



City of Jacinto City

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LON D. SQUYRES

CITY SECRETARY

CHRISTAL RODRIGUEZ

CITY ATTORNEY

JIM DEFOYD

MAYOR
ANA DIAZ

Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on Thursday, December 11, 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 Rivas, Robinson, Lee, and Gonzales; City Manager Squyres, City Attorney Defoyd & City Secretary Rodriguez. Council Member Garcia was absent.

2. Mayor & Council Comments:

- Mayor Diaz & Council Members expressed appreciation & enjoyment of the Christmas Parade and reminded everyone that Santa on the Fire Truck will be this Saturday.
- Council Member Rivas spoke a few heartfelt words regarding events occurred December 7, 1941.
- Council Member Lee reminded everyone that children will soon be on holiday break & for everyone to be careful with holiday traffic.

3. Public Comments:

- Donna Dailey: addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the Variance Board's recommendation on Variance 2025-004.
- Eric Sanchez: addressed the Mayor & Council to reiterate personal police & city attorney issues from year 2021, which he has spoken on before. He also spoke on an arrest he was recently involved in.

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

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

5. Reports/Announcements of City Departments:

Police: Chief Joe Ayala

- Presented Police Report to Mayor & Council and went over it with them. (Attached)
- Chief expressed appreciation to the Food Pantry for providing assistance to those in need.
- He also applauded the mayor and all departments on the very well executed and organized Christmas Parade.
- Mayor Diaz stated that it is a lot of work that Ms. Kathy and everyone did together and Ms. Tawanna did an awesome, awesome job.

Jacinto City Branch Library: Nyla Vela

- On Monday, there will be Free Photos with Santa, sponsored by Constable Garcia's Office at the library, and they will also be making Holiday Cards.

Public Works: Eric Jones

- Most wonderful time of the year but also the busiest time of the year at public works; they are ready for Santa on the Fire Truck.
- Cleaning Storm Drains to make sure those pipes stay clear when it rains.
- Doing repairs along the side of the street & Grass Cutting, which hasn't slowed down yet; doing their part to beautify the city.

Fire: Captain Mike Bodak

- There's been an increase of Respiratory Calls, which normally happens this time of year due to the temperature varies.
- They are ready for Santa on the Fire Truck.

Finance: Director Kathy Greiner

- No report at this time.

Heritage Hall: Director Elizabeth Flores

- *Next Friday, we'll be having the Annual Christmas Dinner for the seniors.*
- *Tomorrow, Elizabeth will be taking the seniors to see the lights Downtown Houston.*

Parks & Recreation: Director Ivan Rojas

- *Expressed appreciation over the teamwork demonstrated by Public Works and Parks & Recreation to get everything ready for the Parade. The parade had a great turnout and was a great success.*

-Mayor Diaz agreed with Ivan and complimented the tree decorating abilities demonstrated by Parks & Rec and Public Works. She also mentioned that she did not hear any complaints regarding the Parade.

-Mayor Diaz thanked Ivan, stating that everyone did an excellent job.

6. Unfinished Business:

Note: Mayor Diaz Skipped over Unfinished Business to New Business "a" then came back to Unfinished Business "a" and continued to New Business "b" then "c".)

- Mayor and Council to consider Ordinance 2025-6 Amending Ch. 10 Utilities at Sec. 5E Garbage Collection Fees.**

2nd and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-6 read by City Attorney Defoyd

Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-6 Amending Ch. 10 Utilities at Sec. 5E Garbage Collection Fees on this second and Final Reading, made by: Councilmember Lee.

Second made by: Councilmember Gonzales.

Favor: 4/0

7. New Business:

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- Crowe LLP to present the Audit for FY 2024-2025.**

Report Presented by Stephanie Harris

"Well good evening, Mayor & Council again Stephanie Harris.

It's my pleasure to meet here this evening. But before I start with the report, I just want to make a formal apology, sorry, for your service experience this year, it proved to be a very difficult transition from Belt Harris Pechacek to Crowe. A lot of new things along the way, new methodology, new platform for the city to provide, audit support in order for us to complete the audit and appreciate your patience through that painful process.

With that, page one, very pleased to say that we are issuing an unmodified opinion on the city's financial statements. Again, unmodified being the highest level of assurance you can provide your independent auditor, that the financial statements are materially correct and that all disclosures, necessary were included. In terms of just an overall brief summation of the 2024 fiscal year, the city saw both an increase in net position under full accrual statements, which are similar to private judge business enterprise, and you're looking to make a profit, and you're modified accrual statements, You also saw a positive increase in your fund balance. You had a modest increase in fund balance and specifically for the general fund. Both revenues and expenditures came in very close to one another, as a result, you saw an increase of 67,000 to your fund balance. That's much better than you projected. If you were to look at the budget to actual schedule in the back. The city was forecasting that they would have to use 3.6 billion worth of their fund balance for planned expenditures during the year. Again, as you look at the health of a government, you look at the unassigned fund balance within the general fund, as these dollars are available for appropriation, you generally want to see a minimum of 25% and then higher depending on the city's particular risk tolerance. The general fund ended the year with an unassigned fund balance of approximately 45%, and your total fund balance was approximately 55% of your 24 expenditures. So very healthy fund balance as well, for the 2024 fiscal year. We did conduct a single audit this year as a result of your expenditures related to the CDBG program. Very pleased to say that we have also issued an unmodified opinion on the city's compliance with that particular program. And that concludes my remarks."

