



MAYOR  
ANA DIAZ

# City of Jacinto City

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## Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on  
Thursday, February 13, 2025, 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 Robinson, Garcia (6:07) & Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney Defoyd & City Secretary Rodriguez. Councilmember Rivas & Lee were absent.*

### 2. Mayor & Council Comments:

*Thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a Happy Valentines Day.*

### 3. Public Comments:

Edgar Vargas & Billy Kelly addressed the Mayor & Council regarding collaboration with Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9296 & Marine Corps League (MCL).

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

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

### 5. Reports/Announcements of City Departments:

**City: City Manager Lon Squyres**

- *No report at this time; will speak on matters on agenda as the meeting progresses.*

**Heritage Hall: Elizabeth Flores**

- *No report at this time.*

**Parks & Recreation: Ivan Rojas**

- *The Department is busy with park maintenance, due to the constant changing of the weather.*

**City Hall: Kathy Greiner**

- *Not in attendance.*

**Public Works: Thomas Rogers**

- *Winding down the first stage of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The punch list should be done within the next couple of weeks.*
- *We finally got approvals on everything, so they'll be out possibly the week after next, to start chipping our wood pile.*
- *Accurate Meter has been out the last couple of weeks installing meters, they installed a lot on Market Street and some of the residential 5/8 meters came in early, enabling them to begin installing at the residents' homes. You may see them out in grey trucks that say, "Accurate Meter". They are making contact with the residents before switching out the meter. They are averaging about 15-20 minutes to complete a meter switch. They are doing a good job.*

**Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis**

- *Thanked Edgar and Billy with VFW & MCL for their service.*
- *We just did some hiring and are one of the few Fire Departments in the area that is fully staffed.*
- *The booster truck is finalizing, once the process begins, it'll be about a three-month turnaround. We were able to do it potentially under budget, I should receive the drawing this week and I'll get that to you.*
- *In March, we will be having a "Stop the Bleed" program and follow up with a CPR Program.*

**Jacinto City Branch Library: Nyla Vela**

- *Things are going very well; we have plenty of programming.*

**Police: Chief Joe Ayala**

- *We've had quite a few shoplifters and we've been catching them.*
- *Thanked Edgar & Billy with VFW & MCL for their service.*

**6. Unfinished Business:**

No Unfinished Business.

**7. New Business:**

**a. Mayor & Council to open Bids for WWTP D306-Phase 2.**

*-Synopsis and opening of bids by City Manager Squyres.*

*This is a Fully funded grant given to us by the GLO, the total grant is 5.3 million dollars.*

*The construction portion of it is about 4.3 because it's so heavy on design.*

*We have three bidders:*

*\*The first bid to be opened is ITX, they have their bid form and a bid bond.*

*Their base bid is \$5,570,000.00 and the total bid is \$6,096,000.00.*

*\*The second bid to be opened is Allco, they have their bid form and bid bond.*

*Their base bid is \$6,320,595.00 and the total bid is \$ 6,820,672.00.*

*\*The Final bid to be Opened is T-Construction, they have their bid form and bid bond.*

*Their base bid is \$6,843,483.00 and the total bid is \$7,608,793.00.*

*These are vastly complex bids and so we always recommend they go to review and that's done by Thomas, myself and the engineering staff primarily, we have the contracted firm of LJA Engineering. Copies will be provided to them and we'll meet once or twice about it and typically we'll recommend the lowest bid that qualifies. For the record the low bidder on the base and the total was ITX but again nothing can be finalized until it's reviewed and brought back to council for final vote.*

*Mayor Diaz requested a motion to postpone awarding until all bids have been reviewed by all required parties and the qualified lowest bidder is recommended by them.*

