

City of Jacinto City  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday April 14, 2011  
6 p.m.

City officials in attendance:

- City Manager Jack Maner
- City Secretary Joyce Raines

City officials not in attendance:

- City Attorney DeFoyd

Council members in attendance at the regular council session on April 14 at 6 p.m.:

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

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

II. Motion was made by Councilwoman Nunez to approve March 24 council minutes as presented.  
Motion was seconded by Councilman Gonzales. Motion carried with 5 for and 0 against.

III. Reports of officers, employees and committees:

- **CHIEF AYALA:** I'm going to go ahead and pass.
- **CHIEF SQUYRES:** All is well.
- **KYLE REED, Public Works:** I do have a couple things, Mayor, the \*\*\*Pipe-Bursting Project\*\*\* is going very good. They've got almost 1600-foot of pipe burst so far, we've got 2000-plus foot to go. 55 people have already been reconnected to the new pipe burst lines. They're going to start cleaning yards up Saturday, so they're not through by any means. Before the contractors are through, before they're paid, the yards will be clean in those areas. Saturday will be a busy day for us. We've got a rabies clinic at the public works, 12202 Market, I've got the prices in English and Spanish here. It's a very reduced price, so it will be at the barn at public works. The doctor will be there from 8-3, but they'll be tending to people from 9-3.
- **KIM BELLOTTE, Parks and Recreation:** As everybody knows the leagues are going strong, games are being played. Last Monday, both the pee-wee softball teams and the four, five, and six year old boys got to go see the Astros play and everybody enjoyed it. All the kids really enjoyed it, so that's a great asset for the city, to let the Astros be able to donate that to the City, it allows the kids to go. A lot of the kids have never been to Minute Maid Park, so they were very excited about it. We're gearing up for summer. The guys have been working on the tennis courts and the pool and all around. The ant beds in the parks have been greatly reduced. We did bypass treatments this year to reduce the ant beds. We still have a few here and there, but it's looking a lot better than what it was beforehand.
- **MAYOR DIAZ:** Speaking of the Parks and Rec I would like to commend our police department for doing an excellent job going out and securing the fields during our baseball games. That will kind

- of just cut down on any mischief or any suspicious activity. So thank y'all very much, we appreciate that, Chief.
- **STEPHANIE ORR, Library:** Everything is going well; we're busy as usual after school with sign in's and the use of computers, so everything's going well.
- **MAYOR DIAZ:** How's our construction going over there?
- **STEPHANIE ORR:** Right now, we still don't have an actual date when we're closing. As soon as we get that information, we'll let everyone know. We'll have at least a two-week period to let everyone in the public as well as everyone in the city know. As of right now, we're still on schedule, we've got a contractor, but I don't know any other further information.
- **MAYOR DIAZ:** That pretty much does it for our department heads; I'd like to recognize Gloria with Big Bass Resort. Gloria. Do we have anyone here from the commissioner's office tonight? Any other elected officials? OK, we'll move on to the mayor's report. I'm just going to keep this short. We have lost a few of our long-time citizens, also a former Councilwoman, May Smith. They held her funeral last Saturday and we're going to miss her very much, Rodney and Linda Smyth are here tonight, her son Rodney. We're going to miss her very much she did an excellent job in the city as a representative and also as an employee for many years. She did a lot for this city in every department, improving the departments and making this city what it is today and I would like to thank her for that. Also, we did have a rotary cake auction last Wednesday and it went really well. Myself and Councilwoman Rachel Nunez did attend and I think Rachel did buy a few cakes, didn't you, Rachel?
- **COUNCILWOMAN NUNEZ:** No, I sold mine.
- **MAYOR DIAZ:** But I purchased one cake and a lot of the people said I spent a lot of money on that cake. Actually, I bid a couple of the guys out there and I purchased it for \$1,000. you know they say you spent a lot of money on that cake but I just look at it as an investment for a scholarship to go to our youth here in our community, and what it will do is it will take them in a form of education where they can come back and give back to our community. And that's what I want to see. Other than that I want to move on to the city manager's report. Jack, you got anything for us?
- **JACK MANER, City Manager:** Mayor I usually just say everything's going well and it is, but I don't think, unless I missed it, that anybody mentioned that Saturday we're having a big Easter festival. It was changed around this year some. The Easter egg hunt is not until 5:00, it starts at 5:00. So any of the parents who want to have their kids in the Easter egg hunt need to be there by 4:30 because, as everybody knows, once it starts, it's over in about four minutes so if you show up late the eggs are gone. After there's going to be food vendors in the park and around the fields, and after the Easter egg hunt, sometime when it gets dark enough, there's going to be a big screen set up on the big ball field and a movie's going to be shown for the families, Despicable Me, if y'all are familiar with that. Families are asked to come out and bring your blanket or your folding chair and your families and have a good time. It's all free. That's all we have.
- **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
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IV. Mayor advises that there is no unfinished business under new business, explains that council must confirm Brian E. Bogie as a Jacinto City Police officer. Mr. Bogie is asked to stand and Chief Ayala addresses the council, making a recommendation that JCPD hires Brian E. Bogie. Chief Ayala explains that Brian Edward Bogie was born in Baytown. He has one son, aged three, named Brayden, is a resident of Highlands and works for Austin Industrial loading and processing chemicals and wants to be in law enforcement. Chief Ayala says that he would like to give Mr. Bogie that opportunity. Chief Ayala tells the council that Mr. Bogie is a 2001 graduate of Barber's Hill High School in Mont Belview and that he graduated from the College of the Mainland's law enforcement program, is qualified and passed all of his testing and background checks.

- The mayor requests a motion to confirm Brian E. Bogie as a Jacinto City Police officer.
- Councilman Jose Ramon makes the motion
- Councilwoman Rachel Nunez second's the motion
- The mayor asks if there is any further discussion
- Councilman Ramon explains that he interviewed Mr. Bogie and that not only did Mr. Bogie meet the expectations, but exceeded the expectations and qualifications. He explains that Mr. Bogie is taking a pay cut to work for JC, and that this speaks highly of Mr. Bogie's desire to work for JCPD. He congratulates Mr. Bogie.
- Chief Ayala extends a welcome to Mr. Bogie's family.

**MAYOR:** All in Favor? Five for none against. Well congratulations, Mr. Bogie.

Brian Edward Bogie is sworn in as a Jacinto City Police officer by Mayor Diaz and his family was invited up for photographs.

V. Mayor says the council will move on to Councilman Claudio Ochoa asking the council to authorize an engineer to prepare spec and to advertise for bid on the sidewalk on Holland Avenue. The area to be replaced is approximately 30 feet on Lane north of Berman, approximately 40 feet on Lane north of Munn, and approximately 40 feet on Lane, linear-foot, north of Lane Street.

**COUNCILMAN OCHOA:** Yes, Mayor. I received an e-mail from Kyle, our department head of public works requesting for me to meet with him so that we could mark the spots up there and we did mark the spots on Holland. He also advised me that we did not need an engineer to provide specs for those locations, so I would like to strike the engineering part, save some money there and ask city council to approve to advertise for bids for sidewalk replacement on the spots that Kyle and I marked. That's my motion.

**MAYOR:** Kyle, would you like to put in some input on this?

**KYLE REED:** We did go down and Councilman Ochoa marked the spots and I feel like it's my duty to come before council and tell you I don't agree with that, I don't recommend the repairs there. The reason being, you got part of those sidewalks are used for driveways over there. I think the first order of business would be to stop the cars from using the sidewalks as driveways to trailers down there, it's Mr. Hicks's trailer park down there. That's what's tearing the sidewalks up in the first place. I also think that to go in and replace 40 foot and to have another 60 foot that's as bad as that 40 foot left untouched, I wouldn't feel comfortable unless the city manager directly said to do that.

