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Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on
Thursday, April 24, 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 6:00 p.m.

- 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, Lee, Garcia (arrived at 6:03) and Gonzales;
City Manager Squyres & City Secretary Rodriguez.
Council Member Rivas and City Attorney Defoyd were absent.

2. Mayor & Council Comments:

- *Mayor Diaz and Councilmembers Robinson, Lee and Gonzales thanked Ivan, Public Works, the Police Department and everyone for the Easter Egg Hunt and gave positive feedback on the event, they also thanked everyone for being here tonight and everything that they do. They also asked everyone to be careful with the hot weather that is on its way.*

3. Public Comments:

- *Edgar Vargas addressed the Mayor and Council regarding May 3rd, VFW National Service Day, where VFW all over the nation does volunteer events, and offered their volunteer services. He also went over the VV Ramsey Veteran Resource Center's Appreciate Caregivers Event on May 22nd.*
- *Dina Gonzales addressed the Mayor and Council regarding Jacinto City Elementary's 80th Anniversary Celebration on May 1st from 4pm-6pm and invited everyone to go see the memorabilia. Mayor Diaz suggested a Proclamation for the event, and they discussed arrangement details.*

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: 4, Against: 0**

5. Reports/Announcements of City Departments:

City: City Manager Lon Squyres

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

City Hall: Assistant City Manager & Finance Director Kathy Greiner

- *No report at this time.*

Heritage Hall: Director Elizabeth Flores

- *The department will be celebrating Older Americans next month.*

Parks & Recreation: Director Ivan Rojas

- *Reiterated the Mayor's and Council's positive comments regarding the Easter Egg Hunt and added that he appreciated the Mayor and Council coming out to help.*
- *Ivan announced that Summer Pool time is coming up and a Swim Lesson Instructor is being sought because our current one has retired.*
- *The department will resume cutting grass as the ground dries up.*

Public Works: Thomas Rogers

- *They are still working on the punch list at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, there's still about two major things that they need to finish working on.*
- *There are about 810 of the smart meters in the ground.*

- *Public Works is getting ready for Hurricane Season, making sure the generators function and cleaning storm drains.*

Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis

- *Good news on the booster: the PO has been delivered, the truck has been delivered to manufacture, they are working on it, between the 3 or 4 month build out process, we can go look at it anytime.*
- *Also, good news, several months ago we mentioned that we wanted to start bringing classes into Jacinto City for local fire departments. The first one is going to be in June, which is going to be good for the community; not only is it going to bring people into the hotels but also food and stuff during the day. With Lon's help we were able to get that and that'll be the first one, we hope, of many and it is in preparation for Hurricane Season.*

Jacinto City Branch Library: Nyla Vela

- *Things are going well at the library, lots of people coming in, which is great.*
- *The library's Egg Hunt turned out really well too, we had a lot of people, which is awesome.*
- *We're getting ready for the summer so we can do our big Summer Reading Program.*

Police: Chief Joe Ayala (Report given by Captain Mark Longrigg)

- *Been really busy with a lot of shoplifters lately and unfortunately a lot of members who are suffering from mental illnesses, we've had to do a lot of EDO's, Emergency Detention Orders.*
- *The Police Department is openly accepting applications for the position of Police Officers.*

6. Unfinished Business:

No Unfinished Business.

7. New Business:

- a.** Chad Burke, President & CEO of Economic Alliance Houston Port Region to present Annual Report.

Chad Burke thanked the Mayor & Council for the opportunity to present the annual report and also thanked Jacinto City for being a long-time member of the organization. He went over the organization's mission, which is to Grow the Economy, and what the mission means. Chad also went over the organization's Project Activity History, this past year's Capital Investments including the construction of a new 200k sq ft distributing facility at existing Faust Distribution Facility site in Jacinto City. He went over how they are trying to make our region better for our citizens and our companies through Transportation Infrastructure, Regulatory and Workforce Development. Chad also announced that Patty Bell will be retiring and spoke a few words on her dedication to her career and announced that that Mia Young will be taking Patty's place once she retires. Chad touched on Public Policy and Quality of Life Projects with the matching grants; he also mentioned that September 18th is the Gulf Coast Industry Forum and spoke on the Women's Leadership Lunch & extended an invitation to attend. Mayor Diaz thanked Chad for his report & everything that Economic Alliance does for the City of Jacinto City.

- b.** Mayor & Council to Consider, Discuss and take possible Action on Sealed Bids Received for RFP's & RFQ's for 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.

We received two different grants, one was a 2022 grant one was a 2024 grant. We already went through this identical process for the 2022 grant and we awarded the RFP and the RFQ, the problem is that even though we followed the EPA's directions to the letter, in retrospect now, they are arguing with us about how long it was advertised before we came to council and had it awarded. The guidance provided by the EPA for that grant said it had to be ten days, I think we used thirteen days because the way the council meeting fell. But now when they are evaluating us for it, in retrospect, they are saying no, it had to be thirty days, so they said well you can appeal it and we're sure you're going to win but it'll take maybe four, five maybe even six months to appeal that, so I said well its easier, we have to do the same process for this new 2024 grant so lets just do it again and well be in construction way before, that way, in other words were nibble as a city council, y'all are quick to respond so we can do it in six weeks which tonight terminates, rather than the six months that it would take them to hear that appeal, so I appreciate that. So what you have are an RFP and an RFQ for the 2022 and an RFP and an RFQ for the 2024. RFP's- we are looking for a proposal, including dollars for the Grants Management, somebody to manage the grants system for us. The RFQ is a request for qualifications, money is not mentioned in them, you're looking at the qualifications of engineering firms, the nice thing about it is, it made it very easy on the three of us that scored it, which is always the council person, cause there has to be one Elected Official on it, and so it's the Liaison to City Hall, and then the city secretary and myself, so we started to score these, they were due Tuesday and there were only two vendors that responded LJA Engineering and Grant Works, so with that said, we have done the scoring it's in front of you and the winners are LJA for the 2022 and the 2024 RFQ response and Grant works Incorporated for the 2022 and 2024 RFP response. So, the recommendation of that committee that scored it, is for those two firms to be awarded

those two awards, the RFP will be Grant Works on both, RFQ will be LJA Engineering on both, if council agrees.”

***Motion to award Grant Works for the RFP and LJA Engineering for the RFQ, Made by**

Council Member: Robinson

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

***Favor:** 4/0

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-Synopsis given by City Manager Squyres at the same time as the synopsis for FY 2022.

***Motion to award Grant Works for the RFP and LJA Engineering for the RFQ, Made by**

Council Member: Lee

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

***Favor:** 4/0

- d.** Ordinance 2025-2 Amending the Code of Ordinance of the Section 1C(2) Water Service Rates inside City Limits: Repealing all Ordinances in conflict Herewith: Establishing Effective Date.

-Synopsis & 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-2 by City Manager Squyres.

The City of Jacinto City is required by the Harris County Subsidence District to purchase Surface Water from the City of Houston and at least once a year they tend to go up on the fees. This year’s hike is, I believe, 3.74%. The City can’t subsidize water, we have to pay them every month. We pay them right around \$100,000 a month for water that we then in turn put in our pipes and push out to the citizens and then they pay us, which helps us to pay them, so in short if they raise our bill, we have to pass that bill on.

***Motion to accept 1st Reading of Ordinance 2025-2, Made by Council Member:** Garcia

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

***Favor:** 4/0

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Christal Rodriguez
City Secretary

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