiterated that his recommendation was for Hermex. MAYOR DIAZ asked who Hermex Contractors were, if they were local and if JC had used them. The Chief said the city has used them before, the owner was Javier Hernandez. The mayor said he speaks very highly of Mr. Javier Hernandez and that he does an excellent job. COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ asked if it covered everything they would need and Chief said yes, it would cover everything they would need for the insulation. COUNCILMAN RAMON made the motion for the council to approve the expenditure for insulation of 40-foot container with expenditure to be paid from the drug seizure fund and awarded to Hermex Painting and General Contractors. COUNCILMAN OCHOA seconded. COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ said she was glad that the bid was going to a local company. COUNCILMAN RAMON said that he wanted to let everybody know that many of the items that would be protected are important because if they were damaged, cases could be dismissed. He said for years, the Chief has been having an over crowding problem. The motion carried with five for and none against.

V. Mayor says the council will move on to Councilman Claudio Ochoa talking about street repairs on Holland Avenue.

- Councilman Ochoa said that he had been discussing the repairs on Holland for a month and a half and the part that was most critical to him had started to be repaired. He said he was appreciative. He passed on the item. MAYOR DIAZ said that Kyle and Public Works were doing an excellent job. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said that he wanted to check on Mr. Graham's dip gutter and Kyle said that it was completed.

VI. Mayor said that they will move on to the next agenda item, which will be COUNCILMAN OCHOA requesting that council authorize the city attorney to amend ordinances 95-1, Chapter 9 section 11, of the ordinance to prohibit and make it unlawful for the parking of any vehicle, mobile home, motor home, recreational vehicle, trailer or boat on any public sidewalk within the city and to amend section 11 title to include no parking on sidewalks.

- COUNCILMAN OCHOA said this ordinance is lacking and that's why he's asking the council to allow the city attorney to amend it. COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ asks the chief if there is currently a state law that already prohibits parking vehicles on sidewalks. She mentioned that at one time

- the PD issued tickets. Chief Ayala said there is already an ordinance and that the PD still issues tickets. COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ clarified that COUNCILMAN OCHOA wanted to add no parking signs. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said that he's talked to the chief about getting no parking on side walk signs. That there are a few no parking signs, but he is making a recommendation that they get maybe three or four per block. He said that his motion was to add this to the city ordinance so that it would be there to use later. COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ asked if it was a state law, why the council would have to add it to charter? COUNCILMAN OCHOA said it wouldn't be added to the charter, but to the ordinance. She asked if he COUNCILMAN OCHOA wanted the council to approve research on the ordinance, and COUNCILMAN OCHOA said no, that he was asking the council to let the city attorney amend the ordinance. He then read the current ordinance under abandoned vehicles and other property. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said that the ordinance doesn't mention cars or trucks. CITY MANAGER JACK MANER asked him to clarify. MAYOR DIAZ and COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ said that the ordinance read as "any vehicle". COUNCILMAN OCHOA reread the ordinance, which read "mobile home, motor home, recreational vehicle, trailer or boat", noted that it didn't mention trucks or cars specifically and said that was why he was requesting it be amended. COUNCILMAN GONZALES then notes that the current ordinance reads that "it's unlawful for the parking of any vehicle" and then goes on to specific types as COUNCILMAN OCHOA read. COUNCILMAN OCHOA asks COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ to read the ordinance again, which reads "it shall be unlawful for any person, driver, operator or owner to leave, park or stand any mobile home, motor home, recreational vehicle, trailer or boat in, or in any public, street, alley, sidewalk or any other public place within the city. Any such vehicle unlawfully parked is hereby declared to be a nuisance and is subject to immediate removal by the police department of the city". JACK MANER confirms that it doesn't include cars and trucks. COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ asks if COUNCILMAN OCHOA just wants to include cars and trucks. MAYOR DIAZ asks if this is to mean the vehicle is subject to removal at any time. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said "we don't want any vehicles to park on sidewalks, so no" and said that this was part of what was responsible for the deterioration of the sidewalks. MAYOR DIAZ asked if it included the right of ways near Akron. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said it wouldn't change the part of the ordinance that dealt with the alleys, it would just be added to the ordinance. MAYOR DIAZ said that his concern was that the city was already overcrowded and that there were already a lot of vehicles. That sometimes families had parties that included extra guests that visit homes and JC doesn't have sufficient parking, He furthered questioned by asking what the ordinance would do to citizens who are keeping up with their easements. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said that the part of the ordinance he was concerned with dealt specifically with sidewalks and vehicles. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said that he wanted to prevent people from parking on the sidewalks. COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ said that she went out with KYLE REED to look at the sidewalks on Holland and noted that the problem is that residents aren't parking on the sidewalks, but using them as driveways to get into the trailer park. COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ asked if COUNCILMAN OCHOA had noticed that, and COUNCILMAN OCHOA said he had noticed and that Jacinto City needed the ordinance. He asked if anyone was opposed to including the amendment to the ordinance. COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ clarified that COUNCILMAN OCHOA only wanted to add cars and trucks and prohibited vehicles parking on sidewalks. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said that it would have to be added as a sub, COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ said the council needed DeFoyd's opinion to get it correct. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said that DeFoyd would get it correct. MAYOR DIAZ said he agreed with the decision. COUNCILMAN GONZALES also agreed with the decision, and noted that the only question he has

