**Village of Jones Creek**

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**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE WORKSHOP**

 **The Beautification Committee for the Village of Jones Creek, Texas will hold a Beautification Committee Workshop on February 7, 2025, at the Village Hall Located at 7207 Stephen F. Austin Road beginning at 9:30 a.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**

*9:50am.*

**2. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE**

*Regina Tidwell led the invocation. Pledge led by all.*

**3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

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

**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.** **WORKSHOP**

For the Completion of the GCCA Grant application

*Tammy Butler read 3.” Our waterways currently have more trash than our roadways, many organizations have shifted focus to these important areas that can carry trash from one community to the next and even all the way to the sea. If your community has waterways, oceans, rivers, streams, bios or creeks describe your waterway prevention efforts.” Traci Stowers commented that she put: “We have 2 major rivers here, but we only have a small creek that runs along the southside of town away from most of the homes, so waterway prevention is something we don’t have many options for. Our sole prevention is to maintain our drainage ditches to maintain our ditches to help them remain clear and unblocked from debris that way trash does not make it’s way from the ditches to the creek, rivers, intercoastal water ways and the Gulf of Mexico. We have planned to reach out to the local beach community and help them with their beach clean up efforts to better reduce the waste that makes it into gulf and intercoastal.” It was suggested to add that we could reach out to assist SPLASH, Surfside and Quintana to aid in their clean-up efforts. Traci Stowers recommended that they get LNG to get workers to volunteer or have a committee to help clean up there, as there are a lot of tourists, and it gets trashed there. Regina Tidwell commented that SPLASH is a local organization that stands for stopping plastics and litter along shorelines.*

*4. What was the overall impact on the environment and/or public attitude toward litter prevention and clean up? Based on your litter prevention programs, how does your community assess the effectiveness of litter prevention programs? Traci Stowers read that she had put: While we haven’t been able to get feedback from the community, thanks to our efforts we have been able to remove xxx lbs. of trash from our village, roadways and ditches. We have also had many tires removed and recycled though events sponsored by our county commissioner. Tammy Butler suggested to add that the city’s maintenance man keeps track of the litter hot spots as well and updates the committee regularly. Regina Tidwell added the pounds that was removed for spring and fall clean ups was 727lbs and we are 299lbs away from having 1 ton of trash picked up since the litter clean up started. Tammy Butler suggested creating a poll on Facebook to list trash hot spots as it was previously suggested. Traci Stowers suggested just keeping the pounds limited to per year. Tammy Butler suggested writing that they are currently in the process of creating the polls. Lauren Grayson suggested having the neighborhood names on the poll to make it easier. Tammy Butler suggested tabling building the poll to complete the workshop.*

*5. List the community clean-ups you held and measurable results of those events. Additional clean-ups can also be included. Traci Stowers stated that since it said list she didn’t write a paragraph. She put: Spring: 362 with 7 volunteers and Fall: 365 with 4 volunteers. Regina Tidwell stated there were 7 abandoned tires removed from the road as well for the Fall clean-up and 10 for the Spring clean-up. The plastic bag recycling program in partnership with Brazosport Noon Lions Club and other locations collected \*\*\*lbs. of plastic bags. (The total will have to be requested from Barbara Sloan or Anna Galloway.).*

*4. Describe your community’s typical involvement in waste management including work with local waste haulers, businesses, civic groups and citizens. If your community has a recycling program describe community efforts to reduce, and address recycling contamination, which is typically around 25%. Tammy Butler stated that what she has is on the board. Lauren Grayson stated that they should include that the city’s solid waste provider donates a dumpster every clean-up event.*

*Tammy Butler read section 2. Describe how your community supported source reduction, recycling, reuse and composting to divert materials from landfill spaces. She then stated that next year will be great for this topic with them planning on getting the compost class. Traci Stowers put; one way our community has supported our mission to clean up our village is we have quite a few metal collectors that live in town. These locals will take a trailer and drive around town picking up metal such as old broken appliances, lawn equipment, trampolines and other items that keeps the heavy haul low and allows more space on the trash trucks. It also gives the individuals extra money when they turn it in to the recycling places. We as the committee helped our residents recycle and reuse over 100 pieces of fallen trees creating our Christmas craft. These ornaments that the children make can be used many times over the years and created a collectible for them to hold on to. Soft plastic recycling is another way the community supports our waste reduction campaign with our collection bin located at City Hall. This gives residents a central location to take unwanted plastic bags and keeps them out of landfills.*

*Litter law and Illegal Dumping Enforcement: Describe community efforts to educate and work with law enforcement personnel, city or state, to review local and state litter laws. Including litter abatement and/or illegal dumping. Tammy Butler then read what was written as an answer in that section. Tammy Butler then mentioned that they have 2 No Dumping signs up along with the Turtle Crossing and it was just approved for the Alligator Crossing as well. Lauren Grayson mentioned that she has been doing code enforcement, and it asks at the bottom what the ordinances for the city are. Lauren Grayson suggested writing that the committee helps to identify the areas of concern, and the code enforcement identifies the property owner to enforce the laws/ordinances so that these issues may be addressed and they may be notified of the situation.*

*2. Describe community efforts against nuisance issues such as graffiti, grass and weed violations, dilapidated structures, junk vehicles, and similar issues. Traci Stowers stated that she had put that since we are a small village we do not have a code enforcement officer. City Hall officials work with the Marshal’s Department to enforce the already in place ordinances on overgrown yards, junk cars, and trash on residents properties, summoning residents to speak with the judge to speak about these issues has helped people to take care of their property more also avoid fines if they take immediate action to rectify the problem. Our historic cleaning kits donated by the area Lions Clubs help with the removal of graffiti on these markers throughout the year that residents have helped by adopting to keep clean.*

*1. Describe any positive changes impacted your community programming this year. Do you have any community efforts success that are specific to this year’s accomplishments? Traci Stowers commented that she had wrote about the Turtle Crossing signs. Tammy Butler stated that Alderman David Galloway stated that Beautification loves their signs, and she said that it has gotten a lot of positive feedback. Traci Stowers read a section of the answer that Hurricane Beryl had left a disaster, and the year help program was started from that, and they have been able to help many families with yard maintenance and removal of tree logs and other debris. She then stated that she may also have photos of them hauling trees out of the neighbors’ yards. Tammy Butler mentioned that whatever photos anyone has they need to be turned into Lauren asap.*

*2. Explain how your community’s overall environmental efforts have made your community a better place to live. Tammy Butler mentioned that they could put with the amount of trash that is picked up it is a cleaner place to live. Regina Tidwell suggested that with keeping it cleaner we are protecting our local wildlife as well. Tammy Butler added that we are adjacent to a wildlife refuge and a bird sanctuary, and we are located on the national migratory route. Tammy Butler added that protecting wildlife is near and dear to our hearts.*

*The committee then began sending photos to Lauren Grayson to be sent along with the application.*

**6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**\****Request The Facts to attend the next city wide clean-up.*

**7. ADJOURN**

*10:56am. Traci Stowers made a motion to adjourn. Regina Tidwell seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Workshop adjourned.*

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this Public Notice was placed on the official Bulletin Board at the City Hall on the3rd day of February 2025 no later than 5:00 p.m.

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 Lauren Grayson, City Secretary

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