**Village of Jones Creek**

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**SPECIAL CALLED BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**The Beautification Committee for the Village of Jones Creek, Texas will hold a Special Called Beautification Committee meeting on June 12, 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**

*12:31pm.*

**2. INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE**

*Tori Johnson led the invocation. Pledge led by all.*

**3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

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

*Chief Deputy Investigator Khisten New stated that with the sign being damaged FEMA is allowing them to work with the Beautification Committee. She stated that she is aware of the committee trying to earn money to build a new sign and that Beryl ha destroyed the current sign; she then added that they currently have a bid of $5,000 to replace the current sign but it does not make sense to replace the current sign so the committee could take that money from FEMA which would be a 75%/25% match and work together to do a better sign.*

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**a.** Discuss and consider updates for receiving money from FEMA for damages to the city hall sign due to Hurricane Beryl.

*Regina Tidwell asked about the 75%/25% and who’s part is who’s. Officer New answered the city would be responsible for the 75%, however their may be an opportunity to increase that by 15% if they do the wording correctly to make it more, to do mitigation, to make it better. She stated for instance the trash can at the park that is being replaced they are going from metal to concrete to make it better so they don’t rust out or blow away so they are able to increase the price to 15% with mitigation funding. She added that she doesn’t think they should bank on that but there is a chance. She stated there will have to be 3 bids and she will handle all of the hard work and she will dot all of the “I’s”. Tammy Butler stated that Regina Tidwell has done all the leg work and has gotten 4 bids and that they are in the packet. Officer New commented that if they go with a sign that is on the ground they do not have to get bids for the brick work, just the 3 bids for the actual signs and the sales tax would be eliminated because it is for the city. Tammy Butler asked Lauren Grayson what amount they currently have to which, she responded she does not have that number with her. Traci Stowers stated the amount is $11,812 as of 04/30/2025. Officer New stated FEMA does like to projects to be by 18 months, which would be January and almost $5000 extra is nice.*

**b.** Discuss and consider updates for spending funds for the Beautification Committee to sponsor a lunch program for the summer for all children that live within the Stephen F. Austin Elementary school district.

*Tammy Butler stated they had already decided they were not going to spend their money because they were so close to getting the sign and that is why they are reaching out to the public. She then added what they are there for is the logistics and what they still need. Melania Gutierrez stated she thinks they should start on the 23rd and stated she could reach out to the 10 families if she’s given the information. She also stated she has information on 4 but doesn’t know where the other 6 came from. Tammy Butler asked Lauren Grayson if she knew about them because they have to fill out an application. Lauren Grayson answered she has no idea. Melania Gutierrez stated Sherry Winter is working with her on this so she can ask her. She then added they are going to look for the best place for drop off and set a time for them to be there to pick up and they will be getting a bag of food for that week. She added there has been some additional donations so she thinks they will be good for a couple weeks. Traci Stowers stated that Stewarts said to contact them and they can have a sit down to discuss what is still needed. Melania Gutierrez said she has been in touch with HEB and they are going to be at the Hunger Free Summit on the 20th and it is free at the ABC builder and contractors. She added it is free breakfast and free lunch and there will be different speakers and HEB is going to be one of the participants for that so she will be speaking with them about food donations. Tammy Butler stated she is going to try to be there and asked Melania Gutierrez to go ahead and register her. Melania Gutierrez stated they are going to have volunteer sign up each Monday and they will distribute on Tuesday. She added she has a youth group that has signed up for the first on and they are going to pack bags for that week and they will have volunteers that will go out and distribute food to kids. Tammy Butler commented that with only 6-10 kids out here she thinks they could divide up and do a porch drop off and make it easy. Traci Stowers offered to do a drop off at the convenient store if there are people not comfortable with the porch drop off. Melania Gutierrez stated she could work this week on contacting those families and seeing they are available for a drop off and at what time and she will text the committee on the plan. Regina Tidwell stated she spoke to Dole and they are willing to donate 1 pallet of bananas and that is 48 boxes and each box has 17 hands of bananas and he possibly could give some pineapples. Tammy Butler asked if they have donations in the PayPal account for food. Lauren Grayson said she would have to check that she does not know. Melania Gutierrez stated they have canned chicken, Chefboyrdee, peanut butter, carrots and that her area is stacked full of food. Tammy Butler said she has a trunk full as well. Melania Gutierrez stated Harvest for the Hungry is donating utensils and napkins. Tammy Butler added that Andy is donating water and she has the water packets. Melania Gutierrez reiterated that she does have a team to assemble bags the 1st week and at the end of the summit they are going to be assembling. The committee all discussed taking photos and posting about delivering the meals.*

**6.** **NEW BUSINESS**

*Traci Stowers stated she is recreating a yard help group.*

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

* *Food Drive*
* *Game night July 18th.*

**8. ADJOURN**

*1:05pm- Meeting adjourned.*

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this Public Notice was placed on the official Bulletin Board at the City Hall on the 9th day of June 2025 no later than 12:00 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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