was from reading it off the agenda, the ordinance looked like it already provided that cars and trucks were prohibited. COUNCILMAN OCHOA explained that the item on the agenda was the motion and the ordinance was different. KYLE REED addressed the council and asked if parking on JC dip gutters could be added to that ordinance because it causes problems with draining. JACK MANER noted that COUNCILMAN OCHOA might consider that because it would include the right of way. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said that that provision was already in place and he was concerned about the sidewalk provision. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said he wanted to amend it to prevent deterioration of sidewalks. COUNCILMAN OCHOA handed photos out to council. MAYOR DIAZ addressed citizens coming in to the meeting and points out empty chairs, and said that he would like to recognize Steve Mueller, a security deputy for Songwood. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said that the reason he was bring this to council was because he did not want to spend the city tax dollars fixing the sidewalks. He noted that KYLE REED had made the temporary repairs and that the city would try to get some money from the county to fix the sidewalks there, but that the only way to ensure that JC wouldn't have to keep repairing them. COUNCILMAN OCHOA asks to make the motion and discuss it afterwards. COUNCILMAN OCHOA made the motion to allow council to authorize the city attorney to amend ordinances 95-1, Chapter 9 section 11, of the ordinance to prohibit and make it unlawful for the parking of any vehicle, mobile home, motor home, recreational vehicle, trailer or boat on any public sidewalk within the city and to amend section 11 title to include no parking on sidewalks. COUNCILMAN GONZALES seconded the motion. MAYOR DIAZ said that if any of the council or citizens wanted to meet with the City Attorney while he was reviewing the ordinance, and also mentioned that he was concerned with overcrowding, especially when some households, both parents and all of the children own vehicles. COUNCILMAN RAMON said that the ordinance would only affect the older part of the city and mentioned dip gutters. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said he was not including the dip gutters in the ordinance and asked KYLE REED if Public Works was planning on widening the streets. KYLE REED said that PW would like to widen the streets as soon as it was possible and asked COUNCILMAN OCHOA to clarify whether or not the dip gutters would be included in the amendment. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said no. COUNCILMAN RAMON said that including the dip gutters would make a big difference, COUNCILMAN OCHOA said that the purpose was to protect the sidewalks from deterioration, the sidewalks around the schools, the sidewalks on Lane and the sidewalks on Holland. KYLE REED said that the dip gutters were in bad shape and are responsible for drainage, that they're broken worse than the sidewalks and that they're responsible for drainage. He further stated that it could be years before the city could widen the streets because it's expensive and that he would advise to add the dip gutters to the ordinance. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said that the dip gutters are covered under public easements, according to JACK MANER. JACK MANER explained that the dip gutters are currently under the same ordinance constraints as the sidewalks—that the ordinance doesn't mention cars or trucks. COUNCILMAN OCHOA reiterates his motion. JACK MANER explains that in the 100 and 200 blocks on the south side of market street, there are curbs and sidewalks and the sidewalk comes right to the curb. He said that if council didn't choose to ban parking over the dip gutter residents could park right up against the curb/sidewalk and it would be the same as parking near the sidewalk. JACK MANER said that he'd like for everyone to consider that. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said "well, I've considered my ordinance, and it's been seconded, so I'd like to put it to a vote." The motion carried with five for and none against.

VII. MAYOR DIAZ said that the council would move on to the next agenda item, which was resident Larry Schion addressing COUNCILMAN RAMON and Jose Reynosa regarding comments made about his son in the last council meeting.

- Larry Schion, who has a house at 1430 Sheryl he lived at for 40 years, but currently lives in Crosby, begins by saying that he loves Jacinto City. He said that he has heard COUNCILMAN RAMON and Reynosa make mention of his not living in JC, but that he loves JC. He's donated things to Heritage Hall and has gotten cards that he showed the council and he appreciates the gesture and the thanks. Schion said he's got a card on COUNCILMAN RAMON that doesn't mention the recall or anything COUNCILMAN RAMON has done and that that offends him. He mentions that the card says 'holding them accountable' and Schion asks to whom Ramon is referring. He mentions that the card discusses public officials taking vehicles home and claims that they've been able to do that for years. He said that the card urges people to vote no for the recall. He said that the card mentions equipment being used and that the equipment is down at the barn and KYLE REED would know if the equipment was being used or removed. He said there isn't any favoritism regarding the use of city equipment. Then he requests that COUNCILMAN RAMON give proof regarding what he's talking about. Schion mentions that at the bottom of the card that people are giving bids to people they favor. Schion explains that the bids are sealed and no one has seen them. He said COUNCILMAN RAMON's campaign cards are "malarkey", that COUNCILMAN RAMON is using the same false platform to get elected this year as last year and that Schion wants COUNCILMAN RAMON to talk about his past that has so far gone unexplained. He said he likes the sign (referring to the card) but has not seen a water rate increase, (because the card thanks COUNCILMAN OCHOA for keeping water rates low) and then notes that the ad was paid for by Claudio and Lena Ochoa. Schion said that no one has done anything to keep the water low, but it's just stayed the same. He said that people shouldn't give that much theory and vote for someone who misrepresents the facts. Schion said that he's been in JC for many years, through good administrations and bad. That he's fought against, mayors, chiefs, policemen. He said that he was going to continue to do right things and that he wants peoples' voices in the city to matter.
- Then Schion addresses Jose Reynoso, who pulled Schion's son's records and revealed at the last council meeting that Schion's son stole a tractor from the city. He said that he got teary eyed because he loves the city so much. He brought his son to explain the incident and to take ownership for his mistake, but also so his son could address council regarding why his records were pulled but COUNCILMAN RAMON won't come clean about his record. Schion said that he wants Mr. Ramon to own up to his mistakes and apologize. Schion talks about Reynoso and how he talked about his son and how Reynoso has daughters and that one of his daughters has had some trouble in the past as well. Schion talked about how COUNCILMAN RAMON said he was afraid to bring his wife and kids down to council and then invited COUNCILMAN RAMON to bring them because he would be the first to defend them, because while he doesn't like Ramon, he doesn't have anything against Ramon's wife or children. Schion talked about how his son did three years in prison and paid his debt without help. He continues that he loves Jacinto City.

VIII. MAYOR DIAZ moves on to the next item, which is Chris Schion addressing COUNCILMAN RAMON and Reynoso about the comments made about him at the last meeting.

