**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 February 19, 2025, 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**

*1:30pm.*

**2. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE**

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

**3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

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

**a.** Discuss and consider accepting the minutes from the meeting on January 15, 2025, the Workshop February 3, 2025, and the Workshop on February 7, 2025.

*Regina Tidwell 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 financial report.

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

*Lauren Grayson stated there was a $50 PayPal payment that was paid for the bake sale but never turned in. She stated it was not paid to the Beautification PayPal but someone else’s and asked for everyone to check and see if they accepted that.*

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

*Tabled discussion until further notice.*

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

*Tammy Butler announced the Easter bake sale is April 17th. Regina Tidwell suggested doing a fish fry. Tammy Butler suggested waiting until there is more public participation. Lauren Grayson suggested preselling the plates to avoid unnecessary costs. Regina Tidwell suggested doing a bake sale at the gas station early in the morning. It was discussed that they will table that idea and discuss it further to see if they would get participation and permission from the store. Tammy Butler mentioned possible selling Easter baskets. Lauren Grayson suggested having Beautification T-shirts made for the committee members like “Crazy Pie Lady” Crazy Cat Lady” etc.*

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

*The committee looked over the grant possibilities in the agenda packet provided by Lauren Grayson. Tammy Butler suggested the committee does some research about each one.*

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

*Tammy Butler stated that Regina Tidwell had done some previous work on this already. She then suggested they get more bids as well.*

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

*Discussed on subject e.*

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

*Tabled until next meeting.*

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

*Tammy Butler suggested Sienna coming and doing a canning project if she is available. Melania Gutierrez suggested doing the upcycle contest with the clean-up. Tammy Butler mentioned it is difficult to plan an evening event if there is only half of the committee present. It was also suggested to do an adult board game/bingo night.*

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

*Tammy Butler mentioned that a lot of the reason to do this is for the GCCA. It was suggested that there could be questions asked on Facebook and put those answers on a spreadsheet. One of the suggested Facebook question is what are in Jones Creek do you think needs the most attention for the next litter clean-up?*

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

*Tammy Butler stated that Nicole Hardesty did speak to Marshal Tidwell, he is wiling to reach out, but he would like to wait until right before the event.*

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

 *Tammy Butler stated that it was discussed a little about getting the scrapper and the message from the marshal. . She stated that A.J. Jinkins is going to do hot dogs, they’ll have the Master gardeners, Perry Farms in attendance as well. Traci stated last meeting that her mom would lead the kids in the snake craft, Tammy Butler stated that there will be prizes*

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

 a. Discuss and consider designing a certificate for most litter cleaned up.

*Tammy Butler suggested doing this along with the gift cards. Regina Tidwell requested Lauren Grayson to make sign up sheets for the event.*

 b. Discuss and consider approaching local businesses for awards for cleanup.

*It was previously discussed asking the library and Sonic about donating prizes.*

 c. Discuss and consider creating a KJCB art contest for shirts and logos.

*Tammy Butler suggested reaching out to SFA to ask the kids in the fall or after April. She then stated the snake craft along with pancakes for Santa and the upcycle will all go with the art section.*

 d. Discuss and consider taking action on painting the outside of City Hall.

*Lauren Grayson suggested reallocating the profits from the Bake Sale to pay to paint City Hall.*

 e Discuss and consider taking action to complete replanting front flowerbed.

*Lauren Grayson stated that there is a resident that offered to donate foxtale ferns. Tammy Butler stated that she would like to revitalize the ferns and do the Mexican Heather. She then mentioned that she will talk to Perry Farms about recommendations for plants. Lauren Grayson suggested the Native Lantana. Tammy Butler mentioned that they will probably need some more mulch. She mentioned that she had ordered some flat solar lights as well. Tammy Butler asked Lauren Grayson what the amount that was voted on for the flowers beds. Lauren Grayson stated she could check but they may want to revote with it being a new year so they complete them. Regina Tidwell made a motion to allocate $400 to the flower beds. Melania Gutierrez seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

 f. Discuss and consider purchasing and placing the “Gator Crossing”.

Tammy Butler stated that City Council did approve the Gator Crossing signs and it has been approved to purchase them and put them on the same posts as the Turtle Crossing signs. The committee looked over the signs in the packet. Tammy Butler suggested the “Gator X-ing sign and reflective. She also commented that with SFA being the Gators as well it’s really cute. She then mentioned that Lauren Grayson had a cute idea that they could do random signs like a mermaid crossing or bigfoot crossing. She was unsure how Council would approve it or not though. Regina Tidwell made a motion to approve the selected Gator Crossing sign. Melania Gutierrez seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Melania Gutierrez made a motion to approve spending up to $100 on the Gator Crossing sign. Regina Tidwell seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed Motion carried.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

* *reallocating the profits from the Bake Sale to pay to paint City Hall.*

**8. ADJOURN**

*2:28pm*

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this Public Notice was placed on the official Bulletin Board at the City Hall on the 14th day of February 2025 no later than 5:00 p.m.

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 Lauren Grayson, City Secretary

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