**\*Motion to postpone awarding, as Mayor Diaz requested, Made by Council Member: Robinson**

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

**\*Favor: 3/0**

**b. Resolution 2025-3R Ordering the General City Election for May 3, 2025.**

*-Resolution read by City Attorney Defoyd.*

**\*Motion to accept Resolution 2025-3R, Made by Council Member: Robinson**

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

**\*Favor: 3/0**

**c. Resolution 2025-4R Creating Early Voting Ballot Board for May 3, 2025, City Election.**

*- Resolution read by City Attorney Defoyd.*

**\*Motion to approve Resolution 2025-4R, Made by Council Member: Robinson**

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

**\*Favor: 3/0**

**d. Police Department to present Racial Profiling Report for 2024.**

*Presented by Captain Mark Longrigg.*

*Jacinto City Police Department in accordance with the Texas Racial Profiling Law (State Senate Bill 1074) Presented the Annual Racial Profiling report for year 2024. This report compiles various contact data received from the police department with the purpose of identifying and responding to, if necessary, any concerns regarding the racial profiling practices. Captain Mark Longrigg went over the report with the Mayor and Council and reported that the Jacinto City Police Department did not receive any complaint in the year 2024 on any members of its police force for any accused violations of the Texas Racial Profiling.*

**e. Mayor & Council to consider an amendment to Budget Code 15-6935 in the amount of \$26,500.00 to replace the boiler room at town center.**

*Information provided by City Manager Lon Squyres- The boiler broke-down right before the record snowfall and cold front. When that weather was predicted about a week before it arrived, tests were run on the boiler and it was found that it needed to be replaced pretty desperately. Bids were obtained to do the emergency repair and that was the low bid.*

**\*Motion to consider the amendment to budget code 15-6935, Made by Council Member: Garcia**

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

**\*Favor: 3/0**

- f. Mayor & Council to consider an amendment to Budget Code 16-6920 in the amount of \$18,729.00 to fund additional flock cameras & fully equipped patrol vehicles. This amount is the City's Match.

*Information provided by City Manager Squyres. Mark and I were invited to San Antonio to present the case of the city for additional flock cameras and were going to get two additional types and we have to fund 20% of that. It's going to be a magnificent enhancement to the city's flock camera system, in addition to license plate reading cameras, it's going to give us thirty days of recorded high-resolution video at the four major intersections in the city and a couple of the major shopping locations in the city, it's really going to be an asset. It was discovered that once approved, we could ask for a budget amendment if there was anything else we wanted. We asked for about \$40,000.00 in flock cameras with our match and a new fully equipped patrol car, which is about \$75,000.00 and we were granted that as well, so the total grant is just shy of \$124,000.00, the city's match on that is \$18,729.00, we came out of that one pretty good. The nice thing about it is, we'll reapply every year and the way we understand it, I spoke to the auditor of the program, if you already have the grant, you're early in line for the successive years of grant funding, so we should be able to repeat this, maybe even get a patrol car replaced on a semi regular basis, this could a huge boom to the city."*

**\*Motion to approve the amendment to budget code 16-6920, Made by Council Member:** Robinson

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

**\*Favor:** 3/0

- g. Mayor & Council to take action on Variance Board's Recommendation for Variance 2025-001.

*11941 Market St. is requesting permission to build an office-warehouse, typically zoned as industrial, in a commercial zone.*

*-No representative present today. City Manager Squyres spoke on the matter. The Variance Board recommend approval 3/0*

**\*Motion to accept Variance Board's recommendation to approve variance 2025-001, Made by Council Member:** Garcia

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

**\*Favor:** 3/0

- h. Mayor & Council to confirm Abraham Hernandez as Full Time Jacinto City Police Officer.

*Chief Ayala gave a brief introduction of Abraham Hernandez including that he is a 2024 graduate of the Houston Community College Police Academy and qualifies for this position by the Texas Law Enforcement Standards Education.*

*Chief Ayala recommends that Jacinto City hire him as a full-time police officer.*

*Mayor Diaz administered Oath of Office to Abraham Hernandez as a Full Time Jacinto City Police Officer and welcomed him.*

**\*Motion to approve Abraham Hernandez as a Full Time Jacinto City Police Officer, Made by Council Member:** Robinson

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

**\*Favor:** 3/0

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*C. Rodriguez*  
Christal Rodriguez  
City Secretary

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