**COUNCILMAN OCHOA:** Mayor...

**MAYOR DIAZ:** Could you explain and distinguish the 40-foot and the 60-foot? Is it 40-foot one piece and then you have another 60-foot, or is it broken up into pieces?

**KYLE REED:** It's patchwork that is what it is.

**MAYOR DIAZ:** Ok.

**KYLE REED:** You've got one that's actually 80-foot long and that's because, when we went in I told him that if we did that, we would need to go in and tie in to a storm sewer, make it drain. Again, that's my job, to make a recommendation to the city manager, and I just don't think it's a good idea.

**COUNCILMAN OCHOA:** Mayor.

**KYLE REED:** I think sidewalk work—we're fixing to do a sidewalk project around the school over at Berman, we met and we have engineers working on those plans now. If you so choose to tell me to patch the stuff, I will do it. This would be extremely expensive. We already have engineers working on a sidewalk project, so like I say, I—

**MAYOR DIAZ:** So when do you foresee this project kicking off on these new sidewalks? And I know the county's probably going to kick in along with the school district.

**KYLE REED:** The county hasn't gotten (recorder did not pick up) to replace the sidewalks on Holland. They have—

**MAYOR DIAZ:** So if we go in and just do these point repairs, and they come in and they have to replace those sidewalks, they're just going to have to go in and bust up the patch work that we went in and replaced, right? I mean in order to bring it up to spec?

**KYLE REED:** My choice on the sidewalks is to have what we're having designed now. They're ADA-approved, they have skid curb which is for safety, and I think any sidewalk we go in and replace right now needs to have the ADA in mind, that's the Americans with Disabilities Act, and have the (indistinguishable because of rustling papers in the mike) for children walking down the road. That's not going to save their life, but I'll tell you one thing, it's safer than them being right along Holland with nothing. But back to my point, I will do what the city manager tells me to do. I'm just telling you I don't recommend it. Because I'm in contact with the county and I think at some point in time they will fund that project, but if I'm directed to do it I will, but I don't recommend it.

**MAYOR DIAZ:** Is there any potholes or anything down there that need to be filled up?

**KYLE REED:** That's work that we're going to do tomorrow on Holland, where there's people parked, and they're not supposed to park there either. There's 'No Parking' signs out but obviously they do because it's tore up. It's patchwork down there. Councilman Ochoa and I went over those spots. and I have no problem with that, but when it goes into tearing up the concrete, using my people, flagmen, I just want to do it safely. I don't recommend, it, Mayor, but that's just—

**JACK MANER:** Mayor may I comment?

**COUNCILMAN OCHOA:** Mayor, may I say something before you comment, City Manager? Kyle and I met on Wednesday and at that point he recommended that he would make the repairs, and that he would start the next day. Upon driving that afternoon, which was Wednesday afternoon, I called Kyle and he said, "Well I won't be able to make it, I was too busy today; I'll start on them tomorrow. I said, 'that's fine, Kyle, that's great'. Today upon coming in to city council, he says, 'I don't recommend that we make those repairs,' so I don't know how from two days he changes his mind as to 'we need to make the repairs' and then 'we don't now need to make the repairs'. The only reason I have these particular spots that I showed him that we need to do, it's a safety issue. These sidewalks are worse than the ones on Berman that I pointed out to him. I don't see why he wants to refuse to do them, you said you didn't want to refuse to do them, correct? But you're saying that if you—I'm

**KYLE REED:** I'm not refusing to do anything.

**COUNCILMAN OCHOA:** Ok but you're saying that if the city manager directs you to do them, you will do them. Well I'm here to tell you, Kyle that city council has a say in that also. And that's why I put it on the agenda, and that's why you then saw it on the agenda, and that's why you then sent me an email and

said 'let's meet' and that's why we talked about it on Tuesday and that's why you said 'we're going to start them on Wednesday' and that's why you said 'I didn—I was too busy, but I'll start them on Thursday' and as of today you haven't started them. Now you're telling me that you recommend that they're not—that they not be done.

**COUNCILMAN GONZALES:** Started to speak

**COUNCILMAN OCHOA:** Hold on a sec, Councilman, I'm addressing Mr. Kyle. Do you think that they shouldn't be done even though it's a safety issue there?

**KYLE REED:** I don't think that area is anymore a safety issue than any other sidewalk in Jacinto City. And I do want to reiterate I'm not refusing, but the chain of command for me goes through the city manager. I know that city council-y'all are the boss—but when I met with you, I did tell you that I would start on those repairs that—

**COUNCILMAN OCHOA:** Did Jack Maner tell you not to start on the repairs?

**KYLE REED:** Jack Maner came and looked at them—

**COUNCILMAN OCHOA:** I spoke with Jack Maner here and he said that you—

**KYLE REED:** I made a recommendation to Jack—

**COUNCILMAN OCHOA:** Ok

**KYLE REED:** That we first of all stop the people parking, pulling over to the sidewalk, then, now whether that's issue tickets or whatever you have to do, and then just replace the whole block.

**COUNCILMAN OCHOA:** Can I ask you a question, Mr. Kyle? Do you think you're going to stop people from parking on sidewalks throughout the whole city?

**KYLE REED:** You can stop them from using the driveways.

**COUNCILMAN OCHOA:** I'm asking you a question. Do you think you're going to stop people from parking on sidewalks throughout the whole city?

**KYLE REED:** I don't have that authority but the police department does.

**COUNCILMAN CLAUDIO:** You think they're going to stop people from stopping on sidewalks.

**KYLE REED:** I think that the police department—

**COUNCILMAN OCHOA:** I think that the police department could issue some citations and that would curb it but I don't think you're going to stop it from people parking on sidewalks. So I don't think that because people park on the sidewalks is a good enough answer, reason not to repair a hazardous sidewalk.

**KYLE REED:** They asked for my—

**COUNCILMAN OCHOA:** So again, I'm going to make the recommendation that we do make those repairs and because you have said that you don't think they need to be repaired, that's why I'm going to amend this to go out for bids.

**KYLE REED:** Well you'll waste a lot of money if you do. We're spending about \$20,000 on engineering, like I just said—

**COUNCILMAN OCHOA:** I said we weren't going to engineer them.

**KYLE REED:** Like I just said, I can fix this stuff if I'm told to. If you want a contractor to do it and our engineers—

**COUNCILMAN OCHOA:** Well, you're not

**KYLE REED:** If they do they can put a supplementary item on—

**COUNCILMAN OCHOA:** Well you're telling me you don't recommend it be done though.

**KYLE REED:** I said if that's what y'all want to do.

**COUNCILMAN OCHOA:** I would like to see it done.

**COUNCILWOMAN NUNEZ:** Mayor, can I ask a question?

**MAYOR DIAZ:** Hold on a second Rachel, Councilman Gonzales has a comment.

**COUNCILMAN GONZALES:** Thank you, mayor. Claudio it was actually me who met with Kyle yesterday and I kind of halted that because I felt like we could spend our money fixing those sidewalks, but if Harris County has offered to fix them using their tax dollars or those dollars then we wouldn't need to put that burden on our citizens.

**COUNCILMAN OCHOA:** Well Harris County has not offered to fix them yet.

**COUNCILMAN GONZALES:** Well if I recall, I remembering the mayor mentioning something that—

**COUNCILMAN OCHOA:** He also mentioned that he was going to talk to Sylvia Garcia, which he did not talk to Sylvia Garcia.

The mayor corrects COUNCILMAN OCHOA and says that he spoke with Commissioner Garcia when she was still in office and COUNCILMAN OCHOA said that he stands corrected. He further asks if JC has a commitment from Harris County to fix the sidewalks and the mayor tells council that the road and bridge department met with Jack Maner.