Comment from City Manager Lon Squyres:

"There's been one or two cities in the region, one in particular that had what they called a critical issue, a lot of media about it, it's been discussed here during our budget workshops, about nearing bankruptcy, actually, for them. You know, we've only got week's, finances left and those kind of things; and, we appreciate what your organization does to give these assurances, one week worth of a fund balance is not adequate, obviously, and it's sad that organizations get in that condition, but it's nice for council to be able to see you know exactly where we're at. Of course, they get the monthly reports and are encouraged, and I know they do read those on a regular basis, but it's always nice to hear an auditor come in and confirm those for us."

b. Mayor and Council to take action on Variance Board's Recommendation for Variance 2025-004.

Mayor Diaz and Councilmembers shared their thoughts regarding the request before making motion and voting.

Motion to accept the Variance Board's Recommendation to Deny Variance Request 2025-004, made by:
Councilmember Rivas.

Second made by: Councilmember Lee.

Favor: 4/0

c. Mayor and Council to consider changing December 25th meeting date due to holiday.

Mayor Diaz and all Council present, agreed to move next council meeting date from Thursday, December 25th to Tuesday, December 23rd.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:25 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-6

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 "UTILITIES" AT SECTION 5E GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACINTO CITY, TEXAS, BY ESTABLISHING NEW GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES TO BE CHARGED TO CUSTOMERS FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION WITHIN THE CITY OF THE CITY OF JACINTO CITY, TEXAS, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES WHICH MAY BE IN CONFLICT HEREWITH

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jacinto City, Texas, has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens for the health, welfare and safety of such citizens to provide good garbage collection sewer service to its citizens and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to provide excellent garbage collection service to the citizens of the City, there is a necessity to establish reasonable garbage collection fees to be charged for the delivery of such services to our citizens; NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF JACINTO CITY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the Chapter 10 entitled "Utilities" at Section 5E entitled "GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES" in Sections (1) entitled "Residential" Fees and in Section (2) entitled "Commercial" Fees be and the same are hereby amended to increase the current fees charged for collection of residential and commercial garbage within the City of Jacinto City, Texas, as follows:

(1) Residential. There shall be charged, assessed and collected by the City from each person receiving such service within the City, the monthly service charges or fees for garbage, refuse, trash and rubbish collection and disposal, as follows: (a) For a residential, single-dwelling unit and for each unit of a multiple-dwelling unit which is an apartment house or a duplex, but not including a hotel, sixteen dollars and forty-five cents (\$16.45) per unit per month for two (2) collections per week. (b) Trailer courts, sixteen dollars and forty-five cents (\$16.45) per month per trailer unit for two (2) collections per week.

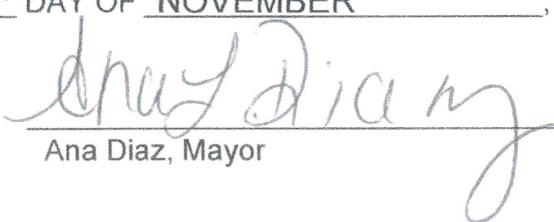
(2) Commercial. The following businesses shall receive daily pickup services or as necessary and shall be charged the following fees: (a) Forty-four dollars and forty-two cents (\$44.42) per month per commercial hand collect unit for twice (2) per week service; or (b) One hundred thirty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$139.99) per month per commercial hand collect unit for six (6) times per week service.

All of the remaining language in said Section 5E shall remain the same, it being the sole intent of this ordinance to amend and change the residential and commercial garbage collection fees as set forth herein above.

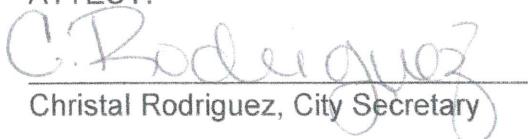
SECTION 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective its final passage and adoption.

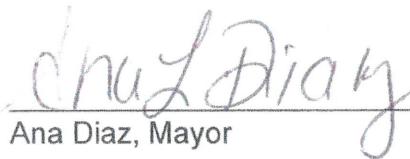
PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS THE 20th DAY OF NOVEMBER,
2025.


Ana Diaz, Mayor

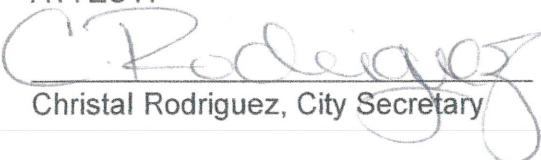
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Christal Rodriguez, City Secretary

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THE SECOND AND FINAL READING THIS THE 11th
DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

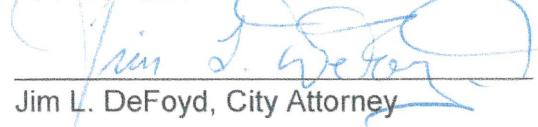

Ana Diaz, Mayor

ATTEST:


Christal Rodriguez, City Secretary



APPROVED:


Jim L. DeFoyd, City Attorney