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GREGG ROBINSON

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LON D. SQUYRES

CITY SECRETARY
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CITY ATTORNEY
JIM DEFOYD

October 30, 2024

Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on
Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 6:00p.m. in the Council Chamber at 10301 Market Street.

1. Call to Order: at 6:10pm

- a. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:
The meeting was opened with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. Roll Call:
The following members were present: Mayor Diaz; Council Members Rivas (6:13pm), Robinson & Garcia; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney Defoyd & City Secretary Rodriguez. Council Members Lee & Gonzales were absent.
- c. Mayor & Council Comments:
Mayor: Ana Diaz
** Reiterated that the city is gearing up for Pumpkinfest and that there will be a hayride. She requested for vendors sign up to participate and that the movie night also be announced on the city signs.*
** Announced that the Christmas Parade will be held in the evening this year in response to the people's request. It'll be December 7th at 5:30pm. She also mentioned that we are accepting parade entries.*
** Reported that we all learned a lot at the TML Conference and that is why we are doing things a little bit differently with the agenda.*
** Asked the citizens to obtain/view the agenda and sign up to speak during Public Speaking if the citizen wishes to address the Mayor & Council. The agenda is posted on Monday evening at the city website, City Hall Lobby and Right outside the Council Chamber Building.*
Council: *Thanked the public for attending the meeting and staying informed.*

2. Public Comments:

- a. Manuel Garza: Addressed the Mayor & Council regarding providing leniency in obtaining permits & encouraged citizens to invest money in their own homes to raise property value.

3. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting(s):

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and Seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve the minutes of the previous meetings as presented. Vote: **For: 3, Against: 0**

4. Reports/Announcements of City Departments:

City Manager: Lon Squyres

* No report at this time.

Public Works: Thomas Rogers

* Wastewater Treatment Project getting real close to wrapping up first phase.

Police: Chief Joe Ayala

* No report at this time.

City Hall: Kathy Greiner

* No report at this time.

Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis

- * We had an increase in EMS calls recently.
- * The Skeeter Truck Final Draft is being prepared, the concern for the stepping system to accommodate older people is being addressed. We were told it would be at no additional cost.
- * We will be present Saturday to help.
- * We are fully staffed for the Christmas Parade.

Heritage Hall: Elizabeth Flores

- * Seniors are looking forward to Saturday and are ready to participate in the Pumpkinfest. All proceeds from their water and soda sales will go back to the senior center for the seniors.

Parks & Recreation: Ivan Rojas

- * Reminded everyone that this Saturday is Pumpkinfest beginning at 5pm. There will be plenty for everyone to do. We'll also be having a Movie Night after Pumpkinfest.

Jacinto City Branch Library:

- * Not in Attendance.

5. Unfinished Business:

- a. Council to Open and Award Sealed Bids on City of Jacinto City Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements-2024 CDBG-MIT Project No. 22-085-053-D306.
 - *City Manager Squyres reported that we did not receive any Bids tonight. We do have a couple of interested potential bidders, however they were not able to meet the deadline. We reached out to GLO and they suggested we make the recommendation to Council that we extend the Bidding period to November 14th. City attorney Defoyd says we can legally do that; Therefore, with the Council's permission, the engineers are going to extend that bidding by doing an addendum to the Bid Package and it'll be sent out to everyone that is considering bidding. The Council will then open submitted Bid packages, at Council Meeting on the 14th.*

Motion to approve extending the Bidding Period to November 14th,

Made by Council Member: Robinson

Second was made by Council Member: Garcia

Favor: 3/0

6. New Business

- a. Mayor & Council to consider Ordinance 2024-4 Amending Chapter 10 "Utilities" at Section 5E "Garbage Collection Fees" by establishing New Garbage Collection Rates to be charged to customers for garbage collection.
 - (Brief provided by City Manager Squyres & Ordinance Read by City Attorney Defoyd)
 - *The City has a contract with Waste Management Corporation, the contract allows them to use a Consumer Price Index (CPI) to adjust the billing. They do this every year; however, it is a significant increase this year.*

Motion to Amend Chapter 10 "Utilities" at Section 5E "Garbage Collection Fees" by establishing New Garbage Collection Rates to be charged to customers for garbage collection,

Made by Council Member: Garcia

Second was made by Council Member: Rivas

Favor: 3/0

- b. Mayor & Council to consider the issuance of an RFP for the purchase and installation of a smart water meter system using ARPA funding.

