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August 19, 2024

Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on
Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 6:00p.m. in the Council Chamber at 10301 Market Street.

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, Garcia & Gonzales;
City Manager Squyres & City Secretary Rodriguez.

Attorney Defoyd arrived at 6:02

Councilman Rivas 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: 4, Against:0**

5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND COMMITTEES

Mayor: Ana Diaz

* Our Congresswoman Sheila Jackson passed away. She did a lot for our community, she helped us
purchase an Ambulance and Cameras for our Police Officers. She also did a lot for our Seniors; she
donated turkeys for our seniors for over twenty years. Every year the seniors looked forward to them.

She did a lot for our community; Let's say a prayer for her family.

* Welcomed Ms. Solis, who is already a part of our family to a new position

* The Business that replaced the old EJ's is now Open. Please keep the business busy.

City Manager: Lon Squyres

* The excavation going on at the south side of market is not the city. Center Point is putting in new natural
gas lines and smaller gas meters too. The work has been going on about a month and half now and will
continue for a few more weeks.

Public Works: Thomas Rogers

* Keeping up with the grass like Ivan mentioned.

* The second pass for the limbs should be done by mid-next week and should be starting on the actual
debris part of it. It looks like we will probably have to do a third pass on the limbs because we got quite a
bit done on the north side and when we came back on Monday, there were several more piles out. We're
looking at about two or three more weeks before we have everything completely picked up.

* We've been doing striping, getting ready for back to school.

* The Mosquito truck has been active.

* Congratulations to Mr. Eric for taking the Superintendent Street Position this week.

Police: Chief Joe Ayala (Report given by Captain Mark Longrigg)

- * Asking Everyone to have patience as everyone settles into the rhythm of the school pickup and drop-off routine. We are working with Dr Gardea from Jacinto City Elementary and Principal Melchor from Whittier Elementary. If you haven't already joined our Facebook page, we have a Facebook page for Jacinto City Police Department, it has information regarding the one-ways and such.
- * A Reminder that we're still working the STEP Program (Strategic Traffic Enforcement Program). It is paid for by TDOT who pays for these officers to work time and half after they've worked a regular shift to enforce traffic problems in certain parts of the city and it's a very successful program so were keeping that up, if you see more than usual amount of officers out there, that's why.

City Hall: Kathy Greiner

- * No Report at this time.

Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis

- * No Report at this time but would like to advise everyone to hydrate due to the rising temperatures.

Heritage Hall: Elizabeth Flores

- * The state has approved funding for older adults in the community to have trees and limbs removed that are placed on the curb. They can reach out to the Harris County Area Agency for that, It is on the website under the Heritage Hall Senior Center.

Parks & Recreation: Ivan Rojas

- * Last week was the last full week for the pool and is now closed for the week due to school starting early this year. We will try to be open for the weekend, weather permitting, along with other park activities through Labor Day weekend.
- * Keeping up with the grass.

Jacinto City Branch Library: Delaney Daly

- * Not in Attendance.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- * Robert Hernandez 10721 Lane
 - *Thanked the Mayor and her family for always being very hospitable to him.*
 - *Recently attended a Crime Stoppers Event that focused on Human Trafficking; it was very eye opening and enlightening. We need to be vigilant; everyone is very important and valuable. I recommend the documentary Victim and for people to contact their local crime stoppers.*

7. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor and Council to consider approving the Final Draft for the 2024 Asphalt Project.
(This is the planned RFP for going out for bids, we realize that they may not have all the sites, there may be a pothole here or there they'd like to add to that bid list. The final item on that bid list is a per square foot price where if any council person has anything in particular, they would like to bid out, we could add that to the project as we go.)
Motion made by: Council Member Gonzales
Second was made by: Council Member Garcia
Favor: 4/0
2. Mayor & Council to approve renewal of Water Conservation Plan prepared by LJA engineering and Approve Report.
(It is mandated by Texas Law; we maintain the Water Conservation Plan. We do an annual report on it where we do our water survey to account for water loss we have from the water we buy to the water sell. The water projects and new water lines have cut down on the water loss potential in that. Every five years they do a new scope of where they want to see us be in the next five years.)
Motion made by: Council Member Garcia
Second was made by: Council Member Robinson
Favor: 4/0

3. Mayor and Council to review the 2024-2025 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheets.

(Explanation provided by City Manager Lon Squyres. Lon Recommended to council that this year, we adopt the Alternate Method of Calculating the Disputed Amount and go with one hundredth of a penny below the voter approval rate. It's not going to be a big tax raise. If Council agrees, this year we're going to recommend a tax rate of .589063, is very close to what it was last year. This does not have to be decided tonight, but by law we must bring this to everyone's attention on council and present these two calculation sheets to you.)

Motion to use the Alternate Method made by: Council Member Gonzales

Second was made by: Council Member Robinson

Favor: 4/0

4. Mayor and Council to confirm Leslie Solis as Full Time Jacinto City Police Officer.

(Captain Mark Longrigg presented Leslie Solis to Mayor and Council as the newest Jacinto City Police Officer. Ms. Solis was born and raised in the Houston Area; she graduated High School in 2008. Ms. Solis is already a part of the Jacinto City Police Department; she has been working as a dispatcher since 2010. She has received her Certification as a Police Officer from Houston Community College.)

Motion to Confirm Leslie Solis as a Full Time Jacinto City Police Officer made by: Council Member Lee

Second was made by: Council Member Robinson

Favor: 4/0

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Rivas

-Not in attendance today.

Councilmember Robinson

- Welcomed Ms. Solis to her new position.

- Asked everyone be careful and stay Hydrated because it's going to get hot.

Councilmember Lee

-Concurred with Council Member Robinson about the heat and predicted cooler weather for next month.

Councilmember Garcia

-Confirmed with Ivan the hours for the pool stay the same for weekends through Labor Day.

-Welcomed Ms. Solis, glad to see her move up.

-Congratulated Eric on his new Position and thanked Thomas for encouraging his crew.

Councilmember Gonzales

- Congrats to Ms. Solis.

- Thanked Everyone for Coming Out.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Christal Rodriguez
City Secretary