



San Jacinto council meetings to return to community center

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Space at the San Jacinto Community Center will be renovated to allow the City Council and city Planning Commission to meet there after using a San Jacinto Unified School District meeting room for 10 years.

The council approved spending up to \$35,000 on the project at a special meeting Tuesday. Councilman Jim Ayres was absent.

The work, which involves removing an interior wall, constructing a dais and installing audio/video equipment, should be finished in time for the council's April 1 meeting.

But Interim City Manager Tim Hults said Wednesday, "The council has decided to move next week" and will use another room in the community center for its March 4 meeting. They will make do with folding tables and chairs and borrowed microphones.

The city started using the school district room when complaints arose about disabled access to the community center. But earlier renovations to the building and parking lot improved accessibility, according to a staff report by Hults.

The renovation will convert space that at one time was an adult day care center. More recently, United Communities Network leased the space with the idea of opening a day care center for children but that idea never came to fruition and the lease expired.

The move will mean less set-up time for the city clerk's staff and the city will also avoid a rental charge that the school district is now charging for use of its room, according to Hults.

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