**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 January 15, 2025, at the Village Hall Located at 7207 Stephen F. Austin Road beginning at 4:00 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**

*4:06 pm.*

**2. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE**

*Regina Tidwell and her son Ty led the invocation. Pledge led by all.*

**3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

*Traci Stowers- Present. Tammy Butler- Present. Nicole Hardesty- Present. Regina Tidwell- Present. Melania Gutierrez- Present.*

**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 January 9th, 2025.

*Tammy Butler made a motion to accept the minutes for the meeting held on January 9, 2025. Traci Stowers seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

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

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

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

*Committee members discussed continuing to share the sign-up page. The committee also discussed continuing to share the information on the Beautification Committee’s Facebook page.*

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

*Traci Stowers commented that she did share the link to all of the committee members emails and they will need to accept the link. Melania Gutierrez mentioned that it did ask for an exact population number and that she will need that. Lauren Grayson stated that she will have to double check the number and that she would get back to the committee with that. Nicole Hardesty stated that they will need to make sure to have it changed to Lauren Grayson’s log in to ensure that it will be Lauren that is able to submit the forms and if any of the committee members are unable to get in to the document to contact Lauren. The committee decided to create a Google doc to write all of the information to be added so that it can be agreed on what is added to the application. It was decided that there will need to be another meeting before the packet can be turned in. The meeting date was set February 3, 2025, 9:00 am.*

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

*Tabled until further notice.*

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

*Tammy Butler suggested going ahead and purchasing the bracelets so that they can be sold at the bake sales and other functions. Nicole Hardesty said she would go ahead and have them ordered. The committee discussed the date to be set for the Easter bake sale to be April 17, 2025.*

*The committee decided doing a fish fry on June 7, 2025.*

**g.** Discuss and consider exploring grant opportunities for Beautification projects.

*Tabled until the February meeting.*

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

*Regina Tidwell announced that she did call Lake Jackson Civic Center to ask about their sign and discovered that they went through 4-D Sign Works and spoke to Richard Allison there and he is working on a quote, and it would take a couple days. He discussed 10mm vs. 6mm. She said that he did have a lot of information, and the company has been operational since 1958. He discussed the different approaches to how it could be built. Regina then stated that she called Kristen at Richwood City Hall. Nicole Hardesty suggested that Regina contact Andy Ford at Oyster Creek City Hall along with the school district. Regina Tidwell commented that she will have more quotes for the next time the committee meets.*

1. Discuss and consider the list of grant opportunities that the H-GAC published or any other grant opportunities.

*Nicole Hardesty mentioned that she has been looking at the rural grant, the US Agriculture one. She stated that the application is in October, and it would give them more time to complete it and the city does qualify. Tammy Butler mentioned that all that are in that section would be good for the committee to apply for. Nicole Hardesty requested that Lauren Grayson forward the email to the committee so that they can look them over more. Tammy Butler mentioned the children’s activity books would be good as well for when they have to go to the schools and talk. Nicole Hardesty suggested that they get the grant applications for the US Department of Agriculture and look them over to see where they fit in and decide how they want to write those and have them written.*

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**a.** Discuss and consider creating and presenting how to make a sustainable eco system.

*Nicole Hardesty mentioned that it has been discussed that Traci Stowers has a sustainable eco-system with having her birds that she could document, and that Sierra has her chicken house that she is working on that will be an eco-system and have a garden on the back. She stated that they would like to do an event here and bring the chicken coop up and have her eco-system displayed photographically and have the Gritty Farm Girl come and discuss composting. Nicole Hardesty mentioned that it would be good to put this together in conjunction with the Fall Clean-Up to give her and Traci time to get everything together. Nicole Hardesty stated that she would really like for Harvest to be in collaborative with this event if at all possible. The date for the Clean-Up was suggested to be November 1, 2025.*

 **b.** Discuss and consider placing “GATOR CROSSING” signs in areas where they are known to be present.

*Nicole Hardesty stated that she believes this needs to be placed on the City Council meeting agenda and a committee member could present this. It was then requested that Lauren Grayson place it on the next meeting agenda for City Council. The committee discussed placing the sign on the same pole as the Turtle Crossing. Tammy Butler made a motion to present item b. to the City Council. Traci Stowers seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

**c.** Discuss and consider holding an evening event to increase interest in participating in and becoming active members of the committee.

*The committee discussed hosting an event for adults where there is a craft that is made and a meal and mocktails to bring people in to discuss what the committee is doing and potentially getting volunteers. It was suggested to look at dates before Easter and text each other on potential date ideas.*

**d.** Discuss and consider creating surveys to assess litter hot spots and effectiveness of cleanup events.

*The committee discussed creating a pole on one of the Jones Creek Facebook group pages to get lists of the major hot spots that need to be focused on. Another poll idea was on the effectiveness of the committee and the effectiveness of the city-wide clean-ups.*

**e.** Discuss and consider details of organizing freelance metal recyclers to pick up during scheduled events.

*Nicole Hardesty asked if Lauren Grayson could check with Marshal Tidwell to see if there is a metal freelancer that he knows would be willing to leave 1 or 2 of their trailers up here during the clean-up day in April for people to be able to leave their metal scrap metal on.*

**f.** Discuss and consider details for the Spring Citywide Cleanup.

*Regina Tidwell offered to make a flyer for the event and it was suggested to ask A.J. Jinkins to do hot dogs. The committee discussed doing a snake rock craft as well and hopefully having a component of the reduce, reuse, recycle. The committee discussed the clean-up date to be April 26, 2025. Tammy Butler mentioned that there is a lot of the wood from the Christmas craft leftover to which Traci Stowers commented that it had been previously suggested to do birdseed hangers. Nicole Hardesty recapped that there will be the snake rock and birdseed hangers for the craft, hopefully Sienna could come teach a class, A.J. Jinkins hopefully making the hot dogs all while people are out recycling and there would be something for people to come up here for and there would be prizes as well. Melania Gutierrez suggested having an upcycling contest where people could bring in things that they have upcycled and they could have the judge, the marshal and maybe the mayor be the judges. Nicole Hardesty stated that she will work on the flyer for this and to give her a couple of days.*

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

* *Grant writing brainstorming.*

**8. ADJOURN**

*5:15 pm- Tammy Butler made a motion to adjourn. Regina Tidwell 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 10th day of January 2025 no later than 5:00 p.m.

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 Lauren Grayson, City Secretary

NOTE: ITEMS WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE DISCUSSED AND ACTED ON IN THE ORDER THEY APPEAR ON THE AGENDA. THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE, AT ITS DISCRETION, MAY DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ANY OR ALL OF THE ITEMS LISTED IN A DIFFERENT ORDER IF A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD SO DETERMINES.

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