



# City of Jacinto City

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MAYOR  
ANA DIAZ

## Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on  
Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the  
Council Chamber at 10301 Market Street.

### 1. Call to Order: at 6:01 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, Garcia and Gonzales;  
City Manager Squyres and City Secretary Rodriguez.  
City Attorney Defoyd and Council Member Lee were absent.

### 2. Mayor & Council Comments:

- Mayor and Council thanked the community for being in attendance and reaffirmed their commitment to prioritizing the city's best interests.

### 3. Public Comments:

- Eric Sanchez: Spoke regarding a personal Jacinto City Court Case from 2023 presenting a photocopy of his personal court documentation, to Mayor and Council. He spoke regarding being able to have trust in the city personnel and shared personal experiences he's had with one of the city's officers and his work history dating back to his previous employment city.
- Robert Hernandez: Spoke regarding a recent news report he saw regarding Flood Control, FEMA Flood Maps, and Flood Insurance and requested for insights from the city.  
-City Manager Squyres shared that there are FEMA Flood Maps that are being revised and are currently available for Public Comments. He also shared a map of Hunting Bayou on the screens and explained the proposal for a canal, to correct the flooding problem, that Jacinto City shared with Harris County Flood Control at their last Bond Election. Harris County Flood Control agreed with Jacinto City's Proposal but regrettably did not have sufficient fund to execute the project due to having used their funds on research. He encouraged everyone to mention the Hunting Bayou Canal to anyone from Flood Control or Precinct 2.
- Isreal Garza: Came to voice concerns regarding a recently published article from the Chronicle, regarding a proposed data center moving into 4202 Fidelity. He stated that he grew up very close to the location and shared some memories of growing up next to the old glass facility. He also shared some of his experiences as part of Harris County Pollution Control, and voiced concerns about what type of business could potentially move in and what effects it could have on the community. He requested that Mayor and Council keep the residents' welfare in mind as they review what type of business is allowed to move into the city.
- Wayne Nichols: Spoke regarding concerns of speed drivers on Lane Street. He mentioned that when the street was re-black-topped only two speedbumps were replaced. He requested the city to consider reinstalling additional speed bumps, if financially feasible.

### 4. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting(s): 4/23/2026 & 5/14/2026

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson & Seconded by Council Member Garcia to approve the April 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Vote: For: 4, Against: 0

### 5. Reports/Announcements of City Departments:

#### Police: Chief Joe Ayala

- No Report at this time.

#### Public Works: Thomas Rogers

- The department has been busy with normal maintenance of the water and wastewater plant.

- The contractors are progressing well at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and have completed both contact basins. The clarifiers are expected to be installed within the next couple of weeks, which will complete this portion of the project.
- The Storm Water Project is progressing well. We met with the county this week and received answers regarding the approach for the Turkey Run Gully. As a result, we will be making larger tie-ins to the drainage system in that area, which is a much-needed improvement. We are also upsizing the pipes.
- We are currently in mosquito season, so we have been spraying 2 to 3 times a week, depending on the rain and the wind. We have been actively spraying for about a month now.
- We have had several employees attending training this week. In addition, Alex successfully passed his exam and received his license today, giving us another licensed Mosquito Operator on staff.
- As hurricane season approaches, we have been conducting our usual preparedness efforts, including checking generators and other essential equipment to make sure everything is ready for the season.

**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**

- I'd just like to remind everyone that summertime is here so it's going to be hot outside, the pool and splash pad are now open. Our Kids Summer Program also begins next week; we still have a few spots available. If anyone is interested, please stop by the gym to register your children; the program fills up quickly.

**Jacinto City Branch Library: Nyla Vela**

- Not in attendance.

**City: City Manager Lon Squyres**

"There was an article that came out in the newspaper a week or two ago in Chronicle saying that Jacinto City was going to get a data center. The interesting thing about that article is, they never talked to Jacinto City. They didn't talk to anybody at this table. They didn't talk to me; they didn't talk to any of our staff. Had they spoken with us. They would have been told what I'm going to tell you tonight. The only conversation we've had with anybody related to data centers is, the owner of the property at Fidelity called and asked us about what the zoning was for that site, and they were told it was heavy industry. A data center does fall into a heavy industrial zone because some of them have high water usage. Some of them have high noise and all those kinds of things. Nobody has said Google Data Center, Bitcoin Data Center, anybody like that is considering coming to Jacinto City, we have not heard that at all. So, when we saw the article and then we started getting some of your calls and others, literally from around the nation, people are calling because not only do some of you folks have concerns, but it's not just a neighborhood thing, it's on a national scale, became very political, political also. So we've taken a step back, consulted with the mayor, and I've basically been assigned to go learn about data centers and be ready just in case we ever face that day, to know, do we need to prevent them, or are they good, are they bad, or the ugly, all those things going on. So, what I can tell you is, as we said, no data center that we're aware of is heading for Jacinto City. The owner of the property has contracted with an agent for the property. And this agent did make a brochure, basically, a digital brochure to market that site for a data center. It just like a realtor would say, hey, this house would be good for a three, you know, three-person family. Look at the picture of this house. Well, this one talks about the natural gas line, the oxygen line, how many megawatts of service, how close they are to the, I think there's 5 fiber optic companies, in close proximity. It puts more information out there than you want to know about the site, probably. So that's as far as anybody has taken it to the city's knowledge as to moving towards having a data center in Jacinto City. That's not the only effort that's going on to fill that property. There's another company that is out scouting for that property and trying to find tenants. I know of at least 2 other companies. One that has talked to us. We've had, I think, 3 meetings with them so far, and I believe we're probably going to be meeting in person. They're flying here from Los Angeles next, I think on Wednesday, the 10th of June. Their engineers are coming in to look at the site and talk to our building officials and see if it would fit for what they want to do. And from everything I understand, they're the odds-on favorite right now and they are not a data center. They've got nothing to do with AI. They've got nothing to do with data centers whatsoever. It's a proprietary process that they've come up with to do something. And, yeah, because of that, we can't really discuss it, but it has, again, nothing whatsoever to do with data centers. And that looks like it's the odds-on favorite. We have learned some things about data centers, though. Miss Greiner and I went and visited 3 of them in the Houston area, one off Lyons, one a Hardy, one Downtown Houston, sound meter in hand, and they weren't as loud as we thought they'd be. They actually would not be a nuisance at all in our neighborhoods even. That's just 3 and they're small. They're not the mega data centers, these grand data centers that you hear about, though. I was at the emergency management conference in Fort Worth the last several days. On my way there, I took half a day and drove all around data centers. I don't know if you've heard of the town in Red Oak before, south of the Metroplex, the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex. They've got like 5 of them either there or being built. The Google one that they have, there's the largest and the