- Chris Schion, who lives at 1430 Sheryl, said that he was born and raised in JC and knows a lot of the people there. He said that his father told him that COUNCILMAN RAMON pulled his DA file.

- He admitted to stealing a tractor, that he was high on Xanax bars and alcohol, and also that he was 20 years old when the incident occurred. He said he went to jail, they gave him the maximum three years in the penitentiary. He said he wasn't really sure why the people that pulled his file were so secretive, whether or not it was to make him or his father look bad, but that all they had to do is ask and he would have told them whatever they wanted to know. He said that there was no favoritism, he took the tractor and did his time. He also pointed out the police officer in the audience that booked him and said that he didn't hold anything against the officer for doing his job. He said that he admitted his guilt and served his time and that COUNCILMAN OCHOA's sons "aren't the best". He discussed how Christopher Ochoa was pulled over for drinking and driving and then didn't suffer any consequences. He noted that Christopher Ochoa was drunk and speeding down the freeway but nothing ever came back. He questioned why Reynoso attacked him but not COUNCILMAN RAMON. He said that since COUNCILMAN RAMON wouldn't stand up, he would read a little bit "about going into Richard Michael's desk on the night of 11-21-2000 at approximately 9:30 p.m." he said. "They show you going into his drawer of Mr. Michaels and they say two employees see Mr. Ramon rummaging through the drawer." He mentioned that the surveillance cameras caught COUNCILMAN RAMON with his right hand in a drawer and then caught that same hand go into his pocket. Schion then claimed that COUNCILMAN RAMON never fessed up to what he took, but Schion said it was a pair of earrings. He then asks COUNCILMAN RAMON to be a man, stand up and confess. Schion said that he gave up his license to be a police officer, so he must have stolen the earrings. COUNCILMAN RAMON said that he must have gone through that door ten or 20 times a day. Schion asks if COUNCILMAN RAMON gave up his T-CLOES license for this particular incident. COUNCILMAN RAMON said that the case was dismissed. MAYOR DIAZ calls for order. COUNCILMAN RAMON said that he didn't care about Schion's record, but that the reason he pulled it up was because Schion stole property from Jacinto City and that's his job. He mentions that if it was a personal or private matter, it wouldn't have been brought up. COUNCILMAN RAMON mentions Larry Schion's record and said that he wasn't going to bring it up because it didn't have anything to do with the city. COUNCILMAN RAMON says that his case was dismissed while Schion's verdict was guilty. MAYOR DIAZ asks to move on and that no more comments are allowed from the public at that time. COUNCILMAN RAMON said that he pulled the report because it was stolen city property and was \$60,000 worth of damage, and that if \$60,000 of damage was done to the city, that person would hear from COUNCILMAN RAMON.

IX. Mayor moves on to next agenda item, which is Nancy Gosney addressing concerns with the city.

- Ms. Gosney refers to last week's meeting when Larry Schion brought to the council's attention that his campaign signs were being blocked by Reynoso's signs. Gosney said that the practice is still continuing and brought photos to show the council. Gosney refers to a picture of her yard, says that she called Larry and told him about it and he told her to file a complaint. She wanted to ask Reynosa a question, but he wasn't there. Then she shows a slide and refers to a picture of COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ's signs touching somebody else's signs and that complaints were filed against COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ. Gosney said that Reynosa went to her neighbor's house and put up his signs directly in line with her recall signs. She expresses displeasure. Gosney said that Reynoso filed a complaint against COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ. COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ confirmed and said that Reynoso said her signs were touching her competitor's, Mr. Esquivel. COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ said she took care of the signs. COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ said that Esquivel filed the complaint but that if he had called her, she would have removed them.

- Gosney said it was all petty, and mentioned that despite Reynoso's not wanting speed bumps, he was recently given a speeding ticket for doing 33 in a 20. She mentions that Reynoso has a website and on that website he is complaining about a bridge that JC employees aren't fixing. She states that the bridge is in the City of Houston. She also talks about Vincente's record, commenting that he has quite a few tickets, including one citation for assault. She said she wanted the community to start doing background checks on their candidates; that she wanted to know who was going to be representing JC. She mentioned that she wanted Vincente to come to a council meeting and answer questions about the assault. She urged background checks and drug tests. She also said that Vincente has never voted in a JC election, yet he is running for mayor. She shows a document from the registrar office. She asks COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA about his voter registration and he says that it's changed since then. She talks about the signs and how Chief Ayala has better things to do than answer calls about political signs. Gosney says that people in JC are tired of people filing charges on each other and are tired of petty behavior. She asks COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ if she has anything to say on the matter and turns the floor over to COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ who asks if Esquivel or Reynosa is there. They are not, so she asks Esquivel's campaign treasurer to tell Mr. Esquivel that she did not put up the signs that were covering his sign—that over 30 of her signs have been stolen. She said that as soon as she found out, she removed it, she's not petty and she asked that he give Mr. Esquivel her apologies. Mr. Esquivel's treasurer asked COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ why she didn't call Esquivel herself, she explained that her phone number was on her signs and she wasn't the one complaining. COUNCILMAN RAMON asks to make a comment and says that elected officials using city property was petty, but that there was a law against it. He said the city equipment was for city functions and not personal use. MAYOR DIAZ asks to move on. COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA asks to make a comment. He explains that he never filed charges on anyone, but was passing by a city building when he saw three individuals loading tables and chairs into a car. He said that he stopped and asked what the individuals were doing; one individual told him that her mother instructed her to put the tables and chairs into the truck; he asked if they knew it was public property. Afterwards, he asked the police to investigate because "he wanted to make sure everything was fair".
- Jim Moore explained that the under previous direction, it was common to lend tables and chairs out to everyone. That he was one of the most dedicated workers in JC and that if people didn't stop bringing up old events, no one would be able to move forward. COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA said he agreed.
- COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA said that the situation was addressed appropriately and that moving forward, things would change.

