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Minutes

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

2. Mayor & Council Comments:

- Mayor Diaz and all Councilmembers expressed their appreciation for the excellent work completed in support of the Fourth of July Fireworks & Pool Events.
- A concern was raised regarding vehicle and pedestrian safety on the High Road during the fireworks event. City Manager Squyres stated that this concern will be discussed at the annual "Lessons Learned" meeting.
- An inquiry was made regarding the possibility of waiving the pool admission fee for the Fourth of July event. The request will be reviewed and evaluated.

3. Public Comments:

- Eric Sanchez:
-Spoke on the importance of clear, reliable information and the critical role of trust & accountability among those serving in government, by sharing examples of his personal experiences.
- Guadalupe Aguilera:
-Shared her concerns & opposition regarding Data Centers and requested clarification on the agenda/minutes posting process.

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

A motion was made by Council Member Robinson & Seconded by Council Member Gonzales to approve the June 25th & July 2nd Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Vote: For: 4, Against: 0

5. Reports/Announcements of City Departments:

City: City Manager Lon Squyres

- City Manager Squyres provided an update regarding the 4202 Fidelity Site stating that company that seems to be the front runner asked us not to disclose what they make or what they do, but the city has been involved in making sure that they'll be a good partner for the community. City Manager Squyres explained that he traveled out of town over the holiday weekend to visit a competitor's facility and evaluate whether a similar proposed plant would create issues such as odors, noise, or other impacts. After walking the property line and measuring noise levels at about 62 decibels, they found the facility to be quiet—comparable to normal outdoor ambient sound—and neither he nor his wife felt it would be bothersome as a neighboring property. Although the facility's process differs somewhat from the proposed project, Mr. Squyres believes it provides a reasonable comparison and suggests that a similar facility would likely have minimal impact and be visually acceptable for an industrial site.
- In keeping with the city's commitment to keep the community informed about the Fidelity site, City Manager Squyres shared an update. Yesterday, he spoke with someone who works at the currently vacant facility. They mentioned that, very early in the process, they believe either the group that developed the marketing brochure or representatives from a data center company toured the building. This is information we learned yesterday, and because we've committed to

being transparent, he wanted to share it with everyone. Nothing we've shared previously has changed. To this point, no one has approached the city with a proposal or expressed an interest in developing a data center at the site. He also asked whether they knew which company visited or what their specific plans were. They did not have that information. The only thing they were able to tell us is that they heard the term "data center" and that someone associated with one had looked at the property. At this time, that's all we know, and we'll continue to share any new information with the community as we receive it.

- City Manager Squyres praised the Houston Chronicle for reaching out to him and apologizing for their initial article and wanting to make it right.
- He also recognized the Public Works crew for their efforts in preparing for the fireworks display. He noted that, having performed that work himself for many years, he understands how demanding it is, especially in the summer heat. He expressed his sincere appreciation for the crew's hard work, dedication, and the effort they put into making the event a success.
- Mayor Diaz asked City Manager Squyres to provide a summary of the news station that went to see him.
 - A Channel 11 news crew came to City Hall recently to interview either the mayor or the city manager about the data center issue. The Mayor was out of town therefore, she asked City Manager Squyres to do the interview in her stead. City Manager Squyres felt the reporters were professional, aimed for accuracy, and did a good job, he had no complaints about the coverage.

Police: Chief Joe Ayala

- No report at this time.

Jacinto City Branch Library: Nyla Vela

- Not in attendance.

Public Works: Thomas Rogers

- The wastewater treatment plant project is progressing well. The first clarifier is nearly complete, and all the parts for the second clarifier have arrived, allowing the crew to move forward. Overall, the project is looking good, and the team is doing an excellent job.
- The stormwater project is also moving along well. We've been working closely with the contractor to ensure barricades remain in place, the streets are kept clean, and the project area stays safe and orderly.
- The Public Works crews have been busy with their regular seasonal duties, including mowing, mosquito spraying, and other routine maintenance throughout the community.
- We also hosted the Fourth of July fireworks celebration this past weekend, and the event went very well. The crew did an outstanding job setting everything up, ensuring the event ran smoothly, and handling the cleanup afterward. Director Rogers stated that he is very proud of the team's hard work and the job they did.