- (Brief provided by City Manger Squyres)
This is a 2.6-million-dollar Grant Fund that the city obtained, it will be funding Smart Meters and A Smart Reading System. We believe it should go far enough to put a smart meter at every water meter in the city. We will provide you with a free phone application that will aid in monitoring your own water usage.
*Council Member Rivas inquired how it would communicate. City Manager Squyres informed him that it uses cell technology to communicate. *The specs we are writing will have a twenty-year guarantee and twenty-year battery. The package will include the installation of a special meter for customers who we frequently have to shut off because of nonpayment. These meters will be able to be shut off by just hitting a switch, it will not shut it off completely but will slow the service down to a trickle, notifying the customer that service has not been paid.*

Motion to approve the issuance of an RFP for the purchase and installation of a smart water meter system using ARPA funding,

Made by Council Member: Robinson

Second was made by Council Member: Rivas

Favor: 3/0

- c. Mayor & Council to approve amending 2023/2024 budget for over-expenditures.
- (Brief provided by City Manager Squyres)
Most of the expenditures are storm related, a lot of it will be reimbursed to the city by FEMA. There is wonderful news, a couple of weeks ago, the governor signed an order saying that all the category of work that is debris management for both windstorm and Hurricane Beryl, is 100% covered, before that, FEMA reimbursed 75% and the city had to pay 25%, now we'll get all that back. It's really going to benefit the city.
Motion to approve amending 2023/2024 budget for over-expenditures,
Made by Council Member: Robinson
Second was made by Council Member: Garcia
Favor: 3/0
- d. Mayor & Council to change November 28, 2024 Council Meeting to Tuesday, November 26, 2024 Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.
Motion to approve changing November 28, 2024 Council Meeting to Tuesday, November 26, 2024 Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday,
Made by Council Member: Robinson
Second was made by Council Member: Rivas
Favor: 3/0

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Christal Rodriguez
City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-4

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 "UTILITIES" AT SECTION 5E GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACINTO CITY, TEXAS, BY ESTABLISHING NEW GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES TO BE CHARGED TO CUSTOMERS FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION WITHIN THE CITY OF JACINTO CITY, TEXAS, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES WHICH MAY BE IN CONFLICT HEREWITH

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jacinto City, Texas, has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens for the health, welfare and safety of such citizens to provide good garbage collection sewer service to its citizens and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to provide excellent garbage collection service to the citizens of the City, there is a necessity to establish reasonable garbage collection fees to be charged for the delivery of such services to our citizens; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF JACINTO CITY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the Chapter 10 entitled "Utilities" at Section 5E entitled "GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES" in Sections (1) entitled "Residential" Fees and in Section (2) entitled "Commercial" Fees be and the same are hereby amended to increase the current fees charged for collection of residential and commercial garbage within the City of Jacinto City, Texas, as follows:

(1) Residential. There shall be charged, assessed and collected by the City from each person receiving such service within the City, the monthly service charges or fees for garbage, refuse, trash and rubbish collection and disposal, as follows: (a) For a residential, single-dwelling unit and for each unit of a multiple-dwelling unit which is an apartment house or a duplex, but not including a hotel, fifteen dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$15.67) per unit per month for two (2) collections per week. (b) Trailer courts, fifteen dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$15.67) per month per trailer unit for two (2) collections per week.

(2) Commercial. The following businesses shall receive daily pickup services or as necessary and shall be charged the following fees: (a) Forty-two dollars and twenty-three (\$42.23) per month per commercial hand collect unit for twice (2) per week service; or (b) One hundred twenty-one dollars and thirty-one cents (\$121.31) per month per commercial hand collect unit for six (6) times per week service.

