



MAYOR  
ANA DIAZ

# City of Jacinto City

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## Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on  
Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 6:00p.m. in the Council Chamber at 10301 Market Street.

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

### CITY MANAGER

LON D. SQUYRES

### CITY SECRETARY

CHRISTAL RODRIGUEZ

### CITY ATTORNEY

JIM DEFOYD

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### 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, Garcia & Lee.  
City Attorney Defoyd (arrived at 6:01pm); City Manager Squyres & City Secretary Rodriguez.  
Council Member Gonzales 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:4 Against:0**

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

##### Mayor: Ana Diaz

- \* No report given. Interacted throughout the meeting.
- \* Mayor suggested we post on social media the auction/ auction-items.

##### City Manager: Lon Squyres

- \* Both the Library and the Gym are being used as Cooling Centers.
- \* Recognized Ramiro for the Fireworks job. This was his first solo shoot as a lead technician. He had a lot of help from the other guys from public works, it was certainly a team effort.
- \* We were done with debris pick up from the first storm, it's all at our barn so we're going to mix some more on it. You'll be seeing our crews out very busy over the next several weeks.
- \* Sam Dean, our Municipal Judge of 23 years passed away a couple of weeks ago. It is a tremendous loss for the city.

##### Public Works: Thomas Rogers

- \* Picking up limbs once again, doesn't seem to be as many limbs as last time it's more carports, fences this time around. Clean up is not anticipated to take as long as last time

##### Police: Chief Joe Ayala

- \* Busy with Traffic Control, we're having an increase of people coming into the city for the gas pumps and food; everywhere else seems to be in a black out.
- \* We had a burglary at Family Dollar, they left their blood behind, we should be able to solve it fairly quickly.

##### City Hall: Kathy Greiner

- \* No Report at this time.

##### Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis

- \* Have had three minor house fires, all electrical in nature.
- \* During the storm, between 21 and 23 EMS Calls were made, they were all handled here.

**Heritage Hall: Elizabeth Flores**

- \* Heritage Hall is being held at the gym due to the Town Center not having power due to Hurricane Beryl.
- \* There is low participation because some of the seniors have temporarily moved out of the city to their adult children's homes due to no electricity in their own homes after the storm.
- \* When Heritage Hall is done for the day and leaves the gym in the afternoon, the gym is being used as a cooling center.
- \* The meals that are not used during the day for Heritage Hall, due to low attendance, are being offered to the people that go to the gym for the cooling center in the evenings.

**Parks & Recreation: Ivan Rojas**

- \* Not in attendance.

**Jacinto City Branch Library: Delaney Daly**

- \* Not in attendance.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- \* Donna Dailey, 1701 Chazen

-Thanked Chief Ayala for coming to her rescue on Tuesday. It made her appreciate the town she lives in.

-Thanked JJ, Ivan and Public Works for all the hard work they've been doing lately to fix the damage at the pantry so they could be open Wednesday.

-Inquired if we could make mulch out of the tree limbs being picked up. Lon stated he did not have an answer for her yet. Councilman Robinson stated that his landscaper advised against mixing different type of trees for mulch because it would affect the ground.

-Had concerns about the blue taco house not using around their building for pickup or handicap. Lon replied that they already have their signs ordered and they also plan on paving that second lot for parking.

**7. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS****8. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Mayor and Council to consider waiving permit fees for Faust Expansion Project.

*Synopsis by Lon Squyres: They made a presentation at the last meeting, they're going to be spending about 23.5 million dollars in the city, they would like for us to do a tax abatement. That abatement would cost us about \$150,000.00 in the first year and then it would decline after that by about 25% per year. I would advise against that for monetary purposes, we just could not take that kind of hit. What we would like to do is administration; waive permit fees. It's money that was not budgeted nor realized. There would be no great loss to the city by waiving the fees. It is estimated to be no more than \$4,000.00*

**Motion made by Council Member Rivas** to Deny waiving permit fees for Faust Expansion Project.

**Second was made by:** No One.

**Favor:** N/A

**Motion died for lack of a second.**

**Motion made by Council Member Lee** to Approve waiving permit fees for Faust Expansion Project.

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

**Favor:** 3/1

2. Mayor and Council to consider approving the auctioning of the following:

- (a) Hand Tools
- (b) Power Tools
- (c) Electronics (DVD Players, Video Camera, Printer)
- (d) Video Game Consoles
- (e) Video Game Disks
- (f) Purses
- (g) Jewelry
- (h) Miscellaneous Clothing

*Synopsis by Lon Squyres: These are things that have been confiscated by PD or things that have been recovered and never claimed for many years by PD. They are taking up room in the Property room and the way to dispose of those is by Public Auction. We use govdeal.com, The city has done very well using that system.*

**Motion made by Council Member Robinson** to Approve the auctioning of the before mentioned items at PD.

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

**Favor:** 4/0

## 9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

### **Councilmember Rivas**

-Asked the public to stay safe and to check on their neighbors.

### **Councilmember Robinson**

-Thanked everyone for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.

-Asked everyone to be safe & watch the weather, Stay Hydrated and he hopes everyone gets their power back.

### **Councilmember Lee**

-God Bless everybody and thanked city employees for all they do.

-Gave a brief explanation of the order and process for Public Comments on the agenda.

### **Councilmember Garcia**

-Inquired about a couple of bikes that have been at PD for a few years. Chief Ayala responded to her inquiries.

-Complimented Ramiro and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fire Works Show.

-Thanked city employees for everything they're doing.

### **Councilmember Gonzales**

-Not in attendance today.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Christal Rodriguez  
City Secretary