**Village of Jones Creek**

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**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**The Beautification Committee for the Village of Jones Creek, Texas will hold a Beautification Committee Meeting on November 20, 2024, at the Village Hall Located at 7207 Stephen F. Austin Road beginning at 1:30 p.m. Members of the public are able to attend the meeting in person and via teleconference**.

This written notice, the meeting agenda, is posted online at <http://www.villageofjonescreektexas.com>. The public were permitted to offer public comments telephonically as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. A recording of the telephonic meeting will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request. The matters discussed and acted on at the meeting are as follows:

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

*2:07pm.*

**2. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE**

*Melania Gutierrez led invocation. Pledge led by all.*

**3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

*Nicole Hardesty- Present. Regina Tidwell- Present. Tammy Butler- Present. Melania Gutierrez- Present. Laura Jinkins- Absent. Traci Stowers- Arrived at 2:15 pm.*

**4. COMMUNICATION OF VISITORS (PUBLIC COMMENT)**

Section 551.007 of the Texas Government Code allows a member of the public who desires to address the body regarding an item on an agenda for the Open Meeting of the body to address the body regarding the item at the meeting before or during the body's consideration of the item.

*None.*

**5.** **OLD BUSINESS**

**a.** Discuss and consider accepting the minutes from the meeting held on October 16th, 2024

*Tammy Butler made a motion to accept the minutes. Melania Gutierrez seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

 **b.** Discuss and consider accepting the monthly financial report.

 *Melania Gutierrez made a motion to accept the monthly financial report. Tammy Butler seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

**c.** Discuss and consider any updates on the “adopt a yard”/elder outreach.

*Tabled.*

**d.** Discuss and consider any updates on the pillars of focus for the GCAA requirements.

*Tammy Butler requested to do a workshop in January to finish filling everything out and get it submitted. Nicole Hardesty requested that Lauren Grayson send the documents to Melania Gutierrez so she can put it in a PDF to make it editable. Melania Gutierrez stated that she could make it a PDF and export it to Word. The committee discussed the day a workshop would be held and decided on Tuesday, January 7, 2025. Melania Gutierrez stated that she did speak to the school about doing some environmental lessons and she has some activities and things they could do. She then suggested early January to be able to add it to the things that have been done.*

**e.** Discuss and consider updates on a volunteer clean-up committee that operates under the Beautification Committee.

*Tabled.*

**f.** Discuss and consider updates on fund-raising events, (bracelets, shirts, bake sale).

*Tabled.*

**g.** Discuss and consider updates on craft to accompany” Pancakes with Santa.”

*Nicole Hardesty stated that she did see Jay Wied that morning and he said he had cut about 150 of the slices. Melania Gutierrez stated that she bought gingerbread men, trees, and beads so the kids can decorate, and she has pom poms as well. Tammy Butler responded that she has tons of paint. Nicole Hardesty suggested doing a round thing with 2 googly eyes a red pompom and clothes pins as the ears and she felt that it was really cute. She then stated she could get googly eyes, red pom poms. Tammy Butler offered to go to the Dollar Store and get the sparkly self-adhesive stuff. Nicole Hardesty mentioned that Jay said there was 150 of those things and there won’t be 150 kids here. Tammy Butler commented that they did a lot of crafts last year. Melania Gutierrez suggested they hot glue some twin to the slices instead of drilling the holes as it was breaking them. She then also offered doing them ahead of time. Nicole Hardesty left meeting. Tammy Butler asked Lauren Grayson what time they would need to be here. Lauren Grayson suggested 8:00 am. Nicole Hardesty mentioned that she does have a flat top gas grill that she could bring. Lauren Grayson mentioned she does think there are 3 griddles. Tammy Butler asked if there is already someone set to do the pancakes. Lauren Grayson offered to do them. She then stated that she believes there is already pancake mix and there is syrup in the kitchen as well unopened. Lauren Grayson mentioned that they could get a big bag of the Cresco for $12 and she thinks it makes hundreds of pancakes and if you do it through a 501c they will give half of the money back. She then offered to order it and stated that it would be a 7lb. bag. Regina Tidwell reminded the committee that she was not going to be able to attend. Melania Gutierrez mentioned that she will not be able to attend as well. Tammy Butler stated that she believed Nicole Hardesty was going to be working that day and unable to attend as well. Tammy Butler asked Lauren Grayson if the City Events Committee was going to be able to be there, to which she replied that she did not know. Lauren Grayson stated that she thinks there are plenty of spoons and forks and that she would order the plates and cups.*

**h.** Discuss and consider details for all upcoming city events.

*Pie Sale- Melania Gutierrez asked how many pies she should make to which Regina Tidwell responded as many as she can. The committee then discussed the different types and amounts they were going to bring. Regina Tidwell mentioned that the desserts should be here before 7:30am and Melania Gutierrez stated that she would be here first thing in the morning. Regina Tidwell mentioned that she would bring her Bake Sale sign and Melania Gutierrez stated that she would as well.*

*Christmas in the Creek- Lauren Grayson stated that she would need help with decorating and decorating the kitchen for Pancakes with Santa. She then stated that any decorations would be in the closet in the community center. Tammy Butler asked if there were specific times that she needs help to which Lauren Grayson replied that next week is pretty open for her. Regina Tidwell mentioned that a good plan would be to just show up when you can and decorate for however long you can. Lauren Grayson stated that she wants to have everything done by the 4th.*

1. Discuss and consider exploring grant opportunities for Beautification projects.

*Melania Gutierrez mentioned what she has so far is the Hometown Grant and it would take about a year. She mentioned that she is trying to find grants that have substance to them and will continue looking.*

**j.** Discuss and consider starting the bid process for the electronic sign.

*Regina Tidwell stated that this is on her to start calling but she has been unable to do that but will as soon as possible.*

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**a.** Discuss and consider setting up a day for prepare the inside of the Community Hall for the Holiday events.

*\*Discussed on previous sections.*

**b**. Discuss and consider setting a date to clean Terminal Road.

*Regina Tidwell mentioned that her husband cleaned down there during the Fall Cleanup and he stated that it wasn’t that bad.*

**c.** Discuss and consider the list of grant opportunities that the H-GAC published.

*Lauren Grayson discussed some different grant options that looked promising for the committee to look over and this topic will be put on the next agenda. She mentioned that she did forward the email to the committee members to look over. Tammy Butler requested special focus on the Rural Development Solid Waste Management Grant in Texas, because that one has a looming deadline and they may need to schedule a workshop to try to get that one done.*

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*\*Workshop January 7, 2025*

*\* Grants HGAC*

*\* Scheduling a quarterly evening meeting.*

*\* Partnering with Hungry Free Coalition.*

*\* Discuss and consider any updates on the “adopt a yard”/elder outreach.*

*\** *Discuss and consider updates on a volunteer clean-up committee that operates under the Beautification Committee.*

*\** *Discuss and consider updates on fund-raising events, (bracelets, shirts, bake sale).*

**8. ADJOURN**

*2:44 pm- Tammy Butler made a motion to adjourn. Melania Gutierrez seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this Public Notice was placed on the official Bulletin Board at the City Hall on the 15th day of November 2024 no later than 5:30 p.m.

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 Lauren Grayson, City Secretary

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