All of the remaining language in said Section 5E shall remain the same, it being the sole intent of this ordinance to amend and change the residential and commercial garbage collection fees as set forth herein above.

SECTION 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective its final passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS THE 24th DAY OF October, 2024.

Ana Diaz
Ana Diaz, Mayor

ATTEST:

C. Rodriguez
Christal Rodriguez, City Secretary

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THE SECOND AND FINAL READING THIS
THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Ana Diaz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christal Rodriguez, City Secretary

APPROVED:

Jim L. DeFoyd, City Attorney

OVER EXPENDITURES 9-30-24

DEPT 10 NON OPERATING TRANSFERS

10 7124		\$	24,284.68
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DEPT 11 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

11 6604	CITY SECRETARY	\$	8,190.54
11 6701	ADVERTISING	\$	125.00
11 6742	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	\$	880.33
11 6764	HARRIS COUNTY APPR. DISTRICT	\$	9,511.30
11 6771	INSURANCE - LIABLILITY	\$	4,004.68
11 6774	WORKERS COMP	\$	446.16
11 6777	INSURANCE FOR RETIRESS	\$	4,820.67
11 6802	MAINT/REPAIR DIGITAL SIGN	\$	4,506.60
11 6807	MAINT/REPAIR PHONE SYSTEM	\$	546.00
11 6850	RETIREMENT	\$	10,324.91
11 6871	UTILITIES	\$	2,191.93

DEPT 12 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

12 6737	HURRICAN BERYL	\$	36,012.72
12 6738	STORM 5-16-24	\$	61,963.09
12 6772	INSURANCE - HEALTH	\$	90.79
12 6850	RETIREMENT	\$	263.68

DEPT 13 HEALTH & HUMANE

13 6609	TECHNICIAN	\$	281.96
13 6772	INSURANCE - HEALTH	\$	7,992.73

DEPT 14 FIRE DEPT.

14 6608	FULL TIME PARAMEDIC/FF	\$	5,906.73
14 6613	PART TIME	\$	2,395.38
14 6614	OVERTIME	\$	7,646.90
14 6712	AUTO FUEL	\$	788.61
14 6810	MEDICAL EXAMS/DRUG SCREEN	\$	77.00
14 6850	RETIREMENT	\$	1,561.25
14 6859	TAXES/FICA	\$	801.88

DEPT 15 RECREATION DEPT.

15 6608	GENERAL WORKERS	\$	3,263.58
15 6610	PART TIME/POOL	\$	11,129.00
15 6794	LONGEVITY	\$	245.00
15 6796	MAINT/REPAIR POOL	\$	2,923.81
15 6803	MAINT/REPAIR EQUIPMENT	\$	96.80
15 6850	RETIREMENT	\$	289.62
15 6857	SPECIAL EVENTS/PROJECTS	\$	413.48
15 6869	UTILITIES/ PRESCHOOL	\$	41.20

DEPT 16 POLICE DEPT

16 6609	CLERICAL	\$	0.40
16 6614	OVERTIME	\$	2,162.78
16 6616	OVERTIME STEP	\$	11,165.54
16 6617	OVERTIME - STORM	\$	648.05
16 6618	OVERTIME - BERYL	\$	5,059.15
16 6748	FLOCK SERVICES	\$	1,104.11
16 6767	HVAC MAINTENANCE	\$	30.69
16 6772	INSURANCE - HEALTH	\$	24,286.93
16 6801	MAINT/REPAIR BLDG	\$	4,353.71
16 6804	MAINT/REPAIR RADIO	\$	809.49
16 6805	MAINT/REPAIR EQUIP	\$	180.80
16 6807	MAINT/REPAIR ELEVATOR	\$	493.43
16 6860	TELEPHONE SERVICE	\$	198.68
16 6863	TRAINING SCHOOLS	\$	1,404.64
16 6871	UTILITIES	\$	192.73
16 6873	UNIFORMS/SUPPLIES/BADGES	\$	9,273.56

DEPT 17 MUNICIPAL COURT

17 6609	CLERICAL	\$	119.24
17 6772	INSURANCE - HEALTH	\$	254.88
17 6850	RETIREMENT	\$	331.62

DEPT 19 STREET DEPT.