X. MAYOR DIAZ said they would move on to Tammy Carter addressing the council on concerns in the city.

- Tammy said that during the last meeting, she was told by COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA and a member in the audience that all she had to do was ask for the reporting on the Christmas Kindness Dinner and that she would get it. She advised that the next morning, she sent an email to COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA requesting the information, was told via email that it would be posted on their website at the completion of their fiscal year. She further advised that later on, she got another email explaining that they were trying to get documentation together and to please be considerate while they got everything in order and that everything was official and as

soon as it was ready, it would be available. Ms. Carter advised that she then got another email from a board member of Keep Jacinto City Beautiful that said the information would be available on May 15, when their fiscal year came to a close. Ms. Carter reminded council that the election was May 14. She furthered that she received a flyer last week that pictured COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA with his hands on a valve and said COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA shutting off the 1.96 million gallons of water wasted. She said that she requested a meeting with Mr. Reed to discuss how the city kept their water supply secure. Ms. Carter said her concern was whether or not anyone could go into the city and mess with the valves. She asked Mr. Reed if he was aware of this instance and he was not aware. He was not called about the event. Ms. Carter asked COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA how he had gotten to that area to take pictures. COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA said "I walked". Ms. Carter asked if he had received permission. COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA said "Ms. Carter as a councilman, in our home rule charter is says that we can investigate anything and I was simply reading the meters. I thought it would a great symbolic to put on my campaign literature because I do feel that I did stop the water rate increase." Ms. Carter said that the charter also says to go through the city manager and the department heads concerning department issues. COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA said he didn't feel as though it was an issue to carry out an investigation. Ms Carter asks Mr. Reed to share what happens if the valves or water system is tampered with. KYLE REED said that first of all he was not aware of the picture that COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA took at the valve. He said that Tammy did call him and he had an obligation to the citizens to answer them, thought he didn't know it was going to come out at that night's meeting. KYLE REED said that he didn't know if COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA turned the valve off. COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA said that he didn't do anything with the valve. Mr. Reed said that he respectfully requested that any councilmember, any citizen who wanted to look at the water facilities should contact him because he has the license and it could turn into a homeland security issue. Reed said the mishandling of the valve could cause significant damage to the city water system. He said that people could go through the city manager's office, but he has the license and takes pride in delivering the best quality of water to the residents of JC. Reed said he did not want anyone messing around near the water facility, and that he wasn't directing that comment at COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA, but at everybody. Reed said that they needed an electric gate to keep people out and he would talk to council because no one should have access to that. Ms. Carter said that after talking to Kyle, he said that everyone knows the quickest way to ruin a city was through the water system. She said that she did more research of material on the flyer and found out that the city administration looked at the contract JC had with the City of Houston in regards to purchasing water saw that the contract had a clause that allowed the city to change the amount of water they purchased. So instead of purchasing one million gallons of water per day, they were able to purchase 25 million per month. She said that CITY MANAGER JACK MANER and Fire Chief Lon Squyers were the ones that initiated that renegotiation, and then that information was shared with city council and through email. Ms. Carter asked how COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA's background in business administration affect that process. COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA asked if he could respond and that the time it took him to respond not be taken from Ms. Carter's ten minutes. MAYOR DIAZ agreed. He prepared a statement because he thought that Ms. Carter may come up and ask him a question regarding that matter. His official statement reads as follows: "At the public hearing on the proposed water rate hearing back in August of 2009, I spoke out against the water rate increase and felt that as the liaison of the water department elected for and by the people of Jacinto City, I simply could not

vote for the proposed water rate increase during these tough economic times. It was at that meeting, that I asked for a study to be done that would provide the council with the data of the actual amount of water in gallons consumed by our city. I asked for this study because I wanted to see how much water we were paying for and what our citizens were actually using. After the public hearing, I later met with Ron Neighbors, General Manager for Harris-Galveston subsidence district, along with Chief Squyers, Commissioner Clowers from Galena Park and Representative Hernandez Luna. At this meeting I was provide with information on our water consumption since 2006. And the long and short of this meeting is we were overspending and paying the city of Houston for water that we were not even using as a city. At this meeting, with the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District, I asked the question, what can we as a city do to combat and offset these water hikes the City of Houston is imposing. Ron Neighbors from the subsidence district said we could actually pull 20 percent from our own well water, which we had not done for several years. Not only were we allowed to use 20 percent from our own wells, we also had the ability to pull up to 30 percent more with a water education program called Water Wise. This water conservation education program would serve as an opportunity to educate our fourth and fifth graders in Jacinto City, while at the same time, for every \$35 spent on a child to provide them with a water conservation kit, we would then be given credits to pull 85,000 gallons from our own well. After this meeting, I requested a copy of the water contract between the City of Jacinto City and the City of Houston through our city secretary. (He asks Ms. Raines if she recalls this. Ms. Raines pauses and says, 'probably you did, we get so many requests). So after that meeting, I requested a copy of the water contract between the City of Jacinto City and the City of Houston through our city secretary. It was only after I requested this contract that we as a city uncovered the opportunity to lower the contracted amount of water by 60 million gallons annually, based on the actual amount of water we were using. This also saved the city over \$100,000 and effectively stopped the water rate increase from occurring. Throughout this whole time period, I met with several of our city administration including our city manager, director of public works, fire chief, and on several occasions, sent email correspondence regarding the water contract and Water Wise program. So to summarize, it was on that August 2009 public hearing agenda on the proposed water rate increase that I openly in the public forum stood up for the citizens and opposed a water rate increase and asked for a study to be conducted. I met with the Harris-Galveston subsidence district, and uncovered the options that we as a city were not using to help our citizens. I asked for the city contract. I met with our city administration numerous times regarding a solution to this issue and to this day, the water rates have not been raised. I am confident that I played a major role in making sure our water rates did not increase. Many of our citizens feel that way too. Council members have told me that I am responsible for stopping the water rate increase. I have lived up to my campaign promises helping citizens with several of their issues. One being the water rates. I was instrumental in stopping the proposed increase in 2009. No increase has occurred since then, and I will lead the charge to stop and ultimately lower the water rate for our citizens."