Jack Maner explains that the mayor and him went down and met with Commissioner Moorman and a member of the road and bridge department named Jack Rodriguez, who is familiar with the JC area as we worked with Jim Fonteno. Maner reported that the meeting went well, that Rodriguez would come out and look at the project and that the project would be considered. Mr. Rodriguez called Mr. Maner, the two of them met with Mr. Reed and looked at the project and Harris County Commissioner's court has not yet made a decision on their commitment as the Commissioner's court has not yet voted on the project. Mr. Maner explained that he has a good feeling about Harris County's involvement in the project and reminded council that the project was still in its infancy. Mr. Maner explained that Mr. Reed had him go and look at the spots and Maner conceded that at some point, the spots need to be repaired but asserts that the spot is no more dangerous than any other location in his opinion and feels that it would be a mistake to spend money fixing something that the county will probably fix it in the near future. Mr. Maner said that he felt that the spot Councilman Ochoa pointed out by the Loving Clinic could be repaired with asphalt. Councilman Ochoa asked if asphalt could be used to fix the spots on Holland, insisting that something needed to be done because it was a safety hazard. He recommended that it be done. Mr. Maner reiterated that whether or not it was a safety hazard was a matter of opinion, but that though the sidewalk is not perfect, "if you walk down it with your eyes open, I don't think you'll have any trouble". Councilman Gonzales said that he feels the vehicles that park on the other side are the danger because when they back out, they're backing over a sidewalk. He says the vehicles are the reason the sidewalk is in a deteriorated shape and that as soon as the fence came down is when there started to be problems with the sidewalk. Councilman Ochoa asks if Councilman Gonzales thinks the sidewalk is a safety hazard, and councilman Gonzales says 'not in the extreme'. Councilman Ochoa asks him to clarify and Councilman Gonzales says Councilman Ochoa is correct in interpreting his remark as meaning that Councilman Gonzales doesn't feel as though the sidewalk is a safety hazard. Councilman Ochoa said that he feels it's dangerous and encourages citizens to drive down the area, reaffirming that the sidewalk is dangerous. He said that he doesn't understand why it's not being addressed. He recommends to Mr. Maner that Mr. Reed fix the spots. He also expresses concern over a spot on Pillot, by Mr. Grahams house that was torn out and has been that way for ten years. Ochoa said that Mr. Graham has complained to the city several times and that COUNCILMAN OCHOA and Kyle went out, looked at the sidewalk and his supervisor said that that particular part of the sidewalk was pulled out and never put back. COUNCILMAN OCHOA further recommends that Mr. Maner instruct Mr. Reed to make those repairs. Mr. Maner explains that the spot on Pillot is not a sidewalk but a dip gutter. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said that regardless of what it was, when the City does work in somebody's yard,

the work needs to be cleaned up. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said that he talked to Kyle, who assured COUNCILMAN OCHOA that it would be taken care of. COUNCILMAN OCHOA ask Kyle if he is going to make the repair. Kyle said that he and COUNCILMAN OCHOA talked on Thursday and reminded COUNCILMAN OCHOA of their conversation regarding how public works handles maintenance on the entire city and that while it was scheduled to be fixed, it wouldn't be fixed the following day. COUNCILMAN OCHOA asks what day it was scheduled to be fixed. Kyle advises that he told Eddie Burns, Street Superintendent, that it needed to be fixed ASAP. Kyle advises that concrete must be purchased three yards at a time, and as soon as three yards of concrete were necessary, which would be shortly, it would be ordered and the dip gutter would be fixed. COUNCILMAN OCHOA ask why it has taken so long to fix the dip gutter; Kyle explains that he cannot answer the question—that Mr. Graham has never spoken to him directly. COUNCILMAN OCHOA asks if Kyle knew if there was a repair there and Kyle advises that he did not know, and does not know of every repair that goes on in the city. He advises that they have hundreds and hundreds of reports every year. COUNCILMAN OCHOA asks if Kyle reads the reports, and Kyle advises that the vast majority of the repairs that need to get done are carried out. Once again, COUNCILMAN OCHOA recommends that CITY MANAGER MANER advise KYLE to replace the sidewalks on Holland and to replace Mr. Graham's dip gutter. Councilwoman Nunez asks why COUNCILMAN OCHOA is requesting to call out for bids if KYLE'S team can carry out the repair, and COUNCILMAN OCHOA advises that he is tabling the item and reiterates that he recommends JACK MANER instruct KYLE to make the replacements. COUNCILWOMAN NUNEZ says that she feels there's a lack of communication on council because the street in question is Councilman Gonzales' area. She asks if COUNCILMAN OCHOA got in contact with Councilman Gonzales regarding the sidewalk issue. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said he had. COUNCILMAN GONZALES said he had not received a phone call regarding this issue at this time, and the only noticed he received was seeing the item on the agenda. COUNCILMAN GONZALES ask for a courtesy call in the future. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said that he previously asked COUNCILMAN GONZALES if he would mind if COUNCILMAN OCHOA put the two spots on the agenda, that COUNCILMAN GONZALES agreed that they needed to be repaired and that he didn't mind if they were added to the agenda. COUNCILMAN GONZALES agreed that he felt they needed to be repaired. COUNCILMAN OCHOA asks why COUNCILMAN GONZALES was disagreeing the fact that they needed to be repaired. COUNCILMAN GONZALES said that they did need to be repaired, but not when COUNCILMAN OCHOA said they needed to be repaired. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said he was just relaying when the department head said he would carry out the repairs and that COUNCILMAN GONZALES was making false statements. COUNCILMAN OCHOA goes over the conversation again and says that the citizens of Jacinto City want the sidewalks repaired—he asks COUNCILMAN GONZALES if he agrees. COUNCILMAN OCHOA asks if COUNCILMAN GONZALES is saying that it shouldn't be done, despite the fact that taxpayers want it done. COUNCILMAN GONZALES said that if Harris County is going to assist, it doesn't make sense to use Jacinto City taxpayer money to complete the project. The mayor asks the City Manager if the point repairs can be fixed with black top overlay until Harris County confirms their involvement in assisting with the project. JACK MANER said that he will look into it and doesn't know what can be done. COUNCILMAN OCHOA says that the city can either repair the sidewalks with asphalt or replace them so they're not a safety hazard and that as a city they should go out and replace hazardous sidewalks. JACK MANER said he will look into it and do what is practical. COUNCILMAN RAMON explains that he doesn't feel that COUNCILMAN OCHOA's sidewalk recommendation is a conflict of interest because months ago, COUNCILMAN OCHOA recommended speed bumps and they were needed and that everybody has a chance to vote when the time comes. COUNCILMAN GONZALES explains that he is a liaison to that area. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said that COUNCILMAN GONZALES was aware of what was on the agenda. He further said that every council