oldest and it's functioning. I literally took a sound meter up and walked their fence line and it was really, really low. I was shocked at how low it was, well within our ordinance percent, and nobody was bothered by it. I then went and knocked on a lot of doors and talked to a lot of neighbors, talked to people that were walking, talked to people that were working in their yard. The only complaint anybody had, there were 2 things; *I sure miss seeing that farm over there* because that's what it was before it was a Google data center. And then, when they were building it, *it sure was dusty* because they were, you know, churning up all that farmland. And so that when the wind was the right direction, it was very irritating to the neighbors. But now that it's built, they're not hearing hums, they're not hearing fans, not hearing motors, they're not hearing anything whatsoever. The other thing I learned about, some of the concerns, water, you can force them to have what's called a closed loop system, just like your car, has a radiator and uses ethylene glycol for cooling. The city could pass an ordinance if that day ever came that we had to deal with data center saying, no, you're not going to have an open loop system that uses millions of gallons. Instead, you can make them have a closed loop system, which brings that down to what you would get at basically a small Walmart shop, something along those lines. It's typically like a million gallons per month instead of per day, is the difference. The other big piece of the puzzle, that I was pleased to see, and I do not brag on the Texas Legislature very often, I detest a lot of what they do actually to cities, but what they did last session for data centers, or you could say against data centers, it said that if you're going to bring a data center or any other large hyper user of electricity into an area, you have to bring your power with you. You have to pay for the infrastructure along with this company. So, on this one in Red Oak; I learned that the newest one that they're going to build, they had to bring in \$72000000 worth of electrical grid infrastructure to have that data center there. They also have to have backup, an, in case we have another freeze, kind of situation, and shut power down. SB6, that same Senate bill, basically says that, no, you're not going to shut down the resident's power; you have to be on backup of your own because you're not going to be on the grid. We're going to take you off the grid, Mr. data center, not the residents. So, I find that encouraging. I talked to the city manager of Red Oak, and he told me that even though the Google Center was built prior to SB6, the last winter storm they had, they voluntarily took themselves off the grid just to prevent those kinds of problems. I think they're getting smart enough to know that they're getting a bad name so they're probably trying to clean up their own situation a little bit and curtail that bad reputation that they may be getting. So that's a little bit about what I learned about data centers. What I'm also going to tell you, though, is that we've got one, two, three, four of us that live or our family lives within a block block-and-a-half of that building, the Fidelity glass plant. We've got one that his grandchild has a babysitter, a block-and-a-half from that glass plant. We've got another council member that his family lives about a block, block-and-a-half from the plant, and another one that has a church, that he's a minister of, that's 3 blocks away from that plant. We have to live with that. Every one of us at this table has to listen to it. Whatever's down there. We have to smell it, whatever's down there. If the wind blows our direction, we have to tolerate it. These pretty smart folks, at this table, are not going to let something happen in this city that's going to be detrimental to our citizens and detrimental to their own kids and grandkids, for that matter. So, I just want to put that out. I know some of y'all probably want to speak on the data center situation. If there ever is an opportunity where somebody thinks that they're going to put a data center in, I think I know our Mayor and Council well enough to know that we will be having some public hearings about that. It probably won't be in this building; it'll probably be down at town center because there's going to be a huge public interest in it."

## 6. Unfinished Business:

- a. Mayor and Council to consider Second & Final Reading of Ordinance 2026-2 Setting Salary for Mayor & Council.

*-Second & Final Reading read by City Manager Squyres*

**\*Motion to Leave the salary the same as last year at \$400 per month, plus \$425 Auto Allowance for the Mayor, and \$350 per month, plus \$425 Auto Allowance for the Council, Made by Council Member: Rivas**

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

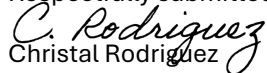
**\*Favor: 4/0**

## 7. New Business:

- b. None.

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Christal Rodriguez

City Secretary