



City of Jacinto City

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MAYOR
ANA DIAZ

Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on
Thursday, May 14, 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 Diaz; Council Members Rivas, Robinson, Lee, Garcia and Gonzales;
City Manager Squyres, City Attorney Defoyd and City Secretary Rodriguez.

2. Mayor & Council Comments:

- Mayor and Council thanked everyone for being present and expressed cheery sentiments on so many employees being in attendance, advised keeping children busy during the summer and advised everyone to be careful with the summer heat.

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 Lee & Seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve the April 9th Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Vote: For: 5, Against: 0

5. Reports/Announcements of City Departments:

Police: Chief Joe Ayala

- The department has been extremely busy dealing with shoplifting in the city. Suspects are reportedly working in groups, and several people were recently arrested & charged after being taken to jail. They are making progress with the help of Flock cameras and residents reporting suspicious activity. The Police Department is also addressing numerous ordinance violations involving unhealthy property conditions.
- Mayor Diaz spoke with Chief Ayala regarding ensuring the collaboration of the Police Department and the Code Enforcement Officer to address the High Grass Nuisances.

Public Works: Thomas Rogers

- The department has been busy with normal maintenance.
- The majority of piles of dirt from the 100 blocks are expected to be removed by Tuesday.
- The wastewater treatment plant project is progressing smoothly, the valve is being changed out, and clarifier parts are expected to arrive by the end of next month.
- Last week, a walk-through was conducted for the Phase 4 water project, That's the project involving installing a waterline beneath the railroad, which has been completed.
- Mr. Beto Perez is retiring on the 29th after 26 years of service. Public Works will organize something for him and will provide updates on plans. Twenty-six years is a long time. It really shows team character.
- Next week is Public Works Week. Some of the Public Works team were present, and Thomas had them introduce themselves as there are several new faces. Staff members introduced themselves, shared their roles, time with the city and expressed appreciation for working for the city.
-Alcario Banda, Alex Castillo, Ramiro Chavero, Isaac Jones, Daniel Delgado, Daniel Arroyo, Carter Fowler, Hayden Fowler, and Javier Duran.
- Mayor Diaz and Council all expressed their appreciation to the staff members for their hard work and dedication to the city.

Fire: Captain Mike Bodak

- No report at this time.

City Hall: Kathy Greiner

- No report at this time.

Heritage Hall: Elizabeth Flores

- No report at this time.

Parks & Recreation: Ivan Rojas

- Not in attendance.

Jacinto City Branch Library: Nyla Vela

- Not in attendance.

6. Unfinished Business:

- a. None

7. New Business:

- a. Mayor Diaz to Administer Oaths of Office to Unopposed Candidates Elected by Ordinance 2026-1 on March 12, 2026.

Jacinto City Mayor, Ana Diaz, Administered Oaths of Office to Unopposed Candidates, JJ Rivas for Council Member Position 1, Gregg Robinson for Council Member Position 2 and Allen Lee for Council Member Position 3, Elected by Ordinance 2026-1 on March 12, 2026.

- b. Mayor & Council to consider and appoint Mayor Pro Tem.

-Mayor Diaz explained that Councilmember Lee should be reappointed as Mayor Pro Tem for a second term, to comply with the bank's request to avoid changing the appointed representative every year due to the extensive paperwork involved.

***Motion to appoint Councilmember Lee for a second term, Made by Council Member: Robinson**

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

***Favor: 5/0**

- c. Mayor and Council to consider First Reading of Ordinance 2026-2 Setting Salary for Mayor & Council.

-First Reading read by City Attorney Defoyd.

***Motion to Leave the salary the same as last year at \$400 per month, plus \$425 Auto Allowance for the Mayor, Made by Council Member: Robinson**

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

***Favor: 5/0**

***Motion to Leave the salary the same as last year at \$350 per month, plus \$425 Auto Allowance for the Council, Made by Council Member: Garcia**

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

***Favor: 5/0**

- d. Mayor & Council to consider and adopt by Resolution 2026-9R the Harris County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

-City Manager Squyres provided a synopsis of the plan, explaining that the city must adopt this hazard mitigation plan in order to qualify for future mitigation grants. Because the city already participates in the Harris County-wide plan, it currently has \$10.6 million in construction projects underway funded through mitigation programs. The plan has been updated over the past 1.5-2 years with input from nearly every city in Harris County. It outlines strategies to better prepare for disasters and threats such as flooding, hurricanes, terrorism, power plant incidents, and other emergencies. Adopting the plan ensures the city remains eligible for future mitigation funding opportunities.

-Resolution 2026-9R read by City Attorney Defoyd.

-City Manager Squyres addressed a concern voiced by Councilman Rivas regarding compliance.

***Motion to amend Capital Outlay Budget, Made by Council Member: Garcia**

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

***Favor: 5/0**

e. Mayor & Council to consider approving revisions to the City's Purchasing/Procurement Policy.

-Synopsis provided by City Manager Squyres explaining that the city was audited by the Texas General Land Office (GLO) because it recently received three new DRRP grants that had been reassigned from other cities, often because those cities failed to spend the money on time or comply with requirements. The GLO turns to smaller, efficient cities that can act quickly and complete projects. As part of the audit, the GLO reviewed the city's purchasing policies and found they generally met federal standards but needed updates to align with newer requirements under CFR 200, the federal regulations governing grant spending. To ensure compliance, the city worked with GrantWorks, a company that manages and tracks grant finances, to create an updated purchasing policy that the GLO has already approved. City Manager Squyres noted that the updated policy is very similar to what the city has successfully used for years on federally funded projects. Staying compliant with CFR 200 is critical because it allows the city to continue receiving grants, completing infrastructure projects, and accessing FEMA funding. Without compliance, the city could lose future grant opportunities and be unable to continue projects such as installing water or drainage pipes.

***Motion to approve revisions to the City's Purchasing/Procurement Policy, Made by Council Member: Robinson**

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

***Favor: 5/0**

f. Mayor & Council to authorize the City of Jacinto City to solicit Requests for Proposals (RFP) for the:
WWTP Digest Project GLO-25-109-001-F043 phase 3,
Lane Street Sewer Line Project GLO-25-109-002-F214,
Fixed Communications Equipment Project GLO-25-109-003-F215.

-Synopsis provided by City Manager Squyres explaining that Jacinto city received these three DRRP grants because of its strong track record managing and spending grant funds efficiently. Other cities were unable to use the money in time, so the GLO specifically invited Jacinto City to apply. Each grant is worth \$2 million.

One of them will improve emergency communications and backup power systems. It includes installing new generators for both the annex building and the fire station, replacing the fire station's outdated 22-23-year-old generator. The city also plans to upgrade the radio system to a P25-compliant system, which will make communication with other departments much easier and more effective

The next one is the lane street sewer line project, which is meant to fix serious sewer overflows that happen after large storms; the city is addressing the problem by installing a new \$2 million sewer line with greater capacity to carry more sewer water to the treatment plant.

The last one is the digesters originally from sewer plant project, which exceeded bids by a couple million dollars, so they removed the digester portion and moved it into a separate DRRP grant project to keep the original project within its \$5.3 million budget. This new project will complete work already underway at the sewer plant. It is the third major sewer plant project in a short period: one was recently completed, another is currently in progress through later this year, and this new fast-track project must be finished by next April.

All these projects we're going to be working on will be fast-tracked.

***Motion to authorize the City of Jacinto City to Solicit RFPs, Made by Council Member: Gonzales**

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

***Favor: 5/0**

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Christal Rodriguez
City Secretary