19 6608	GENERAL WORKERS	\$	38,271.04
19 6616	OVERTIME/STORM	\$	23,505.37
19 6617	OVERTIME/HURR BERYL	\$	4,294.95
19 6735	CONTRACT LABOR	\$	5,503.03
19 6772	INSURANCE - HEALTH	\$	17,723.11

19 6794	LONGEVITY	\$	245.00
19 6803	MAINT/REPAIR EQUIPMENT	\$	2,050.99
19 6850	RETIREMENT	\$	8,686.90
19 6859	TAXES - FICA	\$	2,082.29
19 6871	UTILITIES	\$	686.61
19 6875	STORM WATER PERMIT	\$	1,706.89

DEPT 20 GARAGE

20 6608	GENERAL WORKERS	\$	948.10
20 6614	OVERTIME	\$	5,860.53
20 6850	RETIREMENT	\$	1,354.21
20 6859	TAXES FICA	\$	305.30

DEPT 21 SANITATION

21 6870	HEAVY TRASH SERVICE	\$	2,758.82
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DEPT 22 HERITAGE HALL

22 6772	INSURANCE / HEALTH	\$	237.20
22 6782	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	\$	56.31
22 6812	MEALS SENIOR CITIZENS	\$	18,094.54
22 6858	SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$	891.32
22 6871	UTILITIES	\$	803.01

DEPT 24 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

24 6606	DEPARTMENT HEAD	\$	125.26
24 6613	PART TIME	\$	42,323.17
24 6614	OVERTIME	\$	32,920.81
24 6706	AMBULANCE SUPPLIES	\$	155.33
24 6712	AUTO FUEL	\$	964.90
24 6808	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$	1,469.41
24 6810	MEDICAL EXAMS/DRUG SCREENS	\$	337.00
24 6850	RETIREMENT	\$	4,418.62
24 6859	TAXES - FICA	\$	1,874.86

DEPT 25 CAPITAL PROJECTS

25 6942	CDBG MATCH/NORTH SIDE 2-4	\$ 1,886.92
25 6946	WWTP REHAB	\$ 2,863,116.07
25 6949	HEAVY DUTY TRAILER	\$ 7.00
25 6969	DRAINAGE IMPACT ANALYSIS	\$ 18,672.00
25 6970	ARPA PROJECT	\$ 25,699.00

DEPT 31 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

31 6603	CITY MANAGER	\$ 8.62
31 6604	CITY SECRETARY	\$ 4,050.18
31 6609	CLERICAL	\$ 8,192.33
31 6610	AUTO ALLOWANCE	\$ 0.42
31 6621	CITY ATTORNEY	\$ 1.92
31 6708	AVR BILLING CONTRACT	\$ 7,547.98
31 6768	INSURANCE BLDG/FLOATER	\$ 15,157.32
31 6771	INSURANCE - LIABILITY	\$ 2,499.30
31 6774	INS. WORKERS COMP	\$ 20,423.78
31 6794	LONGEVITY	\$ 0.14
31 6838	REGULATORY FEES	\$ 3,175.00
31 6850	RETIREMENT	\$ 2,364.74
31 6871	UTILITIES	\$ 411.49

DEPT 32 WATER DEPT.

32 6605	DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 6.28
32 6609	CLERICAL	\$ 2,070.60
32 6803	MAINT/REPAIR EQUIPMENT	\$ 232.75

DEPT 33 SEWER DEPT.

33 6608	GENERAL WORKERS	\$ 4,027.23
33 6615	SEWER PLANT OPERATOR	\$ 389.50
33 6794	LONGEVITY	\$ 2,240.00
33 6850	RETIREMENT	\$ 2,923.40
33 6860	TELEPHONE SERVICE	\$ 537.50
33 6871	UTILITIES	\$ 11,622.11

DEPT 34 MAYOR & COUNCIL

34 6601	MAYOR	\$ 580.32
34 6610	CAR ALLOWANCE	\$ 680.40
34 6859	TAXES MEDICARE	\$ 82.64

TOTAL