- Ms. Carter asks Ms. Raines when the contract was changed. Ms. Raines says October of 2010 was when the new contract went into effect. Ms. Carter asks who found the clause in the contract. Ms. Raines said she doesn't like to get involved. Ms. Carter acknowledges that. COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA said that Ms. Raines found the clause in the contract and that he's happy she did. He said that it was very "proactive" and that "everything was a series of events that allowed us to keep our water rates at the same rate and I helped in all of that, and I believe

wholeheartedly that I played an instrumental role in that". Ms. Carter agrees that COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA helped, but said that it wasn't just one person, and that maybe the signs that say "Councilman Ochoa" should say "thank you, the City of Jacinto City" because it was a definite team effort that made that entire process happen. She said that it wasn't just one person, as Ms. Raines was the original one to find that clause. COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA said it's also important to note that at that public hearing, and even with correspondence that administration had sent to council, it was all about how we were going to have enough money to pay the City of Houston. At the Jan. 2010 rate hike of 15.9 percent, and then again in April 2010, the 4.1 percent. (he asks JACK MANER if this is correct and Maner says he believes so). COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA said that he understand that he did want to raise the water rates, but his business degree helped because he studied contract law at the University of Texas, he went to the McComb school of business and learned at a very young age never to take things at face value and to think about every decision that he made. And that dealing with hundreds of thousands of dollars made him decide to pull some data and lets' find out. He said that JACK MANER could attest to the fact that he requested the study be done. JACK MANER agreed. COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA said he feels like it was a series of events that occurred that led to the water rate increase being stopped and thinks that he was pivotal in that and if he did not raise those questions and did not have those meetings with Harris-Galveston subsidence district, that it would have been raised.

- Ms. Carter asked JACK MANER to share some of the background that COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA made saying that it was suggested by JACK MANER that JC raise the water taxes. JACK MANER agrees and said that he sent an email pointing out that they had the raise coming up (Dec. 29, 2009) on Jan. 1, 2010 of 15.9 and an April 1 raise coming up of approximately 4.1. He said that he reviewed the data and noticed that the rates would need to be raised. He also said that when he took the position of City Manager in 2001, the water and sewer department had actually lost money, had spent more than it took in for the previous five years and was almost broke—that any monies they had accumulated was almost gone. His goal was to turn that around, but it required a rate increase. He said the water wise program and the work they were doing to implement that program would greatly help the city, but that the city was bogged down in that process now. He said the environmental study and the Harris county grant funding author has slowed it way down, and he wished it was already in effect. He said there was a rate in Jan. 2010, a raise in April of 2010, another raise in December 31 of 2011 and another raise in April of 2011. JACK MANER Said that in his opinion they're not breaking even now. They're not broke, there's a cushion, but until they can get the benefits from those programs, JC is not conducting business the way a business should be done.
- COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA agreed and said it was a process. That talking to Lon and the person from the engineering project, JC has the grants, all bundled together and that the process should take some time. he pointed out that at the previous years' budget workshop, \$100,000 was taken from the water department and applied to some debt bonds. He said it was a forecasted on the city administration that they were going to be able to do that because of the savings that they would find.
- JACK MANER says that no, the reason he suggested it and put it on the budget was because the debt they were talking about, certificates of obligation that were issued for the big renovation of the city sewer system. Really and truly , he said, all of that debt service should have been paid by water and sewer, but none of it had—JACK MANER said that all of it had been paid by the general fund, which he said meant tax dollars. JACK MANER said he felt that it was time for the

water and sewer to begin (here he says, to only begin, because the total expenditure for that debt will be over \$500,000) so the water and sewer fund is only spending \$100,000, which is not fair but is a beginning, so it makes less of a burden on the tax section of it. JACK MANER said that that was the reason for recommending it, and when these programs go into effect they'll greatly benefit JC.

- Ms. Carter said that from a business perspective, they'll still may have to raise their rates in order to protect (after which speech is hard to hear)
- JACK MANER said that he can't say that won't happen and that he apologizes to the citizens—that he lives in JC, pays a water bill and doesn't want to pay a high bill either. He said that it's his job to advise the council on these matters and that he did so and that, while he hates to brag, he also has a business administration degree and that the city is not and should not be in the money making business, but that it's a business nonetheless and that it's the council's duty to run it as such. He compares it to a home budget—it's not home to get buy week to week with no cushion and that you have to have something extra for things you don't expect to happen, but at least you need to cover your cost. He hope Jacinto City doesn't have to have a raise and that he's not saying that's the case, but that it's his job to give his opinion.
- COUNCILMAN OCHOA asks the mayor if he can ask Jack a question. MAYOR DIAZ agrees. COUNCILMAN OCHOA asks how much is in the water fund, if it's \$2 million. Jack said he didn't have the paper with him and defers to Ms. Raines. Ms. Raines said she doesn't have the exact figures, but to realize that part of that is water deposits and that that portion isn't spendable because it's there to be refunded. Ochoa asks of we draw interest on it, Ms. Raines confirms, but reminds that it cannot be spent. COUNCILMAN OCHOA asks how much of the \$2 million is spendable, Ms. Raines and Jack said they would look it up and let everyone know.
- COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA said that he wants to clarify: the email JACK MANER sent out was simply to suggest a rate hike, not demand it. He said that he's not throwing anyone under the bus, but that it was suggested the city raise the water rates, COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA stood out against that and low and behold with "reasoning, research and working together, we were able to stop the water rate increase and I honestly believe that we're all working together here".
- JACK MANER said that he thinks reasonable men can disagree.

XI. MAYOR DIAZ said that that ends agenda items and opens it up to comments from the public. He asks those that would like to speak to come up to the podium, give their name, state their business and that they would be given three minutes to speak.