member on the council has the position to speak out for citizens and he apologizes for offending COUNCILMAN GONZALES. . COUNCILWOMAN NUNEZ asks what decision had been made—whether KYLE and his team were going to fix the sidewalks and not go out for bids. CITY MANAGER MANER said that because there was no one to second the motion (that COUNCILMAN OCHOA said was to be tabled) it would not pass. Councilman Ramon said that if it needed a second, he would second it. CITY MANAGER MANER explained that the original motion was to go out for bids and that the original motion had been tabled. Then COUNCILMAN OCHOA explained that he made the motion and did not retract that motion. He reiterates his concern that the sidewalks and everything the citizens want done gets done. He explained that he wants to get things done for the citizens and that it's not the only sidewalk he plans to point out. COUNCILMAN OCHOA asked JACK MANER to clarify what he meant by his previous statement and JACK MANER said that he wanted to see if asphalt was a practical and viable alternative. Councilman Ochoa asked when the PW department would fix Graham's dip gutter and JACK MANER reminded COUNCILMAN OCHOA that it would be repaired when the PW could get to it. He reminded COUNCILMAN OCHOA that the PW department is 18 employees that take care of the parks, the streets the sewers and water system and that because there's only 18 employees, the taxes are low to the residents. He recognized the PW employees in the audience and said that it was the first time he had been aware of the dip gutter but that it would be repaired soon, though he couldn't give a date. COUNCILMAN OCHOA asked if they were going to put asphalt over the holes; JACK MANER said if Kyle looked it over and they thought it was practical. COUNCILMAN OCHOA asked KYLE if he thought it was practical. Kyle said he would do what he was told to do, JACK MANER said they would do their best but wouldn't sit in a public forum and argue, wouldn't turn down COUNCILMAN OCHOA's position and asked that COUNCILMAN OCHOA be reasonable. COUNCILMAN OCHOA reiterated that he thought the sidewalks were dangerous. COUNCILWOMAN NUNEZ asked COUNCILMAN OCHOA what his motion was. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said he was going to table the motion. Councilman Chris Ochoa asked to make a comment and said that, without pointing fingers, he believed that it was the job of council to work together in the community to come to some resolution for the citizens' sake. He wished to address that there were more sidewalks that needed to be fixed, that the money from Harris County wasn't guaranteed and that he thought it was a long shot based on their current budget constraints, and that citizen's concerns should energize council. He mentioned Ms. Webber on La Crosse, who fell down and broke her nose on a school side walk and said that she wouldn't sue the city. He said that someone else could fall and the event may have another outcome. He mentioned Virigina on Palenstine that was at the meeting and how she wanted her speed bumps. He said soon was not good enough for him, and that there's no definite time frame. He said hearing 'soon enough' about water rates and the city website needed to be addressed. Mayor Diaz asked if Lon Squyres had anything on the website and Mr. Squyres said the website was complete and that they were setting up everyone's emails. He said that they didn't want to launch it until it was complete, but that it would go live after that. He said there were 61 FAQ questions and 34 forms that could be downloaded from it and that a lot of work went into the long process. He talked with other companies with similar websites that completed theirs in a time frame that was four-to-five times longer than JC. He said he felt the city and residents would really like it. Squyres said the reason it wasn't being presented was because of a twitter glitch. The twitter feature would mimic the marquee sign outside. Councilman Chris Ochoa said that he appreciated the work Lon did on the site, said he pushed for the site and that it was a testament to what the council could do if they worked together. He said it would be an awesome means of communication for the community and that everyone will enjoy it. COUNCILMAN OCHOA asked if the minutes would be on the website. Lon said that after the minutes were approved and ratified they would go on. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said that it would be a good thing for everyone in the community to see what was going on in council.



Jim Moore, from the audience, addressed the council, said that he worked for PW, and confirmed that the PW department does a lot of things the council and community may not even realize. Regarding safety, he said that he does safety meetings every Friday. He said that three days ago, a woman fell through a hole on Muscatine and Dacus, scraping her leg. The incident was called in after 5 p.m. and the crew brought the information to Kyle, who said it needed to be taken care of first thing in the morning. The next day, the PW crew pulled the sidewalk out asphalted it, put it down and put it back just like it should be. He said that if there was a safety issue, the crew takes care of it and most people don't even hear about it because that's just their job. COUNCILMAN OCHOA asked if Mr. Moore could make an assessment. Councilman Ramon said he had been in the city since 1990 and had never seen any repairs. Members of the audience laugh and COUNCILMAN RAMON said he didn't think it was funny. Jim Moore said that on Holland two months ago, he took a crew of four people and cleaned the sidewalk up because Kyle asked that they get over there and clean it up so people could walk. Moore said that they scraped, craned and cleaned it good enough because it was worse than what exists now. Moore said they spent all day with a gradall, truck and a backhoe cleaning that particular area. COUNCILMAN OCHOA interrupted Mr. Moore, thanked him for his work and asked that Mr. Moore express COUNCILMAN OCHOA's gratitude to the rest of the Public Works department.

VI. Mayor Diaz said the council would move on to item three, which was Larry Scion to address council about concerns in the city.

Mr. Schion lives in Crosby, but has a house in Jacinto City and has lived here for 40 years. He mentioned that the sidewalks may need a little bit of attention—he said that he used to ride his bike for exercise and congratulated the mayor on spending \$1000 on the cake, but that different people use their money for different things. He said he spent \$1500 on the recall for Mr. Ramon because he feels that it's important to the city. He said that when 10000-13000 people living in the city, they need to be made aware of things; that he paid for the recall signs and that he feels it's an important cause. He said that people should have respect when putting signs up—that you shouldn't put your signs in front of someone else's signs. He showed photographs of how Mr. Reynoso put his signs in front of his signs. He said he called Mr. Reynoso and asked if he would move the signs. He asked when they would be removed, Mr. Reynoso said soon. Mr. Schion called three times and the signs weren't removed, called Chief Ayala, Chief Ayala asked Reynoso to move the signs and they still hadn't been moved. Schion said that when the police chief asks you to do something, it needs to be done. He said that he only asks people to do things three times. Because the signs hadn't been removed, he called the police and had them go down with him while he removed Mr. Reynoso's signs in order to keep the peace. He said it was disrespectful and that he would most likely be a disrespectful councilman. Mr. Schion then said that Mr. Reynoso eventually went down and turned all of Mr. Reynoso's signs sideways—that he didn't really move them. He showed photographs to council and said that he felt it was discourteous. He said that he hasn't lived in JC for four years, but he loves the city and that if he didn't love the city, he wouldn't have spent his money on the signs. He said he's asked COUNCILMAN RAMON several questions and that he's never gotten answers, he furthered that he encourages COUNCILMAN RAMON to ask him questions but that COUNCILMAN RAMON would probably decline. He said he didn't have many problems with the council, but he did with position three because while COUNCILMAN RAMON was a sheriff, he stole some earrings, and that he hopes he takes his oath seriously. He said that asked COUNCILMAN RAMON if he stole the earrings, and COUNCILMAN RAMON says 'what part of no don't you understand'. Scion said that he saw COUNCILMAN OCHOA's mother at a friend's house and that what he had on him was not what he had. COUNCILMAN OCHOA asked that Schion not bring his mother into the conversation.

Schion asked to be allowed to finish. COUNCILMAN RAMON said Schion was “breaking the charter”. Mayor Diaz said that Schion was out of order, then COUNCILMAN RAMON said that the mayor was out of order. Mayor Diaz requests that Chief Ayala remove COUNCILMAN RAMON . Schion said that he likes to see the chief do his job; COUNCILMAN OCHOA asks to say something; Schion says that he has more time but he keeps getting interrupted. He said that COUNCILMAN OCHOA ’s mother is a good lady that he’s known for a long time, and that she’s been misinformed about the charges that are there—that COUNCILMAN RAMON gave up his TCLOES license and that he’s guilty. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said that if someone is asked about COUNCILMAN RAMON , they have their opinion and to please respect an elderly lady. Schion said that he heard Councilman Ochoa’s mom say those things and instructs COUNCILMAN OCHOA to ask her. COUNCILMAN OCHOA says he will and that she may be misinformed and that it’s not respectful. Mayor Diaz tells COUNCILMAN OCHOA it’s time to move on.

