



MAYOR  
ANA DIAZ

## City of Jacinto City

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### 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 28, 2024

### Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular session on  
Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 6:00p.m. in the Town Center at 1025 Oates Rd.

#### 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 Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales.  
City Manager Squyres, City Secretary Rodriguez.  
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 Rivas to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Vote: **For:5 Against:0**

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

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

- \* Requested Heritage Hall staff to take the CPR Class offered by our Fire Department.
- \* Galena Park High School is so happy with the work done to the Tennis Courts.
- \* Dollar General really appreciates the Police Car presence, it has really helped.

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

- \* Traffic disruption up and down Market Street because of the work going on. We are glad to see them doing that project, it's a one point seven five-million-dollar job that the citizens of Jacinto City are not footing the bill for.
- \* Yesterday we had a meeting with GrantWorks on the HUD Water Line, we're probably about six months away from that water line being installed. That's four blocks along Market Street, a ten inch, then two connections going underneath Market, which were going to bore, not tear up the new street, and then underneath the railroad tracks to tie the north system to the south system: About a million dollars on that and that's no match.
- \* We're going to be starting the ARPA Project before long, That's water meters that are digital, they work by cell phone. We are still in the early, planning stages of that. We're hoping within the next three to four months, we'll see meters going in the ground.
- \* Had a meeting with Harris County Flood Control yesterday. There are two big issues we've brought to their attention, one is the Project of Hunting Bayou, which is the Bond Issue, ten million was allocated for it, they spent part of that money on all the studies they had to do, these studies revealed that what we had suggested will help. Had this project been done, a lot of homes would not have flooded. They're not sure where they're going to be getting the money from and so that's going to delay the project a bit.  
The second issue discussed was Turkey Run Gully, we got that five point, three-million-dollar mitigation grant to drain the city better, however Harris County stated that we could not increase the pipe size going into the Bayou. The Council had to have a study done which showed, not only will it drain our city if we increase those pipe sizes, but it'll drain us early enough to where it will benefit Turkey Run Gully and Hunting Bayou. So, it looks like they're going to approve that work and we may be able to do that project in the next year or so.

**Public Works: Thomas Rogers**

- \* Eric Jones greeted the Mayor, Council and Residents as a member in training.
- \* Tomas: Updated on Wastewater Treatment Plant: a lot of Concrete and Piping done. Testing should be occurring on the new Chemical Injectors in the coming weeks.
- \* Successful Training Course last Friday, now all our Flaggers are Certified Flaggers.
- \* Meters are being read, Mowing is being done, Signs are being revamped.

**Police: Chief Joe Ayala**

- \* Last few weeks have been very slow except for all the traffic out there.
- \* Sylvia Kee has passed away, she was very involved in our community and will be missed very much.

**City Hall: Kathy Greiner**

- \* Working on audit for the next couple of months.

**Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis (Mike Bodak filled in for Mo Davis)**

- \* We had a 36 -citizen turn out for the last CPR class on Saturday.
- \* We had an increase in EMS & Fire calls -They were all taken care of.
- \* We Offered a CPR Class to the JC Little League for this Sunday.
- \* Chief Davis is working on TCA Requirements

**Heritage Hall: Elizabeth Flores**

- \* Taking Seniors by bus to the Rodeo Parade this Saturday.

**Parks & Recreation: Ivan Rojas**

- \*Tennis Court is done, it got painted and is nice and pretty.
- \* Will be changing out lights
- \*Update for Councilwoman Garcia regarding Lifeguards from update-request last council meeting, was able to get in contact with U of H, they stated that they do not contract their lifeguards. We Emailed several companies, they haven't gotten back yet, when they get back to us, we'll let councilwoman know.
- \* Baseball Fields are getting ready; The Concession stands have been pressure washed on the outside: We'll be working on cleaning the inside of the softball field concession stand. The Batting cages are getting cleaned out and new flooring will be put in. Everything should be ready by next week.
- \* A new net for Pickle Ball has been purchased. It will be placed in the gym for the kids' summer program.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- \* David Garza with Harris County Constable Precinct 2 introduced himself to the Mayor, Council and Citizens.

**7. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS****8. NEW BUSINESS****1. Council to consider authorizing the sale of 54 blue chairs by public auction.**

*\*These are the chairs coming out of the old council chamber, we purchased new chairs for city council meetings, and these are the ones being replaced.*

-Motion to approve, made by Councilman Robinson

-Seconded by Councilman Rivas

-Favor: 5:0

**2. Mayor & City Council to consider amending budget code 25-6971 in the amount of \$ 63,000 in order to replace fire hydrant fittings to make all hydrants have a common large diameter connection fitting.**

*\*The city has several hydrants that don't match because the system is unique. We will be buying parts and installing ourselves to make all hydrants in the city similar and eliminate the need for a converter. The ballpark figure for each hydrant is under one thousand dollars.*

-Motion to approve, made by Councilwoman Garcia

-Seconded by Councilman Gonzales

-Favor: 5:0

## 9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

- \*Councilman Rivas: Announced the temperature change and reminded the public to acclimate to the change by taking care of themselves. Gave condolences to the Kee family.
- \*Councilman Robinson: Gave condolences to the Kee family. Asked everyone to enjoy themselves and be careful out there.
- \*Councilman Lee: Thanked everyone for coming out and God bless all.
- \*Councilwoman Garcia: Welcomed Elizabeth back and expressed appreciation for Ivan's efforts to get the lifeguards for the off times. Also, expressed appreciation for Heritage Hall and Elizabeth; the program really helps with the senior's mental health. Reminded everyone to early vote for Harris County.
- \*Councilman Gonzales: Expressed appreciation to Elizabeth for the Valentine's Party.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Christal Rodriguez  
City Secretary