- Richard Percell, 11211 Munn – addresses Mr. Ochoa on the sidewalks. He said he's got a bad leg, and doesn't understand why COUNCILMAN OCHOA is addressing the Holland sidewalks and not the sidewalks on Munn. Asks COUNCILMAN OCHOA if he's ever been down his block. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said he 's been on a lot of blocks and walked a lot of sidewalks. COUNCILMAN OCHOA asks Percell which block and Percell repeats his address. Percell said he can't walk down there. He also said that a light was torn down six or seven years ago and that It's never been fixed. He said that there's a woman in an electric wheelchair that can't get down there because cars run through the curbs and that half of the sidewalk is gone. He suggests having the light company come in and fix the light they tore down. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said he would get together with Kyle. MAYOR DIAZ said that when he has CenterPoint come out, he'll

have them look at it and that maybe they can fix it. Percell also thanks everyone that put speed bumps in front of his house and that he can let his grandson play. He said that it was like running down the freeway in front of his house. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said he would go by and look at the sidewalks.

- Mr. Barker, 10209 Palestine, he wanted to know if there was any progress on the speed bumps in front of his house. He said he's still seen officers on his road and he appreciates that, but just wanted to know what the status on his speed bumps were. MAYOR DIAZ said that Chief Ayala and Kyle Reed were assessing that and Barker thanked him.
- Donna Dailey, 1701 Chazon -She said that around 4 p.m., people that are trying to miss out on speed bumps are cutting down Chazon very fast and that any of them were welcome to sit in her driveway and watch it. She said she was at council to address "this I, me, my deal". She said that if it only took one council member to make decisions, it would save the city a lot of money. She thinks that the city wants more teamwork and that there are council members who do a lot of work and don't have their camera crew with them, and some people do. She said "I was told by my dad that patting yourself on the back isn't as good as someone else patting you on the back". She said that maybe the council should stop bringing their camera crews and say 'what can we do together as a city' and then do it. She said that one of their own councilmen who is not a councilmen anymore, still does so much for the city and doesn't ask for attention. She said she's tired of hearing 'look what I did' and wants to hear 'look what I can do'. She thanks Nancy for bringing out the information on the person whose running for mayor and that there should be some background checks because she doesn't want to go into another recall all over again. She said the reason that people like her and Larry Schion are up there is because they care about Jacinto City and they don't want thieves on the council. She said "look around, there's a lot of honest people in Jacinto City. Let's vote them in". She said she doesn't believe in families because "that Ochoa sign, it doesn't even say which one it is". She asked if year after year they can just use the same signs because they say Ochoa and that pretty soon "Jacinto City's going to be called 'Ochoaville' and that scares the hell out of me". She said the council only needs one person per family up there because the council needs a lot of different views, and that it doesn't matter to her which one it is.
- COUNCILMAN OCHOA comments, says that was funny, but that the people elected two Ochoas and could elect two Nancy Gosney's or three Larry Schions if they wanted to do that. So that the people have spoken. That next year, there might be one Ochoa and that the year after, there may not be any, but they're going to keep doing a good job for Jacinto City.
- Irma Garza, 10102 Chadwick Street – She said they have a problem with the 4-wheelers who have kids with them. She's worried there will be an accident. Also upset that kids are playing in the alley and the street. Her husband calls the police department but by the time they get there, the kids are gone. Asks if the city can post signs. MAYOR DIAZ said that he would have Ayala look into it. He said that it's illegal to drive four-wheelers there and that maybe they can post some signs because they may not know it's illegal to drive them there. COUNCILMAN RAMON asks if they've given citations. MAYOR DIAZ tells a story about how he was younger and rode a three-wheeler in the park, and that he would drive it up to the Valero Station and fill it up with gas, which was .15 cents a gallon and that one day he was coming home, and an officer pulled him over, told him that the bikes were illegal. He asked MAYOR DIAZ to push it home and MAYOR DIAZ said that was the last time he ever did that.
- Danielle Cantu 10410 Chadwicke, said that what people have done in their past shouldn't matter, but it only matters what they're going to become. She addressed Larry about the signs

and explains that the signs never mattered. She addressed Schion's treatment of Ramon, said that her heart goes out to him because "we're attacking him up there". She said that background checks are necessary, but that JC should be on the news, not for what they're doing wrong, but for working together, doing things for the community and not "the City of Jacinto City acts like a bunch of fifth graders and can't get along". She said they want to talk about ethics and being morally right. She said that it's not about bad-mouthing the competition and lifting up themselves, thinking about what they can show teams and the youth of Jacinto City. COUNCILMAN RAMON thanks Cantu, but clarifies that there are laws that prevent people from running with convictions and that he's never been convicted.