VI. Mayor moves on to Nancy Gosney addressing the council about concerns in the city. Nancy Gosney, who lives at 1726 Belin, wanted to address the rumors she had heard in working with Carmella Garcia (Nancy’s working on the recall and Carmella’s campaigning for herself) that they were recalling against COUNCILMAN RAMON because he was Hispanic and that they were going to replace him with a white man. She said she was offended—she didn’t care about someone’s race, but wanted someone with ethics and someone professional sitting up on council, making right decisions with their money and doing the right things. She said that if she had said something like that they would have a march in front of her house with the news media. COUNCILMAN OCHOA asks her to clarify who she is referring to. She said that she’s not sure who’s saying it but that she has been told from several homes. COUNCILMAN OCHOA attempts to speak and Gosney asks him to stop because it’s her ten minutes. COUNCILMAN OCHOA acquiesces. Gosney said that they do not want the Holland sidewalks replaced until the city can get the cars off the sidewalks and that those are the taxpayers dollars. She said they have spent many hours on Jennifer Street discussing the Smith Park Pavilion that cost them \$80,000. COUNCILMAN OCHOA attempts to speak, Gosney continues speaking, Mayor Diaz instructs COUNCILMAN OCHOA to allow Gosney to finish talking. COUNCILMAN OCHOA agrees. Gosney said that they have spent \$12,000 on a structural engineer. She said the city just went through Hurricane Ike with 135 MPH winds and that the Smith Pavilion didn’t shift and that the city needs to spend money more wisely-that there is plenty of funding through grant monies to have things done. She said that in looking back through the minutes, not once did she see how much the pavilion would cost. She asked if we have a lifetime warranty on the pavilion and that the city needed to spend money more wisely. Then the meeting is on pause as COUNCILMAN RAMON is brought back into the meeting. Chief Ayala then asked if he could make a comment and said that once he’s been instructed by the city attorney to remove a council person he will do so—that it can be on the mayor’s recommendation but the city attorney has to announce it. He said that if everything is in order, there won’t be a problem, but if there is a problem and the CITY ATTORNEY requests that he remove someone, he’d do it. He then asks everyone to keep order. Gosney is directed to speak and then COUNCILMAN RAMON address DeFoyd, asking if the mayor allowing people to talk about his personal business is breaking the charter or not. DeFoyd said no, that COUNCILMAN RAMON is a public official. Mayor asks if Schion was breaking the charter. DeFoyd says no. COUNCILMAN RAMON said he was concerned Mayor Diaz was breaking the charter by allowing someone to speak non-city business and that DeFoyd said no. Diaz clarifies that he was not breaking the charter and COUNCILMAN RAMON agrees, but that he understands it differently. Gosney said that Schion was a taxpayer, pays the councilmember’s salaries and has every right to talk about whatever he wants as long as he keeps it within the guidelines. She asks COUNCILMAN OCHOA to address her. He

says they didn't spend \$80,000 on Smith pavilion and she needed to check her records. He said that the council voted to replace the pavilion, that it was rusty and hazardous and he didn't know why she was singling him out as the entire council voted on the issue. She said the Public works department was going to work on that pavilion this year and that the council needed to talk with them. COUNCILMAN OCHOA refers to Kyle, then COUNCILMAN OCHOA refers to Kim Bellotte, who confirms that it was in the works to be done this year and that it would be done in-house. He asked what was going to be done; welding, painting? Kim said the city could have done some of that work. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said that the attack was because she was unhappy that he won the election. That he wasn't sorry he won the election, but that he was sorry she felt he was doing the bad job. He commended the rest of the council for voting for the pavilion—he said that he felt her comment was election-driven, that he didn't spend the money alone and that the money spent was well worth it. COUNCILMAN CHRISTOPHER OCHOA asks the mayor to clarify the process on going out for bids for different types of projects so that it's clear whether or not it could have been done in house. DeFoyd explains that if it's 50K or more, the city goes out for bids, that it's mandatory but that it depends on the type of project they're talking about. He said the Charter says 20K. JACK MANER asks if it's true that that doesn't account for work the city can do by themselves, DeFoyd agrees, saying 'not that we do in house'. DeFoyd said that as a practical matter, we don't have the expertise to do that and that's why we go out for bids. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said he felt that the project was put on the agenda because it needed to be done—that the project was going to cost close to \$50,000 and now "they" don't want to spend \$1,000 to fix a sidewalk. He said it needed to be done. COUNCILMAN RAMON confirms that the project was \$49K and that everybody in the council voted for it and the contractor did the gym floor, that he voted against it to save the city money. He asks to give voters the right information. MAYOR DIAZ asks to confirm that the reason parks didn't take that lowest bid was because the contractor never came out to look at the project. Members of the parks and public works department confirm. COUNCILMAN RAMON said that "it was a highly regarded company" and that they were bonded and the city could have gotten them to fix it. MAYOR DIAZ said he would always take the recommendation of the department heads and he agreed that because the gentleman didn't come out to look at the project and his bid was way out of line, council recommended that they go with another contractor. COUNCILMAN CHRISTOPHER OCHOA asked how the job was bid; Kim sent them the square footage on an RFP—that everybody was supposed to come out and look at it and that company didn't, also that the company wasn't bonded. COUNCILMAN RAMON said he thought all of their contractors were supposed to be bonded. Kim confirmed that the companies they contract with are supposed to be bonded, but that the company in question didn't send the information indicating they were, which was another reason why they didn't accept the bid.

VII. Mayor moves on to Carmella Garcia addressing the council about concerns in the city. Carmella, who lives at 11010 Verano Street, said she is speaking out for some concerned citizens. She explained that not all citizens know they can come to meetings and she encouraged them to do so. She said she was there to speak for a family that lives in the 200 block of Palestine between Switzer and Mercury. She said residents are concerned with irresponsible driving on that street and have encountered close calls and near-misses between their children and cars. She said the residents have expressed concern that cars, yards, fences have all been damaged due to bad driving. Carmella said she comes to council with a petition residents signed requesting speed bumps and asked that the council take positive action as soon as possible. She introduces the Barker family, who lives at 10209 Palestine, and are responsible for the petition. She said that Mr. Barker said "if you're going to do your part, then I'll do mine" and that in this community, we need to work together. Barker said that last week a vehicle came around the corner, through his neighbor's yard, into his mother's car and through the adjacent neighbor's fence. The car

was a total loss, the driver tried to run away and the Barker family had to chase her down. He said that when trains come by, people try to beat them and when he first moved there three years ago, that a child was chasing a puppy into the road and he had to grab that child by the shirt and yank him out of the road to avoid being hit. He said before coming to the council meeting he had to jump out of the way of a car that almost hit him. Barker brought pictures of the vehicle that ran into his neighbor's fence. He said it knocked the concrete out of the ground. He said he's the third house from the corner and that the driver had enough time to get momentum to shoot that car two houses down and that he doesn't feel safe having his kids on the sidewalk. He said he took his fence down to make the house look nicer but won't take the poles out because he's afraid someone will come into his yard. He said the incident could have affected his neighbor who often stands outside. He said the lady got caught only because his family was leaving the house. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said the council was appreciate of them coming up and discussing the issue, asked if he had talked with anyone about it before. Barker said that he had spoken with police requesting more patrolling. COUNCILMAN OCHOA asked if he had talked with public works. Virginia Barker said she spoke with Kyle who told her she needed to talk to the police chief and that it would be a good idea to do a petition about the matter. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said she didn't have to do a petition because council was concerned. Barker said that he did the petition because there are people on his street that don't want speed bumps so he went out to see what kind of interest he could garner. Virginia said they were requesting speed bumps because she worries about her children's safety. Barker explains they have four children under the age of six. MAYOR DIAZ says he'd like to cut in and explains that when people get a petition signed, it brings more weight to council. He said that a citizen that went down the street petitioning not to put speed bumps in. Barker said someone on his street was petitioning against speed bumps. COUNCILMAN OCHOA asked if an analysis needed to be done. MAYOR DIAZ asked Chief Ayala to answer. Chief Ayala said that he got a phone call from Virginia and had a secretary pull out the stats from that street and has talked to his officers about it. He said once he got the information, he would get back to everyone. Barker thanked Chief Ayala because he noticed more patrols on his street. Carmella thanked MAYOR DIAZ for explaining that petitioning carries more weight.

