



City of Jacinto City

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MAYOR
ANA DIAZ

November 26, 2024

Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on
Thursday, November 14, 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: at 6:00pm

- 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, Lee & Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney Defoyd & City Secretary Rodriguez. Council Members Robinson & Garcia were absent.

- c. Mayor & Council Comments:

Mayor: Ana Diaz

** Thanked Thomas and his crew for decorating the city with Christmas cheer.*

** Asked for a Moment of Silence for the fallen Houston Firefighter who recently passed away in the line of duty and thanked Interim Fire Chief Davis for Representing City of Jacinto City at the service.*

** Stated she is looking forward to the Christmas Parade being in the evening, asked for Nutcrackers for City Hall for next year and suggested the library enter a Christmas Float.*

** Welcomed the new citizens that came to the council meeting.*

** Assured the residents that concerns mentioned during public comments would be addressed.*

Council: *Thanked the public for attending the meeting and asked everyone to take care during this busy time of the year.*

2. Public Comments:

- a. Manuel Garza: Addressed the Mayor & Council regarding requesting the city to improve something visible to the residents such as sidewalks and driveways. He also inquired about the process of obtaining permits and spoke regarding customer service.
- b. Non-registered person: Addressed the Mayor & Council in support of Manuel, relating to customer service.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Rivas and Seconded by Council Member Lee 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

** The city is preparing to apply for additional grants after successfully managing two large \$5.3 million grants from GLO. They recently reviewed our files from the previous two years' work and were happy with their findings, leading to an invitation to apply for additional new grants. We have identified three, each capped at \$2 million, that require only a 10% match from us. Our focus will likely include more water lines in areas identified by the government that meet the LMI requirements rather than selecting neighborhoods arbitrarily. Furthermore, we are considering requesting funding for generators for key locations, including the lift station at Lane and Mercury and the town center complex, along with enhancements to the sewer plant totaling an approximate additional \$2 million. We will also continue to work on FEMA paperwork related to recent storms, a lengthy process. A vital part of qualifying for these grants is ensuring we maintain a clean audit, which we have done, underscoring the importance of transparency and accountability in our operations to secure funding.*

A short dialogue ensued between the Mayor and City Manager regarding the city's successful history for managing the city appropriately.

Public Works: Thomas Rogers

- * Completed a walk-through of the Substantial Completion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, that gives the contractor a month to do the punch list. All major components have been successfully working.
- * Christmas lights and decoration for the city are in progress. Work on the float will begin next week.
- * We're finishing up the report on the lead/copper service lines and will be mailing letters out soon. There's about 590. City Manager Squyres elaborated on the legal requirement by TCEQ, the regulatory agency on water in the state of Texas, to mail a notice to our residents explaining the potential dangers of old water lines and explained how on this letter we are also notifying of the commencement of an ARPA Grant for 2.5 million dollars that will provide the residents with a new smart meter with an app for their phone that will notify the customer of irregularities in usage.

Police: Chief Joe Ayala

- * Chief reminded everyone to buckle up during the holidays.
- * Asked the community to report suspicious activity and reminded the residents that they can remain anonymous if they need to.
- * Briefly mentioned criminal activity occurrences and asked everyone to stay safe.

City Hall: Kathy Greiner

- * Not in attendance.

Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis

- * Thanked the Mayor for her kind words for the Houston Fallen Firefighter and Recognized Mike Bodak for representing Jacinto City at the Funeral Service.

Heritage Hall: Elizabeth Flores

- * The Seniors will be joining in the Christmas Parade with their bus.

Parks & Recreation: Ivan Rojas

- * Working on installing Christmas Lights at the Town Center & the Gym, the tree will be up soon.
- * The Parade is December 7th at 5:30pm; Any vendors wanting to join, need to contact city hall.

Jacinto City Branch Library:

- * Nyla Vela introduced herself as the new Jacinto City Branch Manager for Jacinto City Library and stated that she is working on getting the programming back up and running.

5. Unfinished Business:

- Second & Final Reading of 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. (Read by City Attorney Defoyd)

Mayor Diaz clarified the fee rate raise for the garbage collection and noted the good customer service the city receives with this service provider.

Motion to Approve Ordinance 2024-4 on this second and final reading, Made by Council Member: Rivas

Second was made by Council Member: Gonzales

Favor: 3/0

6. New Business:

- Mayor & Council to consider Amending Budget Code 33-6856 for the Sewer Plant, in the amount of \$6,000.00 to total the code in the amount of \$12,000.00.

City Manager Squyres explained that this is a change in the amount we pay. We did budget for this but it's a change because of changes to the sewer plant, it's going to be different because the application process is a little bit different.

Motion to Amend Budget Code 33-6856, Made by Council Member: Gonzales

Second was made by Council Member: Lee

Favor: 3/0

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:36pm.

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 14th DAY OF November, 2024.

Ana Diaz
Ana Diaz, Mayor

ATTEST:

C. Rodriguez
Christal Rodriguez, City Secretary

APPROVED:

Jim L. DeFoyd
Jim L. DeFoyd, City Attorney



Budget Amendments

FY 2024-2025

Budget Code: Budget Code 33-6856

Amount: \$ 6,000.00

Date of Amendment: 11/14/2024

Purpose of Amendment: for Sewer Plant

Motion: Made by Councilmember Gonzales to approve/ deny amendment.

Second: Made by Councilmember Lee.

Vote: 3/0

