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Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on
Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.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 (arrived at 6:05 p.m.), Lee & Gonzales; City Manager Squyres & City Secretary Rodriguez. Council Member Rivas and City Attorney Defoyd were absent.

2. Mayor & Council Comments:

- *Mayor Diaz and Councilmembers present wished everyone a good spring break.*
- *Councilmember Lee thanked everyone in this town for their love during his recent tragedy. He states that he has always said, he would rather live here than anywhere else because the people pull together. Everyone has really been great.*
- *Councilmember Gonzales thanked the community for their expression of sympathy for the loss of his two brothers.*
- *Mayor Diaz expressed her sympathy and support to both Councilmembers.*
- *Mayor Diaz and Councilmembers discussed details for the Easter Egg Hunt. Mayor Diaz requested it get announced on the marquees and stated that students at the high school have offered to help.*

3. Public Comments:

- *Dale Pollock addressed the Mayor & Council on behalf of the Jacinto City Little league, himself and Luisa Banda. They have made the decision to shut the little league down for this year. Fifteen people signed up & were re-imbursed their money. They will try to rebuild for next year.*
- *Donna Dailey expressed her condolences to councilmember Gonzales and offered the services of Joseph House to councilmember lee.*

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

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson & Seconded by Council Member Lee to approve the minutes of the previous meetings as presented. Vote: **For: 4, Against: 0**

5. Reports/Announcements of City Departments:

Heritage Hall: Director Elizabeth Flores

- *Not in Attendance.*

Parks & Recreation: Director Ivan Rojas

- *The department is busy trimming trees and cutting grass getting ready for spring & summertime.*

Public Works: Bernardo Perez

- *The department is busy cutting grass trying to stay ahead of mosquito season.*
- *Mayor Diaz stated that the residents are loving the new meters.*

Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis

- *Welcomed Councilmembers Gonzales & Lee and gave a few words of condolence & support.*
- *The department is reviewing the paperwork on the Booster Truck.*
- *We've had a few fires lately but not too bad.*

Jacinto City Branch Library: Nyla Vela

- *The library will be having a program every single day for GPISD Spring Break.*

Police: Chief Joe Ayala

- Gave Councilmember Gonzales his condolence spoke a few heartfelt words.
- Congratulated Mayor Diaz and Council Members Garcia & Gonzales on their Electoral Win.

6. Unfinished Business:

- a. Mayor & Council to take action on bids received and opened on February 13th for Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) D306-Phase 2.

Synopsis given by City Manager Squyres. The Bids received exceeded the 25% swing allowed by GLO regulations. After guidance from GLO and speaking with the City Attorney, we have been advised to let council know that we have to reject these bids and readvertise. The readvertising is in process now, however we do need to go through the process of formally rejecting the received bids.

***Motion to take Formal Action to Reject the Bids, Made by Council Member:** Robinson

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

***Favor:** 4/0

- b. Second & Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-1 Declaring Unopposed Candidates in the May 3, 2025 General City Election, Elected to Office, Cancelling the Election; Providing a severability Clause and Providing an Effective Date.

-Second & Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-1 read by City Manager Squyres.

***Motion to accept Ordinance 2025-1, Made by Council Member:** Robinson

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

***Favor:** 4/0

7. New Business:

- a. Mayor & Council to Consider, Discuss and Approve the City of Jacinto City Authorization to issue Requests for Proposals for Administrative Services (RFPs) and Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) for the FY 2022 Community Project Funding (CPF) administered by the United States Environmental Protective Agency (EPA) as part of the consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022.

-Synopsis given by City Manager Squyres. This was originally done over 2 years ago, following the EPA's guidance, which stated to publish in the newspaper for 10 days or more & that is exactly what we did; we had it out for 13 days. Now that we are ready to do this project, EPA is saying that it needed to be out for 30 days before awarding, not 10. After many discussions, they finally agreed that we did follow the guidance, and they are more than willing to put this to powers that be at EPA & it will take about 6 months to get a ruling. It will be much faster for us to put it back out for a new RFP & a new RFQ, just do it over again, leave it out for 30 days. We can get that all done in 2 months. We are asking the City Council to allow us to issue a new RFP & a new RFQ to repeat the process to meet the new guidance. Every step of the way, every word on every document we are sending to EPA asking them to verify that it is good. This is on the EPA. We are going to do the 2022 one and on the next agenda item, which must be separate, we got a New Grant from the EPA and so were going to do the same thing for that one. So we are actually putting RFPs & RFQs for two, for this vote we need a motion and a second to issue the RFP & RFQ Allocation as a Re-Do basically.

***Motion to authorize the City to Issue a new RFP and RFQ to meet the new guidance for 2022, Made by Council Member:** Garcia

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

***Favor:** 4/0

- b. Mayor & Council to Consider, Discuss and Approve the City of Jacinto City Authorization to issue Requests for Proposals for Administrative Services (RFPs) and Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) for the FY 2024 Community Project Funding (CPF) administered by the United States Environmental Protective Agency (EPA) as part of the consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024.

-Synopsis provided by City Manager Squyres during agenda item 7a.

***Motion to authorize the City to Issue a RFP & RFQ for 2024 , Made by Council Member:** Garcia

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

***Favor:** 4/0

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Rodriguez

Christal Rodriguez
City Secretary