VIII. The mayor moves on to Tammy Carter addressing concerns in the city. Tammy said she feels like the city has stepped back in time-that it's election time and that this time instead of attacking parks and recreation they're attacking public works and it's coming from the council. She said that this was disturbing. Ms. Carter said she understands that one of the council members called another citizen by her name and then the other day her house was broken into and that the strangest thing stole was 35-40 tapes from JC council meetings. She said they were in her bag with her video camera, but her bag or video camera was not stolen. She says she feels that someone was trying to get her attention and that they succeeded. She thanked JCPD for being so thorough, trying to find her belongings and making the city safer. She said she was interested in an event that took place in the city called the Jacinto City Christmas Kindness Dinner. She asked the city secretary and said that no reporting had been done on this event. She asks COUNCILMAN CHRISTOPHER OCHOA how much was collected for this event. COUNCILMAN CHRISTOPHER OCHOA said that the event that "we put on with a non-profit that I run in Jacinto City called Keep Jacinto City Beautiful" that there was no affiliation with the city, that it wasn't run through the bank and that's why the city secretary, Joyce Raines, wouldn't have any recollection of the event or record of funds collected. Tammy clarifies that it wasn't a JC event, and asks if all of the information went out was on JC letterhead. She asks about the verbiage of the information, asking COUNCILMAN CHRISTOPHER OCHOA to clarify who 'we' and 'our' is referring to as the only names on the paper work are the mayor, council, city secretary, city attorney. COUNCILMAN CHRISTOPHER

OCHOA asks to address the issue and claims that Ms. Carter is trying to attack city council to discredit great things going on in the community. He said that "we helped eight families that weren't going to have a Christmas. That's 22 kids". He said that every single council member was invited to the event and that he asked Joyce Raines how to set up an event to give back to the community. COUNCILMAN CHRISTOPHER OCHOA said he doesn't appreciate Ms. Carter trying to investigate, or label COUNCILMAN CHRISTOPHER OCHOA as someone he's trying to paint in a negative light. He said she could have called him and would have loved for her to volunteer. She said that if the councilman recalls, she did attempt to speak with him privately and it didn't go well. She said her big problem was the use of city letterhead to promote a non-city event. She asks DeFoyd if it was legal. He said yes, but maybe not ethical or in good taste. COUNCILMAN CHRISTOPHER OCHOA said it's a moot point and that she's just personally attacking him for personal gain. He also furthers by saying that the logo used isn't the JC logo, but a draft of something he sent out. He said as a councilman, he has the right to use the logo and hopes she doesn't take the event for something that it's not and that it's an event he plans to continue. Tammy asks COUNCILMAN GONZALES if he knew the event wasn't city-affiliated and he said he knew it was associated with Keep Jacinto City Clean. He was corrected and told the organization was Keep Jacinto City Beautiful. He said he was for helping kids. She said her concern was that with all of the other events that go on this time of year, by using official city letterhead, she could see how other businesses and organizations could think this was a city event and may give to this instead of the food basket drive or the toys for tots drive and that she thinks it's important that they carry on proper utilization of city paperwork, especially by JC's council. She requested the reporting on that event because it said 100 percent was going back to the event. COUNCILMAN CHRISTOPHER OCHOA agreed and asked TAMC if she was opposed to having multiple charitable events in the city. She said she wasn't. He said that's exactly what the dinner was and he plans on continuing it. He said he doesn't understand what the problem was. She said he used city letterhead and identified himself as a city councilman, it perceives to the public that it's a city event and that everyone should be more careful. He said it wasn't city letterhead. She said she just wanted more information and that as a citizen, that was her right. COUNCILMAN RAMON thanked Ms. Carter and asked what happened to the money from the 5k walk run that happened in 2009 and the account wasn't opened until 2010. Tammy asked if her name was attached to that run he said no, but he was glad she was looking into the Christmas dinner and wished all the citizens were like her.

IV. Mayor moves to Jose Reynosa addressing council concerning issues in the city. He is corrected that it is Antonio, he has two names and goes by Antonio. He addresses council, saying he is running for council Pos. 5. MAYOR DIAZ asks for people running for council to stay and introduce themselves. Reynosa said he purchased a lot of signs and that people asked him for signs to put up in their homes. He said he wanted to clear up that there were a lot of signs and supporters, but he didn't place all of his signs. He said he talked with Chief Ayala. He said he often records conversations in his home and that in his conversation with Mr. Schion, they did not discuss the time frame it would take to remove the signs. He said he like listening to people talk about JC issues and that he has an issue he'd like to address. He asked what happens when outsiders come in and pay for signs, it raises the question of why. He got a police report on Christopher Allen Schion on a theft from 2005-he said that at the testimony, someone may have testified on somebody's behalf, and asked the council if anyone on the council testified during that sentencing. MAYOR DIAZ says he has no idea and can't comment on that. MAYOR DIAZ asks if he has a name. Reynosa said that the mayor's name was mentioned. MAYOR DIAZ asks for paperwork, Reynosa says he doesn't have any. MAYOR DIAZ says not to make accusations. Reynosa said he's not. MAYOR DIAZ recommends going to look for records. Reynosa said he lives on Munn street and has been

to board meetings. He said there's a house on Munn and ChestOn and at a board meeting, there's been a vote to remove a driveway and that it hasn't been corrected. JACK MANER explains that it was ordered to be removed because it's too wide. Reynosa asks if it's been six months, JACK MANER said he doesn't know. COUNCILMAN RAMON said he was at the variance. Reynosa said he talked to a lady on Norvick who had to take her porch down and reconfirmed that this variance was supposed to be corrected six months ago. COUNCILMAN RAMON said that he didn't know the time frame. Reynosa asked when it would be done and what the city could do. JACK MANER explained that they could issue citations, but interjected that the driveway in question at Mr. Bernard Valdez' home belongs to someone who has been in the hospital for a long time after that because he had some very serious health problems. JACK MANER explained that it wasn't because of who Mr. Valdez was, but because of what's been going on and that he was sure Mr. Spink would do that for anyone in the same situation. He explained that what has to be done is that because the apron was poured too wide, some of it had to be cut off on each side and that Mr. Spink is still on it and JACK MANER would ask where they are on it. UNIDENTIFIABLE VOICE (1:44) says that it was his understanding that the city has issued a citation on it. MAYOR DIAZ said that a couple houses went through the variance process and both were turned down. MAYOR DIAZ said that one of the people asked for more time and he ok'd it because if someone needs it, they'll get it and no one's picking favorites. Reynosa said that was understandable. Reynosa said he understands that the man was sick and he understood it and that it was wonderful. Then Reynosa said he saw the name, months ago, doing some work in front of a city building and asked if he was a contractor for the city. JACK MANER said he has done contract work for the city, but wasn't not the contractor on that job. Kim said a bunch of his crew volunteers in the city. Reynosa said his last item addresses the policy on city vehicles—he asks what the policy is. JACK MANER said they're not supposed to be used for personal business and Reynosa said he found pictures from Jan. 1 at Gene Greene Park where he saw the fire chief's Expedition. That he didn't think it was an emergency. JACK MANER apologized, but told Reynosa that he has to mention this every time Reynosa comes up to council that the date in question was Jan. 1 and today was April 14 and said that on Jan. 3, he could have made a phone call. Reynosa asked for his question to be answered despite it being on Jan. 1—that he remembered the date because it was a holiday and people were spending time with their families. Fire Chief Squyers said he was most likely out because of the holiday to provide quick access and response on an accident-prone day, and that the policy JACK MANER referred to was more for public works people. He explained that his position was a little different in that he needed to be out and run 'hot' back to the city in case something happened. Maner explained that the same goes for the police chief. Squyers said that he doesn't log activity like that, but because he didn't get to spend the holiday with his family, he was most likely out in the community possibly meeting his family out, but needed to use a separate vehicle in case he needed to get back to the city.

