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Minutes

The Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session on
Thursday, June 11, 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, and City Secretary Rodriguez. City Attorney Defoyd was absent.

2. Mayor & Council Comments:

- Councilmember Rivas had a few questions for City Manager Squyres.
 - *Are there any updates to concerns mentioned last council meeting regarding data centers?*
City Manager Squyres replied that there has been no interest or inquiries from any data center companies regarding the Fidelity Road site or any other location in Jacinto City. Regarding the property at 4202 Fidelity Road (the former glass factory site), However there is a different company that is not related to data centers in any way that has shown interest. City Manager Squyres, Kathy, Thomas, Eric and our city's contract engineer met with the company and engineering team on-site yesterday and the company appears to have a serious interest in occupying the property. Additionally, City officials discussed taking a proactive and thorough approach to evaluating any proposal. This includes reviewing the company's reputation and track record, visiting existing facilities where the company operates, and examining comparable operations in other communities. The goal is to ensure a clear understanding of the business and its potential impacts before moving forward, minimizing the risk of unforeseen issues in the future. Councilman Rivas and City Manager Squyres then conversed about a report Councilman Rivas saw on the news regarding a different city in Texas that is trying to manage dealing with a data center.
 - *Have you heard anything about the news report regarding GLO sitting on about \$320,000,000 in grants?*
City Manager Squyres replied that we are currently managing five GLO grants, two of which expire early next year, and all projects are on track. Three of those are GLO DRRP grants which were reassigned from other entities that failed to use the funds. We are working diligently to complete those on time, as we have been informed that extensions are not possible. One is the sewer plant digesters, which were overpriced in the original bid, have been put back out for bids. The item is expected to appear on the agenda at the next council meeting. A pre-bid conference was held yesterday and several bidders attended. The other one is an emergency communication grant. We're going to be restructuring our radio system, replacing an emergency generator here and at the fire station and several other small projects. And then the third is replacing the sewer line that runs down Lane Street, basically all the way from Mercury, all the way down to where it turns up to come to the plant.

- Councilmember Garcia also had a few questions.
 - *Are the city's storm drains prepared for the rainfall expected next week.*
Director Rogers replied that Public Works stays in constant readiness for heavy rain, with 24/7 on-call staff, prepared contractors, fueled pumps, and proactive storm-water protections.
 - *Is the city expected to host a "Tire Round Up" anytime soon?*
City Manager Squyres replied that the city no longer does a day event for roundups due to a high number of residents missing the date, instead efforts to keep tires out of Jacinto City have shifted to collecting at the resident's property. Each property is allowed collection of four tires, noncommercial, regular automotive tires with no rims, once a year. The collection is cataloged in dataset, and the city picks up the tab for disposing of those tires.
- Councilmember Robinson, Lee and Gonzales thanked everyone for being in attendance and asked everyone to be careful with the summer heat.
- Mayor Diaz was interactive throughout the meeting.

3. Public Comments:

- Eric Sanchez:
 - Spoke again on an arrest experience he had with Houston Police Officers, at his place of residence in Jacinto City, in 2025.
 - Additionally, he provided an update on his communications with their Internal Affairs and visit to the Commissioner's Court.

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 May 28th Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Vote: For: 5, Against: 0

5. Reports/Announcements of City Departments:

Police: Chief Joe Ayala

- The chief reviewed the monthly statistics with the Mayor & Council.
- The police department has been very active, at least four officers & telecommunicators will be recognized at the next council meeting, for their outstanding work in responding to and helping to apprehend felony suspects. Their efforts contributed to solving multiple serious incidents this month, including a robbery, two aggravated assaults involving deadly weapons (one involving a vehicle and another involving a pistol), and a robbery involving a senior citizen whose personal property was taken after a suspect forced entry into a vehicle. With assistance from residents who provided information on the suspect's direction of travel, officers were able to quickly locate and apprehend the suspects. The department plans to formally recognize those involved at the next council meeting.
- The department is actively addressing Unhealthy Conditions.

Jacinto City Branch Library: Nyla Vela

- The summer reading program has started, and everyone can sign up, including adults, kids, and teens. Prizes can be earned for every 10 books read or listen to; Prizes are dinosaur theme this year.
- The library also offers various fun events and programs.
- Efforts are underway to assist Ivan with the Summer Program.

Public Works: Thomas Rogers

- The wastewater treatment plant is progressing well. Major clarifier components have been received; one clarifier has been decommissioned and gutted faster than expected.
- Pre-bidding for the digester occurred this week.
- The contractors for the storm drains are progressing well, despite issues with rain. They have removed most of the dirt from the dead end of the 100 block, which had been building up. During the monthly meeting, we discussed flagging and keeping the streets clean due to excess mud from the construction. The contractors are aware of the problems caused by rain, and communication is ongoing to address any upcoming rain events to manage the situation effectively.
- Inspectors checked our groundwater storage tank. This happens every year, and every five years, we take it down to inspect the inside. It's just routine work; we did receive some inquiries about it.

- We've been spraying mosquitoes regularly due to high activity and are monitoring the grass due to rainy conditions.

Fire: Intermediate Chief Mo Davis

- No in attendance

City Hall: Kathy Greiner

- No report at this time.

Heritage Hall: Elizabeth Flores

- No report at this time.

Parks & Recreation: Ivan Rojas

- Many people are using the pool this summer, especially since Galena Park's pool is closed.
- The splash pad is currently closed due to damage from a storm last Thursday. Technicians have looked at it and ordered parts, with hopes of starting repairs tomorrow. We are getting a lot of people from a lot of places.
- The summer program has about 20-21 kids attending; The library joins us every summer and does programs with them also.
- Mayor Diaz mentioned that she noticed that the baseball fields and the tennis courts are also very busy.

6. Unfinished Business:

- a. None

7. New Business:

- a. Mayor & Council to consider First Reading of Ordinance 2026-3 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Section 1C(2) Water Service Rates inside City Limits: Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith: Establishing Effective Date.

-City Manager explained that the city of Houston is raising water rates on an annual basis. This represents the city of Houston, raising the rates that they charge water. Jacinto City is forced to purchase 80% of our water from the city of Houston because of the Harris County subsidence district and we just can't continue to absorb that; prompting this ordinance.

The city passes on an 8% elevation cost.

-Ordinance Read by City Manager Squyres.

-A small discussion ensued regarding the rate increase history and the city of Houston's ability to charge us; followed by praise for our Public Work's Department for their swift action in correcting any city water/sewer problems.

***Motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance 2026-3, Made by Council Member: Garcia**

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

***Favor: 5/0**

- b. Mayor & Council to consider and authorize RFP/RFQ for a potential TWDB Grant Application.

-Synopsis provided by City Manager Squyres explaining that The Texas Water Development Board, under direction from the Texas Legislature, established a highly competitive grant program totaling approximately \$500 million statewide. For cities of our size, about \$71 million is available, and we intend to pursue a \$10 million grant. After consulting with GrantWorks, our engineers, and others, we believe the application is well worth the effort, particularly since there is no cost to apply. If awarded, the funding would be used to replace aging water infrastructure in the most problematic sections of Jacinto Oaks, beginning near Belin and Serpentine. Addressing these water line issues is a critical first step, as street, sidewalk, and other infrastructure improvements cannot proceed until the underlying utilities are repaired. Based on current engineering assessments, \$10 million should allow us to complete this priority area, with the potential to expand the project scope if funding and conditions permit.

***Motion to authorize the issuance of an RFP/RFQ for grant administrative services for the Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant Program administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), Made by Council Member: Lee**

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

***Favor: 5/0**

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Rodriguez".

Christal Rodriguez
City Secretary