**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 April 2, 2025, at the Village Hall Located at 7207 Stephen F. Austin Road beginning at 12:30 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**

*12:50 pm.*

**2. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE**

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

**3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

*Regina Tidwell- Present. Tammy Butler- Present. Melania Gutierrez- 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.

*Tori Johnson introduced herself to the committee.*

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**a.** Discuss and consider accepting the minutes from the meeting on February 19, 2025.

*Regina Tidwell made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on February 19, 2025. 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.*

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

*Tammy Butler stated the bracelets portion is a project Nicole Hardesty is heading up, and mentioned Melania Gutierrez has information about the shirts in the agenda packet. The committee looked over the packet provided. The committee looked over the flyer that was created and discussed handing those out and ordering from Bonfire to prevent having excess shirts. The committee stated the design and form should be turned in by the April 26th Clean-up and they can announce the winner at the next event. Melania Gutierrez stated she is donating a $20 gift card for the winner of the shirt design.*

*Tammy Butler stated she is donating a $25 Chili’s gift card for the litter clean up and they will need something for the kids.*

*Tammy Butler mentioned the Bake Sale is Good Friday from 8am to 1pm, and asked that people ask around for baked donations for the bake sale and asked Regina Tidwell to get change.*

**d.** Discuss and consider updates on the bid process for the electronic sign.

*Regina Tidwell stated that she would love to have more quotes and Tammy Butler mentioned she could check with Gulf Coast Sign Company. Regina Tidwell stated that if anyone has any other recommendations to please get with her.*

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

*Tabled until the May meeting.*

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

*Tammy Butler stated doing an adult game night would be easy to do. Regina Tidwell commented that she feels it is a good idea as well and there could be snacks.. Melania Gutierrez made a motion for the event to be a game night. Regina Tidwell seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. Tammy Butler mentioned they will have to discuss the date for that when all of the committee is present.*

**g.** Discuss and consider updates on the surveys to assess litter hot spots and effectiveness of cleanup events.

*Regina Tidwell stated she has done 2 surveys, and she is getting positive take backs. She stated a big take back is she is seeing that people would like for the cleanups to be on Sundays instead of Saturdays. Tammy Butler responded they should put it on the next agenda to vote to change the clean up day to Sundays instead. Regina Tidwell also stated that on the ballot of the most littered hotspots was Smith and Badder. Tammy Butler responded they are roads that are done every clean-up. Regina Tidwell stated she has been driving around and she will have the heavy littered areas mapped out. She also stated if anyone has any surveys they would like her to add she can and she feels that they went very well. Tammy Butler commented she could possibly do one for a quarterly night meeting if anyone would attend that as it would help to get members and the GCCA grant.*

**h.** Discuss and consider any updates for the Spring Citywide Cleanup.

*Tammy Butler went over what projects were going to be there that day such as Melania Gutierrez doing the upcycle, the committee doing the t-shirt,, Perry Farms will be present. She did state that she will check with Nicole Hardesty to see if she would be able to make it and the committee should arrive by 8 to set up and she will get a gift card for the kids, there is already on for the adult, Melania Gutierrez is providing one for the upcycle and t-shirt winner. Tammy Butler stated Traci Stowers was supposed to have her mom head up the rock decorations, but she has paints and they all can get rocks and cheap brushes as well as the food and supplies for A.J. Jinkins to cook. Lauren Grayson commented that she can get the supplies from Sam’s Club and Tammy Butler stated she could pay for half. Regina Tidwell asked where the craft should be held to which Melania Gutierrez mentioned it would be better to have the painting outside. Regina Tidwell asked who was in charge of the bird feeders project, to which, Tammy Butler stated Traci Stowers had said she was going to do peanut butter and bird seed feeders. Regina Tidwell commented that she will ask Traci if she is still going to be doing that as well as if her mom is still going to be heading up the rocks painting. Melania Gutierrez mentioned if they are able to do the bird feeders there could be an environmental lesson in there as well such as what to put out for birds and what not to put out. Regina Tidwell requested that Lauren Grayson ask Waste Connections if they could donate a dumpster.*

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

*Tammy Butler stated the certificates are in the packet. The committee looked them over. Melania Gutierrez commented that she could print them up on cardstock. Regina Tidwell made a motion to accept the design for the award created by Melania Gutierrez. Tammy Butler seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

**j.** Discuss and consider updates on approaching local businesses for awards for cleanup.

*Tammy Butler mentioned that the committee is working that out individually , however she does think it is a good idea.*

 **k.** Discuss and consider updates on creating a KJCB art contest for shirts and logos.

*Melania Gutierrez created the designs. Tammy Butler showed the flyer and color sheet to the committee. Melania Gutierrez mentioned she could bring the flyers up to the school to hand out to the kids.*

 **l.** Discuss and consider updates on painting the exterior of City Hall.

*Tammy Butler went over the colors that had already been voted on and asked if Lauren Grayson could get quotes on paints. Tammy Butler mentioned they should get a bucket of Kilz as well to help with the mold. She then stated they will put this topic on the next agenda to vote on whether or not the Beautification Committee will be paying for it.*

 **m.** Discuss and consider updates on the complete replanting of the front flowerbed.

*Tammy Butler stated since Perry Farms will be here for the city clean up, they could get Mr. Perry out there to walk the flower beds and discuss what will work and last. Lauren Grayson stated Judge Widner has donated all of the landscaping brick.*

 **n.** Discuss and consider updates on purchasing and placing the “Gator Crossing”.

*Tammy Butler asked Lauren Grayson for an update on the signs. Lauren Grayson stated the signs are in her office. Tammy Butler requested that they ask Jay Wied to hang them under the Turtle crossing signs and raise the turtle signs and place the Gator signs.*

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**a.** Discuss and consider details of the Keep Texas Beautiful conference to take place in Austin.

*Tammy Butler asked if it was in person or virtual like it was last year. Regina Tidwell replied that it is in person. Tammy Butler stated she would not be able to attend that as well as Melania Gutierrez. Regina Tidwell stated it may not be a good year for this. She also stated she would double check that it is not virtual.*

**b.** Discuss and consider allocating the profits from the Easter Bake Sale toward painting the outside of City Hall.

*Tammy Butler stated she thinks this is a great idea. Regina Tidwell stated she thinks they should get the quotes for the paint first. Regina Tidwell made a motion to table discussion b. until next meeting and there are paint quotes available. Melania Gutierrez seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

**c.** Discuss and consider any nomination for a new appointment to the Beautification Committee.

*Regina Tidwell nominated Tori Johnson. Tammy Butler seconded the nomination. Tori Johnson introduced herself to the committee and discussed how when she had first moved to Texas she started doing litter clean up on Surfside Beach and created jewelry out of the fishing line she would clean up. She also discussed the changes she had helped to create to better litter disposal on the beaches. Regina Tidwell made a motion to add Tori Johnson to the Beautification Committee. Tammy Butler seconded the motion. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.*

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

* *Discuss changing the Clean-up Day from Saturdays to Sundays.*
* *Discuss dates for an adult game night.*
* *Discuss quotes for paint.*
* *Discuss Beautification Committee paying for the paint to paint City Hall.*

**8. ADJOURN**

*1:45 pm- Meeting adjourned.*

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this Public Notice was placed on the official Bulletin Board at the City Hall on the 28th day of March 2025 no later than 5:00 p.m.

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 Lauren Grayson, City Secretary

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