



MAYOR
ANA DIAZ

City of Jacinto City

1301 MERCURY DRIVE • PHONE (713) 674-8424 • FAX (713) 820-9264
JACINTO CITY, TEXAS 77029
www.jacintocity-tx.gov

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

June 2, 2025

Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on
Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the
Council Chamber at 10301 Market Street.

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 and Gonzales;
City Manager Squyres, City Attorney Defoyd & City Secretary Rodriguez.
Council Member Rivas was absent.

2. Mayor & Council Comments:

- *None at this time.*

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

- *As you all know, Council approved us applying for 3 different GLO Grants they are called DRRP Grants, each one is 2.2 million in total, so a little over 6 million. We were told tentatively; it looks like we're definitely going to get two of them and they are trying to find a way to award the third one to us as well. The third one is the lane street replacement line which is the main sewer line exiting the residential area going across the bayou over to the sewer plant of course and that's a pretty needed project obviously. There are some issues as far as demonstrating a benefit to what groups of citizens and what incomes of citizens, its very technical but GLO feels very certain that we'll meet the criteria , its just going to be a few more hoops that we've got to jump through but the paperwork on these things is just unbelievable but it looks like in all likelihood we are going to probably receive all three of those grants. So, we'll advise you when that happens.*

City Hall: Assistant City Manager & Finance Director Kathy Greiner

- *No Report at this time.*

Heritage Hall: Director Elizabeth Flores

- *No report at this time.*

Parks & Recreation: Director Ivan Rojas

- *The Pool will be Open this Memorial Day Weekend, beginning Saturday at regular hours 1-7, Sunday 1-5 and we will be open Monday, Memorial Day from 12-5. The fee remains the same at \$2.00 a person.*
- *The Splash Pad is still a hit, Jacinto City Elementary School came out about two weeks ago and used the park and splash pad, they use it every year. Our Preschool uses it twice a week, so its been a hit, it was a great idea.*
- *Mayor Diaz and Ivan shared other examples of witnessing the citizens enjoying the Splash Pad.*

Public Works: Thomas Rogers

- *Keeping up with normal routine maintenance of wastewater treatment, of course water plant. The streets and drainage patch up some holes.*
- *It's also Public Works Week so we did a little luncheon for the guys today; Trophies and Awards were given out.*
- *We've been spraying for mosquitos quite a bit.*

Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis

- *I checked on the booster truck that Mayor and Council approved for us, it's on the assembly line being fixed now, and I'll keep you posted, they said it would be pretty quick.*
- *We also checked on the Chassis and Ambulance that Mayor and Council approved, they should be delivered on June the 6th.*

Jacinto City Branch Library: Nyla Vela

- *The Library's Summer Reading Program will be starting on June the 2nd. There are lots of prizes and programs available.*

Police: Chief Joe Ayala

- *Not in attendance*

6. Unfinished Business:

- a. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-3 Setting Salary for Mayor & Council

-Read by City attorney Defoyd.

***Motion to accept 2nd and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-3, Made by Council Member: Robinson**

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

***Favor: 4/0**

7. New Business:

- a. Mayor & Council to Open and take possible Action on Received Sealed Bids for construction of the Northwest Waterline Rehab, Phase 4 of 4.

-Synopsis given by City manager Lon Squyres.

This is a water line that is funded by one of the earmark grants, it's going to run along Market Street and some connections underneath the railroad which are extremely expensive to provide but it gives us interconnects between the various parts of the city and that's really important to have redundant water supply. We only have one bidder on this, two showed up for the mandatory Pre-Bid the other day and this is SCOHIL Construction out of Cypress, TX and they do have their bid bond and their bid form. The Base Bid is \$1,453,269.00 and the Total Bid is \$1,578,269.00. They Both are high for what we were expecting, it came in a little bit higher than what the engineer said to estimate it. This is the first grant that the city has ever had directly with HUD which is how congress decided to manage this grant, and by the way this is a 2022 awarded grant, and HUD just put a lot of paperwork out there for us to get to this point. So what we do now is we will go, if council approves this, it'll be pending HUD approval as well, and then we will negotiate with HUD and see if they'll allow us to trim and take some things here and take some things there and bring it down to an amount that HUD will pay for or see if HUD will supplement the funding for it or they may well say well can the city supplement the funding and our answer to that usually is an automatic no but we'll come back to the council for that decision of course. The recommendation to Council would be to approve it to SCOHIL pending approval of the engineering service, Grant Works and of course HUD, the funding.

Councilman Robinson asked: "How close to the Independent Estimate was it?"

City Manager Squyres replied: "The Grant itself is just over a million, the Independent Estimate from the Engineer came in, I think, at one million, one hundred and eleven".

Councilmember Robinson asked: "The other contractor didn't say why they didn't want to bid?"

City Manager Squyres replied: "No, their due date was today, they gave us all indications that both would've bid on the project."

***Motion to accept the BID pending approval of the engineering service, Grant Works and HUD, Made by Council Member: Gonzales**

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

***Favor: 4/0**

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Rodriguez

Christal Rodriguez

City Secretary

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Request for accommodations or interpretive service must be made 48 hours prior to Meeting.