- Douglas Smith, said he's lived there for 73 years and that there's been a lot of crooked politics for as long as he can remember. Said that Ochoa and his father had been railroaded and there was nothing they had done to be railroaded about. He agrees with background checks. He said the recall and political bickering was a bunch of nonsense. He said he stays at home because of the bickering, but that he'd rather be a part of the city than not a part of the city.
- Larry Schion starts passing things out and MAYOR DIAZ makes him sit down.
- Vernon Hagen 10424 Vernon, he said he's been there since the 70s. Reminds the council that he was there last time. He said that he found out, with help, that because of the situation and not being able to pinpoint the statement I made was that he doesn't need a proclamation. He reads a statement from a history book that was written by Lon Squyers, Jack Maner and one other person.
- Pastor Ochoa, said everybody knows him, he loves everyone there. Said he was proud to be in the city—he had been there since 1969 and he preaches nothing but love, not hatred. The city was wonderful. He wants to remind everyone to work together because God has so much love. He was tired of people bringing people's personal business up. He said he's praying for every one of the council members. Wants everyone to work together. He reminded everyone that he loves them.
- Javier Hernandez, thanked Kyle and the mayor for having the water pressure on his house checked.
- Nancy Gosney, 1726—wanted to go back to the statement on tables again. Said that "she wanted to go back to the comment on tables again. What happened was, I pulled the documents from the police department, and anybody else can go do this, when all this started up, Chris Ochoa got a phone call from a concerned citizen at 7:05, at the gymnasium there was a possible break-in. So I went to look at more of the documents and there was a document there that referred to a call to Chris Ochoa from Allan Jamail. He arrived at 6:45 he went across the street from the gymnasium he was sitting at an abandoned house taking pictures and he called Chris Ochoa. These two men, and Rita was with him, they never called the police department on a possible break in. What happened, this investigation went this big. It turned into this big huge thing for all of our police officers here to do an investigation, so I just want to clarify the actual affidavit, because if I would have know I would have brought the actual affidavit, which anybody can go to the police department to verify that. That's what I'm talking about 'petty'. That's what I'm trying to get across to the people. The pettiness has got to stop. The sad part about this is the tables. There's a nursing home here on Holland. MAYOR DIAZ correct me if I'm wrong, those people use the tables, don't they?" MAYOR DIAZ confirms that they had been using them for many, many years. Nancy: "Guess who doesn't get to use our tables anymore? The seniors..." MAYOR DIAZ explains that when the table situation happened, he went purchased 20-25

tables and 100 chairs and he took all his tables and chairs for them to use because of the friction in the city this past year and that he didn't want to cause any trouble in the city council administration. Gosney thanked him but said her point was that throughout the years the people of the nursing home have gotten to use the tables and now they can't because of the misuse of property debate. She asked if anyone saw what was going on and said that the city was being torn apart. Gosney said she talked to Rita after the last council meeting and called her and Chris and told Rita that's the table situation was where all of this started. She said Rita asked how they could stop it, Nancy said that she didn't know, that everyone kept filing complaints, that people kept filing charges on everybody and that the people needed to know what was going on. She said that her and Rita had talked about grudges, so Nancy thought she should talk to Chris about that. She said she found him on Munn Street one night and was waiting for him to come out when the owner of the house came out and asked if he could help Nancy. Nancy said that she was waiting for Chris. The owner advised Nancy that she was harassing COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA and needed to leave. She said she grew up in this neighborhood. She also said that she turned to Chris and said 'please call me' and that Chris hadn't called her. She said that she just wanted to call and talk about this. COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA said that that isn't what happened. He asked the mayor if he could correct Nancy and then advised that if a citizen calls and asks him to investigate something, he will—that if Nancy asked him to investigate something, he would. He said that Mr. Jamail asked him to investigate and he did, that he did go through the proper channels. He said that he called the chief and the chief said to call it in. He advised that this meant that proper protocol was met. He said regarding the seniors, he agreed—there were things the city could give out as good will. He suggested snow cones, free movie night, tables and chairs and that they could put that on the website, fill out a form and the city administration could review that but that it was something they would have to come up with. He said it was a problem that the seniors couldn't use the tables and chairs anymore and that the mayor "did a noble deed" in buying them, but that in the future, this was public property again and it should be accessible to the public. COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA said that he didn't mind citizens filling out a form and requesting to use them because they were just sitting there, but that the problem was that the whole entire community wasn't afforded an opportunity to utilize the tables and chairs. He wanted to address the last thing Nancy talked about. He said he was campaigning on Munn street and the gentleman, named William, mentioned Nancy's truck and asked COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA if he knew who it was. COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA said that he didn't know, but it looked like Ms. Gosney, a supporter of his opponents who was "probably just looking and maybe she wanted to talk to me". He said OK. Then William cut COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA off and said he was getting tired of Ms. Gosney sitting behind him and he said it was "pissing him off". So he went up to Ms. Gosney and said "can I help you". Gosney said she was waiting for COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA and William said COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA was talking to him and asked Gosney to move away. Then, COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA said, Gosney said ok, looked at COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA and said, "Chris, I'll call you". Gosney said she asked COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA to call her. COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA said that Nancy said she would call COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA. Nancy said that what she was getting at was that they're trying to get the complaints to stop and that she was reaching out to Rita and COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA to see where the grudge was at in the city and what they could do to get it resolved. She said that she felt that reaching out to COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA and Rita may help to get the grudge resolved. She advised that she wasn't involved in a grudge—she was involved in what was right and what was wrong,

and she reached out to COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA to talk to him and he still hadn't called her back. She said she didn't know what the grudge was among his family. COUNCILMAN CHRIS OCHOA said "I don't think there is a grudge, Ms. Gosney".