Fire: Interim Chief Mo Davis

- Due to the Mayor and Council's support, the fire department's new ambulance is in and will soon be equipped with a state-of-the-art power stretcher. The new stretcher automatically loads into the ambulance at the push of a button, reducing heavy lifting, helping prevent back injuries for fire department personnel, and making it more comfortable for patients. The department expressed gratitude to everyone whose generosity made the upgrade possible and invited Mayor and Council to view the ambulance after the meeting.
- Thanked Public Works and Kevin for using the multi-purpose vehicle successfully as intended. Interim Chief Davis explained that the removable tray has been especially useful for preparing for bad weather and was later reinstalled for use during the fireworks.
- Expressed appreciation to the Mayor and Council for their support and stating that they acquired two high-quality vehicles and invited everyone to take a look at them.

City Hall: Kathy Greiner

- No report at this time.

Heritage Hall: Elizabeth Flores

- No report at this time.

Parks & Recreation: Ivan Rojas

- The pool was open for 4th of July and hit full capacity.
- The parts for the Splash Pad arrived and the Splash Pad is fully operational now.
- The original estimate to replace the Electronic Control Box was about \$18,000. Mr. Rojas was able to find the necessary replacement parts after making some phone calls to Canada for under \$5,000.
- Mayor Diaz shared that she is happy the kids are enjoying the Splash Pad and the Pool.

6. Unfinished Business:

- a. None

7. New Business:

- a. Mayor & Council to Consider Resolution 2026-11R Authorizing the Award of Administrative/Project Delivery Service Provider Contract(S) for the TWDB Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant.
-Synopsis by City Manager Squyres. *The city is pursuing a \$10 million grant from the Texas Water Development Board to replace and improve water infrastructure. Texas recently proposed \$500 million for water infrastructure projects, with \$71 million set aside for small cities, making the program highly competitive. We're strong at writing grants, but we already have a full workload managing the grants we've been awarded. Because of that, we need to hire a company that specializes in both grant writing and grant management. It's a very short-term project. Preparing the proposal also requires an engineer to develop the project cost estimates and other technical details required. If awarded, the project would replace water mains from Serpentine to at least Belin, from Lane toward the railroad tracks, with the potential to extend farther west if funding allows. This would be the largest grant the city has ever received, surpassing the current largest grant of \$5.3 million. The City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for grant writing services and followed all required federal procurement procedures. GrantWorks was the only firm that responded. A scoring committee consisting of liaison to the city administration from council, Mr. Robinson, City Manager, City Secretary, and Public Works Director evaluated the proposal and unanimously recommended awarding the contract to GrantWorks to prepare and administer the grant application.*
***Motion to Approve Resolution 2026-11R, Made by Council Member: Rivas**
***Second was made by Council Member: Robinson**
***Favor: 4/0**
- b. Mayor & Council to Consider Resolution 2026-12R Authorizing the Award of Professional Service Provider Contracts for the Texas Water Development Board Program Water Supply and Infrastructure Grants.
-Synopsis by City Manager Squyres. *For engineering services, an RFQ is issued instead of an RFP. Three engineering firms submitted responses, and the same committee recommended LIA Engineering. This is a company that has been doing engineering work for the city for many years. The rationale was not that they are necessarily perfect in every respect, but rather that they are the only firm with the depth of knowledge & familiarity with the city needed to complete the work and submit the application by the tight deadline for a highly competitive application process. The recommendation is for the city council to approve this resolution hiring LIA Engineering.*
*** Motion to Approve Resolution 2026-12R, Made by Council Member: Gonzales**
*** Second was made by Council Member: Rivas**
*** Favor: 4/0**
- c. Mayor & Council to Consider and Authorize RFQ for Independent Auditing Services.
-Synopsis by City Manager Squyres. *The city's previous auditing firm, Belt Harris, was sold two years ago to Crowe, LLP, a national auditing firm. Because auditing services must be selected through a competitive process, the city issues a request for qualifications/proposals every few years; However, the city inherited Crowe as its auditor rather than formally selecting them through that process. The Attorney General's office has increased scrutiny regarding municipal audits, and the city is now being asked to provide engagement letters & related documentation. To maintain absolute integrity, we are strictly following proper procedures and appropriate criteria. This ensures fairness and eliminates any misperception of conflict of interest or favoritism that may stem from prior ownership or relationships. The city plans to issue a new Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to identify qualified audit service providers, including regional and national firms. All interested firms are welcome to submit proposals for consideration. We will evaluate the submissions and present a recommendation to City Council regarding the selection of an audit firm to conduct the review & ensure the accuracy & integrity of the City's financial records. A significant challenge last year is we were under a lot of pressure to complete the audit on time and finished it on the actual deadline. That's why getting this completed earlier & with enough time to address any issues is such a priority.*
-A small conversation ensued regarding ensuring the audits are completed in a timely manner & options the city is considering to facilitate a smoother process.
*** Motion to Authorize RFQ for Independent Auditing Services, Made by Council Member: Robinson**
*** Second was made by Council Member: Lee**
*** Favor: 4/0**

