



MAYOR  
ANA DIAZ

# City of Jacinto City

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## Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on  
Thursday, May 8, 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 6:04 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 Rivas, Robinson, Lee and Garcia;  
City Manager Squyres, City Attorney Defoyd & City Secretary Rodriguez.  
Council Member Gonzales was absent.

### 2. Mayor & Council Comments:

- *Mayor Diaz announced that Councilmember Gonzales is out because his daughter is graduating from Texas State today and congratulated her.*
- *Mayor Diaz and all Council Members thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and wished everyone a Safe and Happy Mother's Day.*

### 3. Public Comments:

- *None*

### 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:

#### 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

- *Nothing at this time.*

#### Heritage Hall: Director Elizabeth Flores

- *The American Red Cross will be providing and installing Smoke Detectors to several of our seniors' homes.*

#### Parks & Recreation: Director Ivan Rojas

- *Not in attendance, they are training for lifeguards today.*

#### Public Works: Thomas Rogers

- *There are about 1100 smart meters installed.*
- *Did Field Training with the Water Department on how to repair the endpoint.*
- *On the Park & Rec. side, they have been working on refinishing the pool, getting ready for the upcoming Opening Day.*
- *Mayor Diaz discussed with Thomas about the weather speeding up the need to cut the grass.*

#### Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis

- *No report at this time.*

#### Jacinto City Branch Library: Nyla Vela

- *Thanked Lon for helping with their "door situation".*

**Police: Chief Joe Ayala**

- *The Officer involved shooting that occurred this morning is still under investigation. It will be a while before they conclude that investigation. The Sargent is doing fine but keep him in your prayers. It's unfortunate what happened.*
- *We've been working on the ordinance violations, and we ask that everyone help us out by keeping the properties clean. If you see something that needs to be called in to city hall, call it in to city hall or the police department.*
- *Mayor Diaz asked the Chief to give our well wishes to all our Jacinto City Officers for the situation that happened this morning, it is terrible that it happened.*

**6. Unfinished Business:**

- Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-2 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Section 1C(2) Water Service Rates inside City Limits: Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith: Establishing Effective Date.  
*-Read by City attorney Defoyd.*  
Councilmember Rivas asked for the previous rate and City Manager Squyres replied with a brief explanation.  
**\*Motion to accept 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-2, Made by Council Member: Garcia**  
**\*Second was made by Council Member: Robinson**  
**\*Favor: 4/0**

**7. New Business:**

- a. Harris County Judge Lozano to Administer Oaths of Office to Unopposed Candidates Elected by Ordinance 2025-1 on March 13, 2025.  
*Harris County Justice of Peace, Pct. 2, Place 2, Dolores Lozano, Administered Oaths of Office to Unopposed Candidates Ana Diaz for Mayor and Carmela Garcia for Council Member Position 4, Elected by Ordinance 2025-1 on March 13, 2025. (Unopposed Candidate, Mario Gonzale, was not in attendance and will be sworn in as soon as possible)*
- b. Mayor & Council to Appoint Mayor Pro Tem.  
*-Mayor Diaz stated that the current Mayor Pro Tem was Councilmember Robinson, therefore the next candidate in line is Councilmember Lee. Councilmember Lee accepted the appointment.*  
**\*Motion to appoint Councilmember Lee as the new Mayor Pro Tem, Made by Council Member: Robinson**  
**\*Second was made by Council Member: Garcia**  
**\*Favor: 4/0**
- c. First Reading of Ordinance 2025-3 Setting Salary for Mayor & Council.  
*-Read by City attorney Defoyd.*  
**\*Motion to leave the salary at \$400 per month for the Mayor plus \$425 Auto allowance; and for Council \$350 per month plus \$425 Auto Allowance, Made by Council Member: Robinson**  
**\*Second was made by Council Member: Garcia**  
**\*Favor: 4/0**  
**\*Motion to accept 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2025-2, Made by Council Member: Lee**  
**\*Second was made by Council Member: Robinson**  
**\*Favor: 4/0**
- d. Mayor & Council to consider Resolution 2025-8R approving the submission of an application for "FY 26 SB 224 Catalytic Converter Grant Program" for the Police Department of Jacinto City, TX.  
*-Read by City attorney Defoyd.*  
**\*Motion to accept Resolution 2025-8R, Made by Council Member: Lee**  
**\*Second was made by Council Member: Garcia**  
**\*Favor: 3/1**
- e. Mayor & Council to consider amending Capital Outlay Budget Code 25-6977 by an increase of \$27,000.00 for Emergency Repairs to the City's Water Well.  
*-Synopsis given by City manager Lon Squyres.*  
About 3 weeks ago, the motor on our sole water well in the city burned, the fire department had to go and extinguish the large electric motor on top of the well. We just talked about spending about 1.2 million dollars a year buying City of Houston Water, but we're still allowed to pump 20% of our water and it's a lot cheaper to pump our own water, so we need to put that back in order. We are going to accept the lowest bid, which was about 27; it's not at the bid threshold but we bid it out and got about 4 prices and this is going to be the best. We are asking to amend the budget, it's an unexpected expenditure; the pump was at least 25-30 years old so with the council's permission we'll take care of that.  
**\*Motion to amend Budget Code 25-6977, Made by Council Member: Garcia**  
**\*Second was made by Council Member: Robinson**  
**\*Favor: 4/0**

f. Mayor & Council to consider approving Investment Reports 10-1-2023 to 9-30-2024.

*-Synopsis given by City manager Lon Squyres.*

This is one of those things the auditors ask us to do, they want to check their box that yes, you've seen our investment report and investment policy. We provide you with copies of them every year. We've done very well on our investments, largely that's Kathy Greiner that gets credit for that.

**\*Motion to approve the Investments Reports Made by Council Member:** Robinson

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

**\*Favor:** 4/0

g. Mayor & Council to consider approving Investment Policy.

*-Synopsis given by City manager Lon Squyres.*

This is the policy, the rules we follow as a city when we make investments. It has gone unchanged for a few years now; It is a very safe, conservative investment policy and it has served us well.

**\*Motion to approve the Investment Policy, Made by Council Member:** Robinson

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

**\*Favor:** 4/0

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*C. Rodriguez*

Christal Rodriguez

City Secretary

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