



MAYOR  
ANA DIAZ

# City of Jacinto City

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## Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on  
Thursday, December 12, 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 (arrived at 6:06m), Robinson, Lee, Garcia (arrived at 6:12pm) & Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, & City Secretary Rodriguez. City Attorney Defoyd was absent.*

c. Mayor & Council Comments:

**Mayor: Ana Diaz**

*\* Thanked all departments for making the Christmas Parade a success and went over a few items she observed regarding the parade and the event after the parade. She inquired with all Council Members if they would agree to having the Parade in the evening again next year and the consensus was yes.*

*\* Announced that "Santa on the Fire Truck" is this coming Saturday.*

*\* Announced that the Senior Christmas Party is tomorrow.*

**Council:** *Reported that the Christmas Parade was a great success and shared ideas and suggestions for future parades.*

### 2. Public Comments:

- a. Robert Hernandez: Addressed the Mayor & Council regarding his concerns for the number of variance requests and inquired if the Building Ordinances are still relevant to the people's needs.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson and Seconded by Council Member Gonzales 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**

*\* The water, sewer and streets systems are receiving regular routine maintenance.*

*\* Winterizing city buildings and checking generators for the coming freeze and/or winter storms.*

*\* The Christmas Parade was this past weekend, and the trailers are ready for this coming weekend.*

**Police: Captain Mark Longrigg**

*\* Nothing to report.*

**City Hall: Kathy Greiner**

*\* The city held its Christmas Parade this past Saturday and it was a big success. All city departments worked together to accomplish it.*

**Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis**

*\* Nothing to report.*

**Heritage Hall: Elizabeth Flores**

*\* Not in attendance.*

**Parks & Recreation: Ivan Rojas**

*\* Also getting ready for the cold weather.*

- \* Reiterated the success of the parade and spoke a few positive notes regarding the parade and the event after the parade.

**Jacinto City Branch Library:**

- \* Thanked all for the work done for the parade, the library participated in the parade and gave away lots of stuff from the library.
- \* Announce upcoming library programs.

## 5. Unfinished Business:

## 6. New Business:

- Mayor and Council to open bids and consider awarding contracts for Debris Management and Debris Monitoring.

*City Manager Squyres explained that we need the removal of our debris pile from both storms, the windstorm and Hurricane Beryl. Only two BIDS were turned in and were opened at Council Meeting by City Manager Squyres.*

*BID: Metric Consulting: Asking to do Disaster Debris Monitoring.*

*BID: DRC: Asking to do Disaster Debris Management.*

*City Manager Squyres suggested to postpone awarding contracts until the next council meeting to have time to consult with the city attorney, TDEM, the State and FEMA on the Federal Side.*

**Motion to postpone awarding contracts until the next council meeting, made by Council Member: Lee**

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

**Favor: 5/0**

- Council to consider the approval of a sole source contract with **Accurate Meter & Supply** for the installation of a smart water meter system using ARPA funding.

*City Manager Squyres explained that this is Federal Funding, it's ARPA Grant Money which dates back to the days of COVID and one of the things we could with this is install smart meters, this is one of their approved projects and it's something that Jacinto City has been wanting to do. A Smart Water Meter System will be installed throughout the city from one end to the other. All components need to be compatible with each other for the system to function. Our consultants told us we need to use sole source contracting on this rather than going open-bid because it will not do us any good to go open-bid on water meter systems if they're not compatible. So there's only one system that can do this. In order to make sure we are legal, the City Attorney, Jim, has reviewed it, as far as the process, Grant Works, whom we hired to make sure we are in Federal compliance to lay out the process, says were good, down to the wording of the agenda item has been approved by them and so we are good, all we have to do is evaluate this. The bulk of the expenses are the meter themselves, the average meter is a 5/8 inch \$575 dollar meter, we did ask for a couple minor changes; we wanted them to delineate one hundred of those because if there is someone who frequently doesn't pay their water bill, we want to put a different meter; an automatic gated meter that we can turn off or on from city hall. It would not be completely off but would slow it down to a trickle. Item 30 on page 10 has the extra; so for every one of those extra we add to it, in other words if we have extra money because we're not using as many meter boxes as we thought, we can install for senior citizens as well, to assist during freezes. This proposal is from the only company in the region that can do this work and be compatible with us and everything has already been preapproved by legal, the grant management company and by our engineering company which is who put this together. It's called a sole source bid process. A short question and answer dialogue ensued between the Council Members and the City Manager.*

**Motion to approve a Sole Source Contract with Accurate Meter Supply for the Installation of a Smart Water Meter System using ARPA Funding, Made by Council Member: Garcia**

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

**Favor: 5/0**

- Mayor and Council to consider changing December 26, 2024 Council Meeting to Thursday, December 19, 2024, due to Christmas Holiday.

*Mayor Diaz explained there is a "Mayors & Councils Meeting" that same day, however our city comes first.*

**Motion to change December 26, 2024 Council Meeting to Thursday, December 19, 2024, due to Christmas Holiday, Made by Council Member: Rivas**

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

**Favor: 5/0**

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*C. Rodriguez*

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City Secretary

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