COUNCILMAN RAMON asked if there was an emergency at Ms. Carter's house Saturday. She said that was the day her house got broken into. He asked if Public Works was needed there. She said she didn't recall them being there but they had an issue Sunday as well. He said he saw a lot of public works vehicles in front of her house. Kyle said there was no conspiracy, that he was in the city doing city business and needed to talk to Kim Bellotte, who was at Tammy's house. And that as the Parks and Recreation director, Kyle had a matter to discuss with Kim related to city business. COUNCILMAN RAMON said "so there was no emergency, it was just a personal visit, is that what I'm trying to get?" Kyle explained that they alternate weekends and he was in the city checking on things and he needed to talk with Kim about city business, which is allowable, because he was in his city truck, doing city business and talking with Kim about city business. COUNCILMAN RAMON asked if he was checking on the

building. Kyle said he checks on the building, the lift stations, he had a call about an animal running loose, that he was in the city on city business. He checks waterlines, manholes, and that he was on his way to public works. MAYOR DIAZ explains that Kyle comes into the city to work and that he does work. He said the council is moving on, calls for order, to which there are comments in the audience. The city attorney says that if people continue talking, he will ask that they be removed. MAYOR DIAZ says that there will be order in the council meeting. COUNCILMAN RAMON said that he feels that it his business to find out how the citizen's money is being spent. He said he wasn't concerned about Ms. Carter's house or Ms. Carter, but the city vehicle being used for personal use. MAYOR DIAZ asked Kyle if there were any way he and COUNCILMAN RAMON could get together so COUNCILMAN RAMON could see what Reed does on the weekends. Kyle said he would go with COUNCILMAN RAMON and one other person, MAYOR DIAZ agreed. COUNCILMAN RAMON asked if that was a threat. MAYOR DIAZ said they would move on.

MAYOR DIAZ asks for people running for office to come forward and introduce themselves.

- Carmella Garcia said that she's lived in the community for 16 years and worked as an educator at JC Elementary for 11 years. That she's done a lot in the community and wants to serve the entire community. She said she's not a politician, she just wants to do what's right. She stressed that one of her former students selected her as someone who made an impact on he education. She said she believed in pushing students, and didn't settle for less. She said there's more to be done in the city and that she wants to make a difference. COUNCILMAN CHRISTOPHER OCHOA asked if she felt like he was making a difference in the community. She said she doesn't like what she's seen and that's why she's stepping in. That she's never done something she's regretted. He asks if she thinks he's done something unethical and she says she can't judge people or speak for him. She says she cannot control his actions, that she knows who she is. He said he knows who he is. He asks if something is wrong because she's wanting to stand up for what's right. She says her mom and dad taught he how to work. MAYOR DIAZ asks to move on, that he just wants them to introduce themselves. He asks for more people running for council
- COUNCILWOMAN NUNEZ introduces herself, says she has been on council for 11 years and that MAYOR DIAZ is stepping down next year. She expressed her desire to run for mayor. She said she has proven her dedication and wants the city to work together and she doesn't want the city to lose our grants. She asks what Bogie must think about JC and says don't worry, we all get along with the chief of police.
- MAYOR DIAZ asks Christopher Ochoa if he has anything to say. COUNCILMAN CHRISTOPHER OCHOA says he will let his actions speak louder than words.
- MAYOR DIAZ asks COUNCILMAN GONZALES if he has anything to say and he says he doesn't like to politic in chambers and that he'd send it out.
- MAYOR DIAZ asks if Antonio Reynosa is still in chambers, but he has already left.
- MAYOR DIAZ asks if mayoral candidate Vincente Esquivel is there and he is not.

MAYOR DIAZ asks for comments from members of the public. He tells them they have three minutes.

- Larry Schion says he wants to openly donate \$200 to Mr. Gonzales to run against Reynoso. He said wants to know who signed the public records request on his son's record. Chief Ayala said it was COUNCILMAN RAMON . Schion says his son is 26 years old he was a problem in his side since he was 14, that of all the Hispanics in the room, a couple had arrested him, that one was



- present and one time when his son was arrested they told Schion they had probably saved his son's life, as his son had stolen a tractor from Jacinto City. He said he can't control his son's actions like the council can't control theirs, or "this lady can't control the old people". He furthered that his son was not a thief he was a good man but that when kids are young they do what they want to do. He said his son went to jail for three years and that he COUNCILMAN RAMON has gotten on the wrong side of him and tells COUNCILMAN RAMON to pick on him. MAYOR DIAZ calls for order and tells Schion to stop. MAYOR DIAZ asks the chief to escort Schion outside.
- Marcello Uregias said he lives at 1518 Belin, that he's lived there for a while, that he's a veteran and helps veterans find jobs in the community. He requested a spot at the Easter Egg hunt for a table to hand out info to veterans. He was told by a female in the audience that a table would be set up for him.
- Rita Sanchez, 1313 Serpentine, says that it was exciting to see the community moving and that Saturday would be a busy day. She mentioned that the event for Keep Jacinto City Beautiful (who is a registered Non-profit) has partnered up with Houston Works and will be working on the house at 10534 Fairfax and also working with different community members on the block. She said there were roughly 70 volunteers. She said the organization started last year and that the mission was to beautify the community morally, infrastructurally and any other way it could be beautified. She said that she went to UT which is where she met Chris, and that they were involved heavily with community service and that she loves it. She said it was a testimony to the community that Chris loves. She said she hopes to work with many different people and she encouraged people to come out. The event is for an elderly woman—they target elderly and low-income families. She welcomed suggestions and ideas. She said they wanted to succeed for the community. She said she was upset and that if anyone has any questions regarding their records, to talk to her. She said it hurt her feelings when they were being questioned earlier because she feels like it was a convenient time because it was an election time. That the organization is not just Chris but her too and that it was her mission to make sure that the organization succeeds. That everyone would come together and should stop slinging insults. She said back in December they helped eight families and that it was her most favorite thing to do. She said she hopes the number of families they help can grow and that they're learning along the way. Their website is [www.keepjcbeautiful.org](http://www.keepjcbeautiful.org)
- Donna Daily, 1701 Chazen Drive, said that she'll be glad when the election is over and suggested that COUNCILMAN CHRISTOPHER OCHOA could get some other letterhead and there wouldn't be any question. She said she was glad COUNCILMAN OCHOA backed his people because sometimes it didn't sound that way, but that it might be the way the people were listening. COUNCILMAN OCHOA said it was just passion. Donna said that Saturday Heritage Hall is having a bake sale, that all the things being baked were homemade and that she would love people to come out. She said that she made 3 ½ dozen banana breads and that several other people were baking and she wants the community to come together positively. She said that Easter weekend is time for the kids and put politics aside. JACK MANER joked that she could put the mayor down for a \$1,000 cake. She said setup was at 3 and the sale started at 5, and that they would stay until they ran out.
- Vernon Hagan, 10434 Burman, said he had two comments. The first was that he agreed with Mr. Schion and it was negative—said that his son has some problems, but they can't compare his son to himself. He said the real problem is trying to figure out why people are leaving. He also thanked the council for the upgrade of the pavilion at Smith Park and that the pavilion was