- Rita comes forward and said there needs to be a solution. That everything needs to be let go. That the city needed to move forward regardless of who wins the election. She said it was unfortunate the tables and chairs thing happened like this but it was time to move forward. She said we needed to find solution to make things better. That the city could learn and grow from that. Grudges, she said, are met everywhere but that it's time to move forward.
- COUNCILMAN RAMON said that people passing out campaign literature said that COUNCILMAN RAMON "had stole some tables and chairs and that's not true. That's not the case at all. That wasn't me. I never even borrowed them. I don't know where they keep them".
- Peggy Cantu said that getting something you didn't ask for is wrong and that the tables and chairs thing isn't petty. She said that if someone's mother didn't tell them that, they should have. They hold a position, so it's not petty, it's big. She said if you do something wrong there are consequences to pay. That's the way she was brought up. It is not petty. You might think it is but it's wrong. All of y'all are grown-you know it's wrong.
- Mr. Wooten – said he didn't intend to talk tonight, but that he would. Two fine people said that he wanted to end all this crap. He said he had never heard so many stupid things and that he wishes that he could talk like he wants to, he said that people on the council could do something about it rather than be disgusted, and that those arguments need to be discussed in the back room before the meeting. He asks the council to knock off all that stuff and take care of city business.
- Tammy said she didn't know who they're trying to fool, but addresses the audience and said that a long time ago, when people asked how it could be stopped, the citizens at council meetings said that the charges needed to be dropped and that they needed apologize for pressing charges. She said that people said council needed to apologize to Ms. Bellotte for the way they talk to her and "flat out, three council people said, 'we're not doing it'". She said not to get people to come up to the front and ask 'what can we do to stop it', that they were told what to do to stop it by many concerned citizens. She said that they were told they were getting off on the wrong foot and they did it anyway. She said that the council was going around taking pictures of people's homes, taking pictures of people's cars, following people around, family members of council were following people around. She said that she counter-followed people from your family (indistinguishable which family she was referring to) right back to your house when they were following her around. She said not to pretend like they weren't responsible for this and ask what to do to stop it. Ms. Carter said they know what to do to stop it. She said they were still taking pictures, still harassing and all that woman has asked for is an apology. She said that now, the council was "jumping on Mr. Reed" and that he deserves an apology. She said that's what Ms. Gosney is getting up there and talking about every time. She said not to get up there and ask how they can stop it. Ms. Carter advise that they read the minutes, watch the videos (and said that whoever stole the videos from her house has got some that they can look at, too) but look at the videos and find out what happened. She said they were told, day one, that they needed to apologize and were getting off on the wrong foot and they kept doing it anyway. So you are fooled if you don't realize what they're doing.
- Lisa Perez, referred to the drama of the tables, said that this was what Larry was going to say but he was removed from the meeting. She asked if the same policy applied to National Night

Out, because Larry used to bring tables and chairs to Mr. Ochoa's house for National Night Out. She asked if people couldn't use tables, chairs and ice for National Night Out anymore. MAYOR DIAZ advised that National Night Out was a city-sponsored function so there needs to be a process. Those can go to the city manager and fill out a form. She asked if before, that was misuse. He said that it was just city practice, but now, according to the council, they can just change the practice and document it. We'll just have to fill out a form upon request just to see if the city's not using them for anything.

- Rita said that she can see how Larry can get angry. She said that if Larry ran and promised to do things for the city she would vote for him. She also said that everyone in the room should apologize for badgering and bad-mouthing these people. She also said that people in this room say they believe in the Lord and that if you believe in the Lord it is about forgiveness and the grace that God gives you. She said that everyone should be given forgiveness. Because you should look at what someone is doing and not what they've done.
- MAYOR DIAZ said that before anyone else gets up, it's not a rebuttal session. He wants to shorten the meeting and calls people that have new things.
- ((someone talks from the back, but it's indistinguishable))
- Someone speaks but doesn't give her name. She asks about parking. In front of her house, about 15 feet she has some cement things. She said that if you pass that, she's sure it's right of way, but asks if she can park her car there. MAYOR DIAZ said that tonight all, they did was go back and allow city attorney to review the ordinance. MAYOR DIAZ invites citizens to look at minutes because they need citizen input. That they want to clean up the city but make sure citizens have places to park. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said that the city attorney will be authorized to put this in the ordinance. Citizen asks, yes or no, will she be able to park there. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said that if it's not a sidewalk, she should be able to park there.
- Bernardo, 1530 Cheston, he doesn't believe in getting politics along with religion. He said he has worked with the community for years and has done everything he can to help the community. He said he doesn't deserve to be followed, he doesn't deserve to have his private life prodded because that isn't a councilman's duty. He said everyone's getting paid for what they do, and if everyone just did their job, things would work out. He asks why Reynosa started problems with Mr. Schion last week and then didn't show up at the (April 28) meeting. He asked who was starting the problems? Then he said the council people. He said that his opinion is that if everyone does their job, they'd be happy to let everyone keep their seat, but if they don't they'll have to change them for people who need to be in the seats. That this was what elections were for. He said May 14 it was the citizens duty to keep or clear the chamber and all they wanted was respect.

MAYOR DIAZ gives council opportunity to express closing thoughts.

- COUNCIL WOMAN NUNEZ thanked Rev. Lee for letting us use the church and parking lot, and that she had to say we, not I, that on Saturday we had a food fair and we did 150 plus brown bags of cereal, bread, canned goods, lunch meat, turkey dinners, etc. and she wanted to thank Joyce, Kathy, Anita and Shirley from city hall, Councilman Mario Gonzales walked by while he was campaigning and stopped and helped us. We served the people of Jacinto City, we do this because it is in our heart to help people who are needy and after we got through, we had some more bags because they brought us some more food and Councilman Gonzales and Don Nichols

Went to the apartments on Wiggins and delivered the food. She stated that she can't say I, they do come and ask her to hold it, but she couldn't do it herself if it wasn't for Ana, Mario, Cindy, Kim and Joe Ayala's wife. She appreciated that help a lot. She stated she does this because she is a part of the community and has done it since day one the first year she was elected and we did use city chairs and tables, it was on city property and it was a city function, that she ask every council persons permission if she could use the park and the equipment because we had 300 to 400 people, we would start at 6:30 in the morning, once a month and we did this for several years and she is glad the organizations are coming back and asking her to help and she will as long as her health allows because she wants to help the people in Jacinto City, she doesn't even tell the people she is a council person, she stays in the background and the volunteers do the work and that is the way it should be, that you don't step up there and say hey, I am a council person and I'm doing it because I want you to pat me on the back, that's not the way it should be. She thanked Rev. Lee again for the use of the church and parking lot, stating that she thinks that if we all come together and help each other, this city will continue to grow and that is her hope.

- COUNCILMAN GONZALES said that the recent Easter egg day was good because he saw the community come together and everybody was having fun and that's what small communities do. Small communities let people borrow small things like tables and chairs. That's his opinion. Doesn't see a reason why they can't do that. He said that his dad told him to treat people the way you want to be treated.
- COUNCILMAN OCHOA says happy mother's day.

Mayor Diaz adjourns the meeting at 8:35 P.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Secretary