



MAYOR  
ANA DIAZ

## City of Jacinto City

1301 MERCURY DRIVE • PHONE (713) 674-8424 • FAX (713) 675-8525  
JACINTO CITY, TEXAS 77029  
[www.jacintocity-tx.gov](http://www.jacintocity-tx.gov)

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

### CITY MANAGER

LON D. SQUYRES

### CITY SECRETARY

JOYCE RAINES

### CITY ATTORNEY

JIM DEFOYD

FEBRUARY 6, 2024

### Minutes

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

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 3. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Mayor Diaz, Council Members Robinson, Lee and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Secretary Rodriguez. City Council Members Rivas and Garcia arrived after roll call and City Attorney Defoyd was absent.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and seconded by Council Member Lee to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Vote: **For:3 Against:0**

#### 5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND COMMITTEES

##### **Mayor: Ana Diaz**

\*Mayor Diaz requested for Public Works to be trained in CPR via the classes being offered by Fire Department.

\*Mayor Diaz questioned how often we check the fire hydrants because someone asked her, regarding a traffic accident on Lane and Holland where the fire hydrant was knocked off and no water came out. City Manager Squyres responded that the fire hydrants were designed that way and usually will not produce a movie effect.

##### **City Manager: Lon Squyres**

\*HUD has officially approved their project for nine hundred ninety seven thousand dollar project it's water lines, couple blocks along market street, the one and two hundred block will get a new water line, it's a 10inch main and then it's the lines underneath joining the north and the south side so two lines that will connect the south part, Palestine on to the north section and those are very critical, very hard and expensive work because the railroad gets involved. Hopefully this will be going out for bids in the next six months.

\*During the last big freeze, the Fire Department did have one major structural fire as mentioned and they were able to connect to a brand-new hydrant on a brand-new water line and were very successful, had that line not been replaced it might not have been as nice of a fire fight. It's always good to see that we're using those new lines.

\*City Manager praised the public works department who had at least one good sized waster main break in subfreezing weather and expressed appreciation for their efforts.

##### **Public Works: Thomas Rogers**

\*Progression of Wastewater Treatment plant is going well.

\*Public works personnel have been busy keeping drains clear. The city received a little over 4" of rain the last few days.

\*The Street Department went to training to learn about the new sign updates and codes that need to be implemented by the end of this year.

\*Pyrotech training is also coming up in preparation for 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

\*The water tank inspection was done for future repairs that will be needed in a couple of years.

**Police: Chief Joe Ayala**

\*Busy with traffic violations.

\*The department is also working on a Crime Deterrent Program where the public works with PD by reporting suspicious activity directly. The program will be announced on social media.

\* PD has also been busy working on the property room in preparation for the Recognition Program which deals with property room audits.

**Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis**

\*Confirmed that they will do the CPR class for Public Works and will schedule with them.

\*The Fire Department had one weather related house fire, with significant damage to the home.

\*We also had a pretty bad extraction over on Holland, we had enough staff on hand to take care of it.

\*The Fire Department feels the employee CPR class went well; therefore, will offer classes to the residents on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

\* The Fire Department is proud to announce that we have a few gentlemen that have been accepted into the National Fire Academy.

**Heritage Hall: Elizabeth Flores**

\*Heritage Hall is keeping the seniors busy with activities.

\*Heritage Hall is helping the seniors apply for Utility Assistance for their summer bills; Applications and information have been posted online.

**Parks & Recreation: Ivan Rojas**

\*Parks and Recreation Department has been keeping busy with the rain, checking park buildings for leaks and such.

\*Jacinto City's Little league presidents have been having health issues, so we are organizing a meeting with the public, parents and coaches, in order to find a new president. It will be posted on signs and social media. The Little league's board members have been reached out to, but they have not responded. Per the Mayor, Jacinto City might have to take over the little league if no one else steps up.

**Jacinto City Branch Public Library: Delaney Daly**

\*Jacinto City Branch Library will be initiating a book club in February on Wednesdays at 5pm for 18yrs and up.

\*Jacinto City Branch Library will also begin "Book Buddies" starting Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. It is a ten-week program where teens earn 10 volunteer hours by helping a little buddy build reading confidence.

\* The library also has Regular Storytime every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:15am.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Public Comments

**7. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS****8. NEW BUSINESS****1. City Council to approve changing city council meeting location to town center at 1025 Oates Rd for the next two meetings.**

*The change is requested due to renovations being done to the Council Chambers.*

-Motion to approve, made by Councilman Robinson

-Seconded by Councilwoman Garcia

-Favor: 5:0

**2. City Council to consider an amendment to budget code 24-6799 in the amount of \$20,034.00 for mechanical repairs to EMS Unit 211.**

*Budget needs to be amended due to a Ford Manufacture problem where the pressure build-up destroyed the turbo. The city mechanic has attempted to fix it. Ford has been contacted, knows what the problem is and can correct it.*

-Motion to approve, made by Councilman Robinson

-Seconded by Councilwoman Garcia

-Favor: 5:0

**3. City Council to Consider an amendment to budget code 16-6804 in the amount of \$28,295.00 to repair dispatch console system.**

*This was on our agenda about six months ago due to a lightning strike that fried the consoles at the Police Department, these are the dispatch consoles that connect to our radios, all that is electronic now. We got a bid for it from the one approved Motorola dealer that it was this price, we amended the budget last year and then were met with obstacles and were never able to do. Now that we are in a new budget year, we are auditing all our vehicles, making sure they are all fully equipped, making sure they all have the right GPS antennas. We must amend this year's budget since we didn't use it last year.*

-Motion to approve, made by Councilman Lee

-Seconded by Councilman Gonzales

-Favor: 5:0

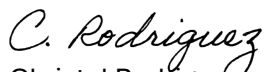
**9. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council members expressed appreciation to the public and wished them to be careful. Councilwoman Garcia inquired with Parks & Recreation regarding pickleball at the gym during the summer. There was a general discussion on the matter. Councilwoman Garcia also asked about an orange tag that is posted at the town center. City Manager Squyres replied that the tag is for the communication system to dial out, however it has been corrected and the alarm system is working fine. The company that corrected the issue will be going out to retag tomorrow. Councilwoman Garcia also brought up the aesthetics of the town center partition walls. City Manager Squyres replied that it is about time to do some maintenance/upgrade to the building because it is about 20 years old now; there was general discussion on the matter. Councilwoman then inquired with Parks and Recreation Director Ivan, about contracting lifeguards before Memorial Day, a general discussion was held regarding the matter.

Mayor Diaz expressed condolences to City Secretary Rodriguez for the loss of her father and to Councilman Robinson for the loss of his wife, who will be missed dearly. The Mayor asked that we all keep their families in our prayers.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Christal Rodriguez

City Secretary