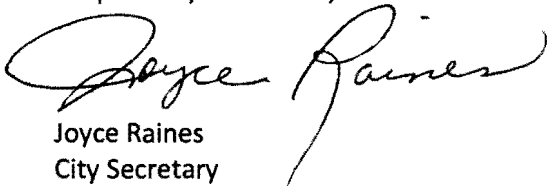


- named after his parents. He said he was proud of his parents and proud of the pavilion and that he wanted JC to work together.
- MAYOR DIAZ addresses Mr. Wooten and says that he can speak from the back. Mr. Wooten says he was going to say something that would get an argument out of somebody but that he didn't care. MAYOR DIAZ said to be nice. Mr. Wooten said he would. He said he thinks the conversation between council was stupid. He suggested bringing things up in the pre-council meeting and not doing it in the public forum. He said that's how things used to run when he was the Assistant Chief and that it would make for a more peaceful council if they worked out their differences "back there". He explained that the City Manager and Public Works director do the things they need to be done and that he doesn't even know where the holes in the sidewalks referenced earlier are. He said he lives on Munn and doesn't have any sidewalks but that most people walk in the road, even though there was someone that was hit on a bike years ago. He reiterated to discuss differences before the meeting. MAYOR DIAZ asks Mr. Wooten if he wants to know what they're talking about and stay involved. He said he didn't. He said a lot of problems have occurred in city council. He said to quit arguing with city officials in front and argue in the back.
- Brenda Cantu said she's been a resident for 23 years, is a Galena Park graduate of 2006. She said she has two children and decided to live in JC. Her son is a special needs child with autism and said their school has given her a lot of help. She said her daughter came home one day and ran to the computer to look up something about Chris Ochoa because Carmella had gone to the school one day (she said she wasn't sure if it was for educational or campaign purposes, but that she was all for it) but the reason she was upset was because she was against showing her child, who wasn't even old enough to vote, what Mr. Ochoa does on his time off. She said there was no need for the negativity, that she knows the Ochoa family personally—that they've helped out with her son and she's very grateful. She said her daughter went online because she was told at school (and said that yes, there was a lot of negative things that could be found about the Ochoa's online). She said, that she told her daughter that she knew Chris personally and that he was a good person. She said she didn't want someone going to the school politicking. Her child wasn't old enough to vote and that she chooses who she votes for. She said her daughter was confused because she knew Chris one way and someone was presenting him in a different light. MAYOR DIAZ asked that candidates stay out of the schools. COUNCILMAN RAMON thanked Ms. Cantu because his kids go to the school and he said "that's employees not following the rules and they want to get elected".
- Louisa Perez, 1506 Cheston, she said she was "mad, disgusted and pissed" and that she apologized on behalf of all the citizens of Jacinto City for "him". She agreed with Mr. Wooten that things must be taken to the back first, and joked that she missed her novellas to come to the meetings. She said that she has walked those sidewalks and never felt. She said that she's complained to the city about the lot behind her house that contains poison ivy and that nothing has been done and poison ivy is now spreading into her backyard and she has a rash because of it. COUNCILMAN OCHOA asks her the address and she tells him where it is, but doesn't have the address because "it's a vacant lot". She said that there's a toilet, a pool and other trash back there. She said that stuff has been stolen from their yard, that kids go through there in the middle of the night, that she apologizes on behalf of the citizen.
- Tammy Carter clarifies that as a council member COUNCILMAN RAMON is welcome to know where the employees go, but is not welcome to know about private citizens that go in and out

- of her home. She said he was mistaken by saying he was allowed to know who was coming and going in her home. Her second question to COUNCILMAN OCHOA was that she had heard he was taking photographs of her house in a private vehicle the week prior and wanted to know what he was taking pictures of. He said "I don't know if I was taking pictures of your house". She asked if he was taking pictures of her house, and he said he didn't know if he was. She asked if he was out in front of her house taking pictures and he said "No I wasn't in front of your house taking pictures". COUNCILMAN RAMON said he wasn't concerned about the people in Ms. Carter's house, but the city vehicle at a private residence. Then he said there were at least ten cars at Ms. Carter's home, and Ms. Carter told him the number of cars in front of her house was not his business. MAYOR DIAZ called for order. Ms. Carter said that she felt concerned that he was watching her house.
- Rita Sanchez stepped back up and said that she knew it was election time and that she had never been so close to an election and that it really hurts to hear some of the things that are being said. She said she knew it was politics but wanted to know if it was right. She said she knows she can't change it but that a true democratic process should be about the things you want to do for the city and that people shouldn't slander. She urged people to look in themselves and see who they were affecting. She mentioned that it was affecting the lives one of the families and that it's not just politics, JC is a city and a community and that people should promote something better. She said she wears her emotion on her sleeves and go out and work together, not look back and keep going forward.
- Barker said he wanted the speed bumps on his street.
- Bernardo Valdez said that he was the driveway man and wanted to answer questions. He said he didn't try to take advantage of the city. He wanted to know what the people that opposed have given to the city. That Mr. Reed has a boss and the arguments should go through him. He asked why one council was running the whole show. Then he asked why if we have everyone running the community can nobody on council answer a question. He said he had never been to another council meeting where they disrespected the mayor, city manager or chief of police. He said that the attitude was not indicative of people that could run the city. He said the driveway was to help with drainage but that he would remove it because of code and as a citizen, he was tired of being disrespected. He said the council was making comments on purpose just to keep people up so long. He asked if something was broken on the weekend or a holiday, would a councilman come fix it, or "would you pick up the phone and Mr. Reed would come"? He said that said pretty soon the city would be telling them how to run. MAYOR DIAZ ensured Mr. Bernardo that the city would continue to run the way it always had and that he didn't have anything to worry about. He said that the meeting was a discussion. That Kyle would continue to check on the citizens and that if the councilman had concerns they had reasons to ask that questions. Valdez said it's been getting worse and worse since May of last year and that they've never had problems like these before. He suggested that working together needed to come from the top. He acknowledged that elections were coming up and it was important to vote. COUNCILMAN RAMON asked if Bogie and his family could be dismissed and they were.
- Carmella said that anytime council should argue behind closed doors and to give a courtesy call if it's necessary. She said that the website was talked about last year and that there's a waiting period. She said that one of her yard signs were blocked by Reynosa's signs—she said it was unethical and immature and a reflection of one's character. She made the correction that she does not own a city vehicle.

- MAYOR DIAZ asked council if they had anything to say to the citizens.
- COUNCILWOMAN NUNEZ said she did and recognized Don Nickels, a longtime resident of JC whose parents lived on Lane. She thanked him for his support to Helping Hands and the food fair she has every year. She noted that Easter food baskets were being passed out to senior citizens. She also acknowledged that she met David Scarcella, a teacher at Galena Park whose students are building robots that travel all over the state competing and won awards. His class is called ROBOTICS and he donated 15 boxes of food for our food fair. She said she was the president on the Board of Directors for Helping Hands and mentioned that the food fair allowed them to help people who may not be able to be helped otherwise. She acknowledged Joyce Raines for helping her every time. MAYOR DIAZ said that most of the businesses were local businesses and businesses outside the city. COUNCILWOMAN NUNEZ thanked all the volunteers, Kathy, Shirley and Anita from City Hall, Councilman Gonzales and a lot of citizens from here in the city. She said she wanted to end with something positive.
- COUNCILMAN OCHOA said he wanted to tell all the remaining citizens Happy Easter.
- COUNCILMAN RAMON thanked the citizens for showing up and apologized for taking so long.
- COUNCILMAN CHRISTOPHER OCHOA publicly requested a booth from Kim at the Easter Festival for Keep Jacinto City Beautiful. He said that it wasn't political, that he may not even show up.
- COUNCILMAN GONZALES told the residents to get out on Saturday and enjoy the day.
- MAYOR DIAZ thanked everyone for coming out, thanked the council for trying to fix the sidewalks, he said they would come to a consensus and that it would take some time.
- MAYOR DIAZ adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joyce Raines". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Joyce Raines  
City Secretary