Mayor Diaz adjourned the meeting at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Christal Rodriguez
City Secretary

RESOLUTION 2026-11R

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACINTO CITY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF ADMINISTRATIVE/PROJECT DELIVERY SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACT(S) FOR THE TWDB WATER SUPPLY AND INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT.

WHEREAS the Texas Water Development Board Program contract requires implementation by professionals experienced in completion of state funded administrative services;

WHEREAS, in order to identify qualified and responsive providers for these services a Request for Proposals (RFP) process for administration/project delivery services has been completed in accordance with TWDB requirements;

WHEREAS the proposals received by the due date have been reviewed to determine the most qualified and responsive providers for the professional service;

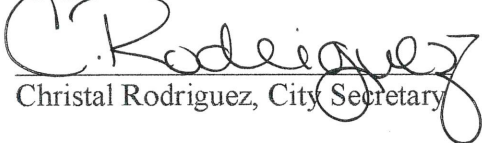
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACINTO CITY, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. That GrantWorks be selected to provide TWDB application and project-related **administration/project delivery services** for the Texas Water Development Board Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant Program.

Section 2. That any and all contracts or commitments made with the above-named service provider are dependent on the successful negotiation of a contract with the service provider.

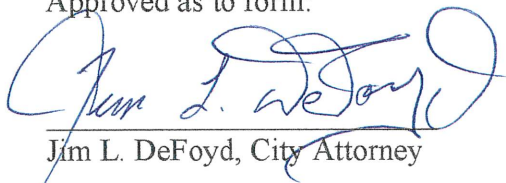
PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Jacinto City, Texas, on this 9th day of July 2026 by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

Attest:


Christal Rodriguez, City Secretary


Ana Diaz, Mayor

Approved as to form:


Jim L. DeFoyd, City Attorney



RESOLUTION 2026-12R

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACINTO CITY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS FOR THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD PROGRAM WATER SUPPLY AND INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS.

WHEREAS the Texas Water Development Board Program (TWDB) contract requires implementation by professionals experienced in completion of federally funded projects;

WHEREAS, in order to identify qualified and responsive providers for these services a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process for engineering services has been completed in accordance with Texas Water Development Board requirements;

WHEREAS the proposals received by the due date have been reviewed to determine the most qualified and responsive providers for the professional service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACINTO CITY, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. That LJA Engineering be awarded a contract to provide TWDB application and **project-related professional engineering/architectural/surveying services** for the Texas Water Development Board Program – Water Supply and Infrastructure Grants project.

Section 2. That any and all contracts or commitments made with the above-named services providers are dependent on the successful negotiation of a contract with the service provider;

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Jacinto City, Texas, on this 9th day of July 2026 by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

Attest:

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Christal Rodriguez, City Secretary

Ana L. Diaz
Ana Diaz, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Jim L. DeFoyd
Jim L. DeFoyd, City Attorney

