



City of Jacinto City

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Minutes

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The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on
Thursday, April 9, 2026, 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 Pro Tem Lee; Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Garcia (6:03) and Gonzales;
City Manager Squyres, City Attorney Defoyd and Tawanna Miller (filled in for Secretary Rodriguez)
Mayor Diaz and City Secretary Rodriguez were absent.

2. Mayor & Council Comments:

- Mayor Pro Tem & Council wished everyone a great weekend.

3. Public Comments:

- There were no public comments at this time.

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

- Criminal Investigations: An aggravated assault with a deadly weapon occurred in March; the incident is currently under active investigation with a suspect identified and being pursued.
- Routine Operations: The Chief of Police reviewed routine monthly operational statistics.
- A previously reported officer-involved incident case in Houston has been officially closed.
- Code Enforcement & Compliance: In partnership with the "Keep Jacinto City Clean" Committee, the Department is actively addressing high grass and junk vehicle reports, with citations being issued in coordination with code enforcement.
- Councilman Rivas, City Manager Squyres, and Chief Ayala engaged in a brief discussion regarding code enforcement protocols, specifically reviewing potential considerations for residents facing financial or personal hardships. The dialogue focused on aligning compliance goals with community support measures, discussing a balanced approach between enforcing ordinance standards and providing flexibility for vulnerable citizens. City Manager Squyres assured that the majority of the code enforcement cases do not fall in this category.

Public Works: Thomas Rogers

- Wastewater Treatment Plant: Finishing up concrete work.
- Storm Drain Project: Ongoing construction is active at the Kilroy & Switzer location.
- Training: Daniel from Parks & Rec. Department and Ramiro will be attending pyro training classes, and additional staff will be sent to vector mosquito control training.
- Facilities Maintenance: Landscaping improvements were completed, with flowers planted outside the annex building.

Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis

- Residents are encouraged to contact the fire department for assistance, regardless of the situation, such as a senior experiencing a lack of air conditioning, food, or water. The fire department is committed to providing help in any way possible and are encouraged to share this information with others.

City Hall: Kathy Greiner

- No report at this time.

Heritage Hall: Elizabeth Flores

- No report at this time.

Parks & Recreation: Ivan Rojas

- All routine grounds maintenance is up to date.
- The splash pad is open.
- Preparation of the pool & pool area is in progress in preparation for the summer season launch.
- Active recruitment for qualified lifeguards is underway

City: City Manager Lon Squyres

- We have significantly improved the lifeguard recruitment & retention, by implementing a "win-win" incentive program. In addition to competitive base pay, lifeguards earn \$20 an hour in cash directly from residents for private pool parties, similar to hiring police officers for private Town Center parties. This initiative has been a "game changer," resulting in no complaints from renters and greatly improving the lifeguard staffing situation.
- We had a productive meeting with senior directors from Harris County Public Health, establishing a positive partnership and outlining new collaborative initiatives including:
- Vector Control Partnership: While HCPH does not provide nuisance mosquito spraying (only spraying upon detection of diseases like Culex or dengue), they are assisting the city by hosting a licensed insecticide application training class at the Jacinto City Town Center. This will benefit our local restaurants by providing an opportunity for business and will benefit the city by enhancing local staff expertise at a local city facility.
- Interlocal Agreement (ILA): A new ILA will come before the city council in the coming months, defining how the county will work with and around Jacinto City.
- Legislative Challenges: City Manager Squyres spoke on the negative impact of recent state legislation (SB 1008) favored by the Texas Restaurant Association, which restricts cities from charging local fees for alcohol permits if state permits are already paid
- Local parks and residential areas, including near Lane Park, will be used as beta-test site for mosquito insecticides in the near future. The study involves placing equipment in these areas to count mosquito insecticide effectiveness. Residents are advised to leave these testing devices undisturbed.

Jacinto City Branch Library: Nyla Vela

- Not in attendance.

6. Unfinished Business:

- a. None

7. New Business:

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

Stephanie Harris presented the report, thanked the city and opened the floor for questions.

- "Good Evening, Mayor and Counsel, Mayor Pro Tem and Council. Again, my name is Stephanie Harris. I have the pleasure or honor of serving as the engagement partner for the City of Jacinto City for the audit for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025. Very pleased again to say this year that we are issuing an unmodified opinion on the city's financial statements again unmodified being the highest level assurance we can provide. Financial statements are materially correct and that all disclosure required were included. There were two new GASB pronouncements this year. First one was GASB 101 related to compensated absences. This did change up a long term liability for the city. Previously, it would have been based solely on what was paid to an employee upon separation. Now, uh, it encompasses more than that. It's more, it's not only what would be paid, but of all the time that has been earned that will roll over, what do you anticipate will be utilized in the coming year is also now part that liability. Uh, the next one was GASB 102, certain risk disclosures. This had no material impact on the city's financial statements. All right, for the highlights for the fiscal year 2025, uh, you saw an overall positive net increase in your net position of approximately 3.6 million, And that also, uh, was a result of additional grant activity that the city had during the year, as it relates to CDBG, and incurring allowable expenditures related to previous coronavirus state and local physical recovery funds. The expenditures at the government wide level were very comparable to the prior year at \$12.7 million for both governmental and business type activities. In terms of just evaluating the overall health, again, the ending fund balance for the city's general fund was 6.8 million. Of that, 5.7 was unassigned, and that represented approximately 50% of your 2025 operating expenditures. Above the benchmark, as of year end, a very healthy fund balance going into 2026. We also did conduct a single audit for 2025. The threshold was raised from the prior year previously would have been

\$750,000. It's now \$1 million. This city still qualified for a single audit. You had total federal expenditures of 3.9 million. Of that 3.9 million, we tested that coronavirus state and local physical recovery fund. Very pleased to say based on our testing that we have also issued an unmodified opinion on the city's compliance with its major federal grant program. Again, the audit is an evolving process as we evaluate new, GASB pronouncements as we look at new ways, and adopt new methodology. Want to thank staff, uh, patience, and cooperation during the audit process, you responded timely to our request. Certainly appreciate all those efforts.”

- *City Manager Squyres spoke on the difficult timeline in order to comply with state requirements.*
- *Councilman Rivas had a couple of questions, which were addressed by Ms. Harris and City Manager Squyres.*

Mayor Pro Tem Lee adjourned the meeting at 6:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Rodriguez
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City Secretary

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